

MINUTES: 7/9/2020 SPC LUNCH

12 - 1 pm

Zoom and In-Person at Public Health Office

Present:

Melinda Bobo

Kaisha Simpson

Aaron Preece

Annie Adams

Peggy Weber

Lt. Klief Guenther

Amber Anderson

Janna Lee

Trisha Scott

Joey Burke

Sarah Murdock

Lt. Dave Siefkes

Matthew Daniels

Stephanie Lund

Randy Belton

Tessa Wilson

Deanne Swain

Meeting Notes:

A motion was made to approve 6/11/20 minutes by Joey Burke, Second to motion, Aaron Preece.

Vote to approve minutes by voting members present Yes: 6; No: 0.

Grant updates from Melinda and Trisha: The 2020 - 2022 Sublette Prevention Grant application and work plan has been approved by WY Dept of Health, with WDH requesting 2 revisions to the work plan. Tuesday 7/7 Sublette County Commissioners signed the contract with WDH to administer the funds.

Trisha asked for coalition discussion and feedback on the moderate drinking campaign. Dept of Health has specified that moderate drinking campaigns have not been found to decrease alcohol consumption but that "long term harm reduction campaigns in areas where knowledge is low" can be effective. Feedback from those present, Lt. Guenther (WHP), Annie Adams (DFS), Amber Anderson (PAC) Janna Lee (Public Health) varied. Deanne clarified that the campaign does not target heavy drinkers, Facebook metrics show that the majority of our social media followers are women between 40 - 55 who are "change agents" (in behavior change terminology), the family and friends of heavy drinkers. The campaign is designed to provoke family conversation and disseminate information that may change behavior over time. Melinda recommended we keep the dialogue open for further discussion.

Joey Burke reported that the Governor's Council on Impaired Driving reported a \$97,000. increase in spending on alcohol in Sublette County during the COVID slow down.

Suicide Prevention Task Force: Matthew Daniels reported QPR training coming up at VFW for July 22, Bank of the West, and Hope + Choice.

Boulder Poker Run: \$7,500 was raised for a counseling fund for those impacted by suicide and for events/activities that support mental health for adolescents by the 77 bikers who participated. These funds are separate from the grant and can be used to fund activities that the grant can't fund.

Taskforce endorsed Mental Health First Aid as the next step after QPR for community training.

Sweetwater County trainers have been contacted for dates.

Tobacco Task Force: Joey Burke reported that quit tobacco groups have started at public health attendance is low and marketing is ongoing. Radio ads will begin week July 20 - 24. Taskforce working with Mr. Makelky schools on permission for youth quit groups. Taskforce recommends that a high school student be co-chair who can inform the task force of ongoing youth vape and tobacco concerns. Deanne reported the Smoke Free Indoor Air campaign needs a name and a poll has been sent out for people to vote for a name.

Community Reports:

Melinda Bobo, St. Andrew's: UCC Church, St. Andrew's, and Our Lady of Peace offer free lunch to kids, parents, and grandparents every Tues - Weds -Thurs until August 6. 12:00 - 12:45 pm at the UCC Church. Sustained by grants and donations.

St. Andrew's Church is doing a second round of grants/assistance for people affected by COVID-19. Contact Melinda Bobo or Randy Belton.

Amber Andersen, PAC: PAC is offering 3 summer camps, COVID cautions apply. Parents are grateful.

PAC attendance is 50% below normal attendance for this time of year. PAC working with schools and BOCES to modify operations for fall to be COVID safe.

Aaron Preece, High Country: High Country (and all state Mental Health counseling clinics) will see a 10% budget cut and are cutting a part-time position, which will reduce services approximately 12 clients per week.

Annie Adams, DFS: DFS has to cut the budget 30%. "Nationwide during COVID, there was a 60% decrease in intakes for Child Protective Services, which does not mean that 60% fewer kids were being abused and neglected. This means that fewer eyes were on kids being abused and neglected."

Janna Lee: Public Health also has a 10% budget cut. Federal CARES funds will provide 50-60 COVID tests per week on essential workers (clinic, LE, EMS, Ridley's.) There will be a voucher system in place for anyone with COVID symptoms to be tested regardless of ability to pay. "Money should not be a barrier".

Tessa Wilson: SAFV budget cuts are cutting Tessa's position. SAFV School prevention programs will be cut. "SAFV will need more community involvement". SAFV volunteer training happening in September, free online training now available. Contact anyone at SAFV for more info.

Dave Siefkes: Sheriff's Office will also see budget cuts. It's Rendezvous and first responders, including Search and Rescue, are busy.

1:10: Adjourn formal meeting.

Next full coalition meeting: August 11.