

## **Be Well Coalition**

### **MEETING NOTES – January 12, 2024 11:30AM-1:15PM**

**Coalition members present:** Katie Allen, Prevention Specialist [DFC Project Director/Coordinator]; Sandy Stevens, Jewel Parrish, Kayleigh Gould NEWARC [Youth Serving Sector]; Betty Breen, Senior; Melissa Jones, Crook County Clerk [DFC AOR]; Terri Jones; Patty Cox; Carol Stutzman; Wendy DePina [SU Government Agency]; DaNece Day, Crook County Attorney's Office; Phil Dinsmoor; Casey Patterson, HIDTA [Law Enforcement]; Tina Wood, Council of Community Services [Civic Group]; Jenna Ellsbury, CCSD [School Sector]; Serena Buckner [Parent Sector]

#### **Event Support:**

February 17th is the Sundance Winter Festival. The Coalition will support it by checking IDs and providing wristbands. Volunteers needed - Wendy, Patty & Carol volunteered so far. Anyone else interested please let Katie know.

The Northeastern Wyoming Prevention Summit is September 26 & 27 in Gillette and planning is starting. We are looking for volunteers who would like to be on the planning committee.

#### **Partner Sharing**

Jenna Ellsbury shared information about a grant the school district is applying for. There will be a public meeting at Central Office for public comment on the Stronger Connections Grant that focuses on Mental & Physical Student Safety on January 15th 4PM. The coalition has committed to support this effort.

Serena Buckner shared that the Moorcroft Library will be hosting another teen/adult Trivia and Dinner Evening at the Moorcroft Library on January 29th. A soup dinner will be at 6:30 and trivia starts at 7PM. The theme is "Through the Decades"

Casey Patterson shared information on current drug trends and answered questions.

Sandy Stevens shared that January is National Stalking Awareness Month and Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month. Jewel is providing a lot of information on their Facebook page

Wendy DePina shared that a new alternative to punishment plan for tobacco citations has been approved for Diversion and that she and Katie will be starting this soon with 8 students.

#### **Drug Free Communities Grant - National Coalition Academy (NCA)**

Katie updated everyone about some grant requirements, one of which is the successful completion and graduation from the National Coalition Academy. Katie and Wendy just completed the first week of the NCA. There are six documents that the coalition needs to develop this year by September. We have two national coaches to help us through this process, in addition to the participation in the sessions of NCA. The goal is to build structure for our coalition to plan how we will achieve community level change in youth substance use.

The first task our coalition has is to complete a Community Assessment which includes a Logic Model. A copy of the Community Assessment Primer by CADCA is provided to members, this document outlines what a community assessment is and how we accomplish it. Katie and Wendy reviewed specific pieces within the Community History and Needs Assessment and requested specific help from coalition members. This first piece needs to be completed in the next two weeks in order to continue with the additional parts of the assessment. Individual meetings will be set up for collaboration and writing. At the end of January on Friday the 26th, another group meeting will be held to work on the community mapping exercise and work together on the logic model.

The goal is to have a good first draft in place on February 15th and the Coalition meeting on the 16th to finalize details. Katie and Wendy have to send these to our national coaches in advance of the next NCA training the week of February 26th.

#### **NEXT MEETINGS**

January 26th: 11:30a - 1:30p: Community Assessment Activities

February 16th 11:30 - 1:00p: Coalition Meeting

Others TBD

Meeting ended at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Allen, Prevention Specialist