

**MEETING NOTES – June 10, 2022**

**Noon - Sundance - Uncle Louie's**

**Coalition members present:** Katie Allen, CPS; Anne Highmore, DFS; Todd Leimser, CCSO; Sandy Stevens, CCFV; Wendy DePina, CCJSO; Patty Cox, CCPH

Thank you to Todd Leimser, Undersheriff for his service to the community and to the coalition. We wish him well on his retirement from CCSO and on his new adventure in South Dakota. We also appreciate that Deputy Alex Jessen will take on being the CCSO representative for the coalition.

**Capacity Enhancement**

Katie shared a training opportunity that is budgeted for the next two years to have a coalition member, in addition to staff, to virtually attend the National Prevention Network Annual Conference in August. When more information on the agenda becomes available, Katie will send it to the coalition to see if there is anyone interested.

In an effort to be seen more in the community, if it is possible we will try to hold our meetings at local restaurants. Since we already purchase food for the meeting, it would be an opportunity for the community to see and meet the coalition while out.

**Suicide Prevention**

The next MHFA training is June 15th in Sundance, there are 9 people signed up. A discussion was held about adding a virtual MHFA in the schedule. Amanda is holding a QPR training on June 20th at 2:30 in Moorcroft, there are 3 people signed up so far.

We discussed mental health training for law enforcement, both from the side of ensuring our LEOS get the support they need, as well as support we can provide in terms of MHFA or QPR or postvention training. We will work with Alex once he is on board with the coalition.

Katie and Amanda are enrolled in the QPR+ Pathfinder program. Wendy expressed interest in QPR T4T, Katie will look into funding options for training.

Survivors of Suicide in November, ideas are needed for an event if there is interest.

988 Promotion comes out July 16th, there will be national and state promotion, as well as local through our media campaigns.

Our conversation on postvention included future possibilities of a LOSS team or Crisis Response Team as well as survivor of suicide loss grief support. These topics will be moved to a future meeting when a larger gathering of the coalition is available.

### **Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drugs**

Katie shared that the Botvin LifeSkills curriculum has been purchased; two counselors went through training last week and we are budgeted for 2 more counselors to get trained. This program will be implemented with 3rd - 8th graders.

A discussion on alternatives to punishment and the obstacles faced. For example, parents who provide vapes; lack of knowledge of addiction for the youth using. Katie and Wendy are going to work with Kristi Lipp in Weston County to put together some plans/ideas to bring forth to the County attorney and the district judge.

The Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) was completed by all the schools in the county. When data is released in Spring 2023 we will put together a community presentation.

Meeting ended at 1:30pm. Next meeting will be July 8, 2022.