

MINUTES: Rx & OTHER DRUGS Task Force 5/12/20

12 - 1 pm

Via Zoom

Present:

Peggy Weber

Dave Siefkes

Kleif Guenther

Sarah Hixson

Joey Burke

Aaron Preece

Travis Bingham

Sarah Murdock

Trisha Scott

Notes:

Sarah Murdock reviewed the task force goal: By June 2024: Reduce the number of students reporting using prescription pain medication to get high. Sarah reviewed the current plan and noted that our tasks for this year were a small part of the greater prevention work plan, and have been mostly accomplished except for Rendezvous Pointe drug take back lunch. We will work with Rendezvous Pointe to coordinate a COVID safe drug take-back lunch for Pinedale for June 24, 2020.

Mr. Crosson presented his case for a Wyoming state statute for zero tolerance on BAL of illegal controlled substances in impaired driving arrests. Task Force agreed to send a joint letter of support for the legislation to state legislators, Albert Sommers, Fred Baldwin, and Jim Roscoe. Task Force also agreed to support adequate funding for the state crime lab to be able to return blood draw lab results to counties in 6 weeks. Right now it is running 6 months out which makes it impossible to prosecute.

Lt. Guenther recommended that along with adequate funding for the crime lab it is important to re-vamp youth education about abusing prescription pain meds.

Trisha reported on the 2019 Sublette drug involved arrest data from WASCOP annual report.

Sarah M. and Trisha reviewed proposals for the next grant cycle:

1. Continue drug take-back days to get prescription pain meds safely stored or disposed of and out of the hands of teens using recreationally.
2. Continue print and social media campaigns promoting safe storage and disposal; continue promoting facts about the health, financial, and legal costs of drug abuse/misuse.
3. In times of COVID and oil and gas job loss, promote community factors that protect against drug abuse, namely: high school degree, employment, and health insurance.
4. Work together as a task force to support Mr. Crosson's legislative efforts by communicating with legislators.
5. Work with the recovery community to promote AA/NA schedules.

