

## **COORDINATOR REPORT 7/11/19**

**Thank you to all those who participated in the Big Piney 4th of July parade: Bill Lehr, Mardy Sleight, Aaron and Landon Preece, Jackie Downie, Sofia, an exchange student from Sweden, Sarah Hixson, Abie Beck and Rebecca, whose last name I did not get. Thanks especially to Billy Splain for providing style with his 1965 Red Ford Galaxy convertible. We handed out 300 wallet cards with "Signs of Positive Mental Health" on one side and local and national suicide hotline #s, on the other.**

We thank Deanne Swain for her work on the logo for the banner and the magnet signs. We get a lot of great feedback on the logo, it's colorful and people love it. We are also thrilled to have Deanne's expertise and skill as we develop the coalition website.

We also thank Amy at Belveals and Dawn and Christy at Office Outlet for all their help with the cards, banner, and signs.

**Rendezvous Parade is this Saturday, line up at 10:30 on South Lincoln. All are welcome!**

We looked into t-shirts but the grant cannot purchase t-shirts and neither can the Episcopal Church. We can look into print runs of t-shirts and stickers and other ways to get the logo out there, but we will need to find an alternative funding source.

**Suicide** - Matthew Daniels will present this week's task force minutes.

**Thank you to the 12 people who gave a whole day of their summer to becoming QPR Gatekeeper trainers on June 26: Matthew Daniels, Hillary Tollison, Bill Lehr, Jackie Downie, Randy Belton, Carilyn Normington, Mardy Sleight, Melinda Bobo, John Kelly, Jenn Wilkinson, Michele Overgaag. We had excellent trainers, our very own Cassie Crumpton, from Sublette County Treatment Court, and Julie Walsh, from Kemmerer. It was a lively and engaging training despite the sobering subject matter, and I am thankful to all of them.**

**Alcohol** - 36 Sublette servers TIPS trained this grant cycle so far by Stan Zerlein, and Deputies Marlene Bauman and Josh Beck, TIPS training on hold for the summer and will resume again in the fall. We purchased 2 easy to use ID scanners called "Minor Decliners" and will make them available to special event vendors over the next 3 months. Task Force members have an appointment with Mayor Murdock July 19 to talk about the current town alcohol permit for special events. This is more an opportunity to begin to educate the town council about effective strategies the town permit can adapt, is the town open to conversation, and how would the town benefit from adopting some of the strategies? We continue to throw more resources and info into the Mugshot Monday page. I hope you all are checking it out and can give feedback. This is an evolving process.

**Tobacco** - The legislature committee taking up the vape issue is coming to Pinedale in September for the next regional meeting. There is opportunity here to keep on our legislators

about the health and social costs of a vape epidemic. Albert Sommers will continue to advise us on best ways to be heard. The Tobacco Task Force met Tuesday this week and members advised that getting our youth to that legislative hearing will have better effect than all of us adults. Joey Burke and I are collaborating to form a teen focus group by the end of this month with 3-4 local teens to ask their perspective and perceptions on what is effective, both for curriculum options for this coming year and for the Freshman Impact event in October. The Tobacco strategic plan needs to spend some money! We are looking into buying ads at Flicks 'n Pins.

**Opioids** - Next task force is August 5 at noon, right here. The work plan focuses on Mugshot Monday prevention posts and information, and safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs. The next task force will discuss a community training, what do we want to learn, who do we want to teach it?

Lastly, I want to thank Stephanie Lund for her guidance and support this year. Stephanie is leaving Sublette Public Health to become a regional supervisor for the Dept. of Health. Stephanie is an amazing problem solver. She stays solution focused when it is easy to default into focus on problems. Prevention is a team effort and I have been blessed and fortunate beyond measure to have her on this team.

Having said all that, I am equally excited to welcome Jana Lee, who is taking on the County Nurse Manager position. Jana and her husband Brooke are returning to Sublette County after a year away and we all are thrilled to have her back to Public Health. Jana has a special ability to connect with young mothers and families. I look forward to having her insights and wisdom as we travel more "upstream" in the next and last year of this grant cycle.