

Be Well Coalition

MEETING NOTES – November 4, 2022

Noon - Sundance - Public Health

Coalition members present: Katie Allen, CPS; Sandy Stevens & Kayleigh Gould CCFV; Wendy DePina, CCJSO; Patty Cox, Carol Stutzman, Kelsey Schloredt, CCPH; Jeanne Whalen, CC Commissioner; Alana Greiner; Betty Breen; Melissa Jones, CC Clerk

Coalition Education

A new piece to our coalition meetings - we will start each one with an educational segment to highlight key prevention tools. For the first session today, Katie provided a history of substance abuse and the roots of prevention. Next coalition meeting's educational component will be on Risk & Protective factors.

Capacity Enhancement

The coalition is helping to sponsor the next Northeast WY Prevention Summit, to be held in Gillette in September 2023. Katie is looking for volunteers that are willing to help when called upon, as well as anyone who might like to participate on the planning committee with her. Please let her know if you are interested.

The Wyoming Prevention Action Alliance (WPAA) is managed by the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police (WASCOP) and has undergone a restructuring and there is now an Executive Committee which is the fiscal and administrative arm; an Advisory Committee which Katie has been appointed to; and an Ad-Hoc Committee which is general membership and interested parties. The Advisory Committee met in Casper recently to develop the work plan for 2023 and there will be many exciting things coming up.

Suicide Prevention

We have new 988 magnets and business-sized cards available if anyone would like them to distribute. Please visit the office to pick some up.

Katie recently added two community-specific Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) certifications - one for public safety and one for veterans, active duty & their families. Additionally, Amanda Gaskin is certified for Youth MHFA (to instruct people that work with youth). If anyone has suggestions of people to reach out to for hosting any MHFA classes, please let Katie know.

Youth

OMNI is our evaluator for our youth alcohol & marijuana prevention activities. There is an annual report just released that you can review on our website <https://www.crookcountyprevention.com/documents/>.

At our last meeting we began conversations about starting a youth social media focus group, with the initial audience being kids in the diversion program. After initial discussions (Wendy, Travis, Katie) on basic structure, Katie & Wendy met with County Attorney Baron to get approval to move forward on the program. With his positive feedback, plans developed and were brought to Superintendent Broderson, who also supports these efforts. To date, the plans are to get the buy-in from the school principals & counselors; develop an outline to the program; set up a virtual presentation; reach out to peer leaders for partnerships; and set dates for each school. There's a lot to do before the end of the year but things are progressing really well. Additionally, there is an opportunity for different funding that Katie is looking into and will report back at the next meeting.

Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drugs

With the holidays coming up, we will work on a mailing to promote TiPS training. We have funding to pay for the online training for employees. Katie shared that she learned about a new drug that Colorado reported seeing called PYRO that is more potent than fentanyl. It has not arrived in WY yet, but is something that the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) staff will be watching out for. Also, Katie will be attending the second annual Rocky Mountain Drug Information Opportunity Symposium. The online event will be hosted by Rocky Mountain HIDTA and is an effort to build bridges between public health and public safety, as well as to learn about the Overdose Response Strategy. She will report on it at the next meeting,

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 9TH 12:00PM

Meeting ended at 12:50pm.