

MINUTES: 2/11/2021 SPC REGULAR MEETING

BIG PINEY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

3:30 - 4:30 PM

In Person and on Zoom

Present:

Melinda Bobo, SPC Chair, Priest-Rector St. Andrew's Church

Bill Lehr, Marbleton Senior Center

Jeff Makelky, Principal Big Piney High School

Sarah Murdock, Bridges out of Poverty, Church of the Resurrection

Trisha Scott, Coordinator, Sublette Prevention Coalition

Meeting notes:

Motion to approve minutes from January 14: Jeff Makelky

Second to motion: Bill Lehr

Vote to approve: Yes: Unanimous, No: 0.

Community report from Big Piney: Mr. Makelky observed that vaping is still coming on strong with Big Piney students. Freshman are getting caught more than older students. The vape detectors and the camera system are working to catch kids vaping on school premises. Older students have learned how to not get caught. The coalition has been helpful by doing motivational interviews with kids who have been caught, as part of their consequences. Bill Lehr reported that the County Health Officer allowed the Senior Center to re-open for lunch. Bill said that it has been extremely beneficial to get seniors back in contact with each other and doing activities together. Meals are available to all seniors and to anyone 21 and over accompanied by a senior.

The community at large has been stressed and is still grieving multiple sudden deaths over the past 2 years, many of whom were youth. Teachers and admin function as social workers as well as teachers. Being face to face in school has been a blessing and things would be worse if they were online and not seeing kids every day. Mr. Makelky mentioned how businesses support the community in special ways like Altitude purchasing all day coffee for HS staff and students and La Cabana donating a percentage of profits to the family who recently lost a family member to cancer.

Mental Health promotion/Suicide Prevention: Melinda Bobo reviewed the status of the community mental health fund and how it is working.

Tobacco: Currently 6 people are in the quit group and most are currently tobacco free. We are looking for ways to mentor or to be "quit buddies" for kids who request help quitting and don't want to come to an adult group. The Waterhole Bar in Marbleton is the most recent bar to go smokefree and will be promoted in March with 1 month of ads.

Alcohol: January and February Sublette DUI arrests are surging and also setting records for for average BAC at time of arrest. The Waterhole Bar has reached out to schedule TIPs training for its servers and also for the Spur servers. Next Alcohol Task Force is March 9.

Youth Marijuana Use and Other Drugs: Dr. Libby Stuyt presented to the coalition on February 9 on Marijuana and the Adolescent Brain. Dr. Stuyt used lessons from Colorado's "social

experiment” with legalizing and commercializing marijuana to encourage coalition members to educate our legislators on the harms of high concentrate THC. Dr. Stuyt’s powerpoint is on our website under the resource tab.

Drug Take back Day at Marbleton Senior Center is March 16, 11am - 1 pm. The coalition is sponsoring lunch for seniors.

Next SPC lunch is March 11 in Pinedale.