

MINUTES: 2/27/23 ATODS

12 - 1 PM

Public Health Conference Room

380 Faler Ave

ONLINE on ZOOM

Co-Chairs: Peggy Weber, Sarah Murdock, Robin Carnes

Present:

Robin Carnes, Public Health

Peggy Weber, Community member

Sarah Murdock, Sublette Bridges; Food Basket; Church of the Resurrection

Aaron Preece, High Country Behavioral Health

Darren Hull, Business: event planner

Stephanie Sprenger, County Attorney's Office

Janna Lee, Public Health

Melinda Bobo, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Trisha Scott, Coalition Coordinator

Notes:

THC:

Updates on state and national Delta 8 regulation were presented and discussed:

1. The Drug Enforcement Administration released a letter in February stating that Delta-8 is now classified as a controlled substance Schedule I Drug under the Controlled Substances Act and is illegal to produce or sell. For an article and the DEA letter, see:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/dariosabaghi/2023/02/16/delta-8-and9-thc-o-are-controlled->

2. HB 108, the bill to prohibit sales of Delta-8 (among other THC related products) to under 18 year olds passed both the WY House and Senate. Here is the bill:

<https://wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2023/HB0108>

3. New research from labs at University of Toronto and Harvard University are showing that high potency THC has an adverse effect on critical proteins in the adolescent (developing) brain. The research does not show the same adverse effects on adults. Here is the video of the research presented by Dr. Bertha Madras, PHD, to the International Society on the Impacts and Science of Cannabis (IASIC):

<https://vimeo.com/802111456>

Please contact Trisha if you would like more information and resources on these topics.

Opioid settlement funds: Janna reported that the advisory group is moving forward in the assessment phase. A survey will be emailed to identified stakeholders on 3/6. The first meeting of stakeholders is scheduled for 3/31. The County Attorney's Office is guiding the plan's approval process.

Comments from task force members: Recent experiences with surgery suggest that It's important for Wyoming providers to receive training on prescribing opioids to meet the most current recommendations.

Drug Take Back Day scheduled for May 31 Lunch at Marbleton Senior Center. The Sheriff's Office will attend to supervise drug disposal.

Tobacco: Stephanie Sprenger from the County Attorney's Office reported on the MIP for tobacco diversion program. The Attorney's Office worked with Sub9 Superintendent, Dr. Jenks, to support the school district mission to provide tobacco education and interventions as an alternative to potential out of school suspensions and court citations. Stephanie sent letters out this week to start the first diversion class.

Cessation groups: Aaron Preece agreed to host the next Dimensions Quit Tobacco class at High Country Behavioral Health starting May 2.

Melinda Bobo and Janna Lee discussed potential need for support for the Sublette Center staff and residents with quit tobacco classes and resources in the near future. Janna reported that the new Sublette Center campus and hospital will be smoke free. It will be a hardship for staff and residents that smoke/vape. Trisha and Janna will meet with Dawn Walker and Lara Hayward of the Sublette Center to ask how we can support staff and residents if they would like to quit ahead of the move.

Alcohol: TIPs scheduled for April 11.

"Talk, They Hear You" media campaign is running on all our media platforms. Robin reported good likes and shares on the local for sale pages.

Future programming idea: Stephanie described "Every 15 Minutes", a program similar to the "Life, Are You Ready" day-long event put on by SADD, local Law Enforcement and 1st Responders in 2019 in Sublette. Trisha will contact Joey Burke to get an update on state wide WHP similar programs and report to the next task force. This program was described as including parents and students. The 2019 program in Sublette did not involve parents.

Adjourn 1 PM.