



Platte County CARES

July 27, 2023

Agenda

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Platte County Cares Coalition Meeting Minutes

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Members Present: Sara Zappa, [Essie McCall](#), William Kirlin, David Russell, [Ward McConahay](#), Travis Sylvester, Sydnee Pollock, Kathi Anderson, Anne Petroski

****Internet connection was poor on this date and unfortunately members attending via Zoom had periods of time where they were disconnected from the meeting****

Introductions:

All members present introduced themselves and their agency affiliation (if applicable)

Icebreaker:

Anne played several songs for the members and asked them to guess the name of the song, the artist singing the song and substances mentioned in the song. The team discussed the impact of music on our culture.

Updates on Other Projects/ Events:

Meeting with PCSD #1 New Superintendent- Anne and Penny met with John Weigel, New Superintendent of Platte #1 Schools about collaborating on prevention efforts. The meeting appeared to have gone well. Mr. Weigel has experience working with School Resource Officers in his school district in his past roles in education. Anne and Penny shared with Mr. Weigel that previous priority areas that had been suggested were youth vaping and mental health. Mr. Weigel would like an opportunity to speak with other administrators and school staff about these topics and then meet again to discuss future collaboration efforts in the fall. Penny and Anne will be scheduling a meeting with New Superintendent at Platte #2 Schools- Mrs. Weigel.

Alcohol Event Toolkit: Anne met with Chief Willadsen of Wheatland PD and Candy Wright Wheatland City Clerk about housing an alcohol event toolkit at Wheatland City Hall. The Alcohol Event Toolkit could be checked out by vendors when they apply for alcohol permits at

Wheatland Town Hall. Chief Willadsen and Ms. Wright agreed to house an alcohol toolkit at Wheatland Town Hall. The toolkit has been ordered by Anne and should arrive in the next few weeks. Platte County Prevention monies will pay for the toolkit and the replacement of items, as needed, with the toolkit. Platte County will be advertising the availability of the alcohol event toolkit after it is in place at the Wheatland Town Hall.

Community Baby Shower: The Platte County Kid's Fair and Baby Shower which is organized by Platte County Public Health will be held on Saturday October 14th from 9-12 at the Agriplex in Wheatland. Platte County Prevention plans to have a booth. Anne asked team ideas for giveaways and the focus of prevention at this event. The event is focused on providing resources and information for pregnant moms and families with children aged 0-5. The members suggested maybe some substance abuse prevention information for parents. Anne mentioned providing items about mental health/ suicide prevention for parents attending the event. This will be discussed at the next meeting in August.

Alcohol Compliance Checks: Anne is working with WDH to determine the reporting requirements for law enforcement to draft an MOU with Wheatland PD and PCSO for the completion of Alcohol Compliance Checks for retail liquor establishments in Platte County. Anne will update the team as more information is forthcoming.

Platte County Fair- 2023 Projects

CARE Assessments: Anne passed out sign up sheets for members to complete CARE Assessments at the Platte County Fair on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights (August 3-5). We would need at least two people to sign up for each night. These will be sent out via e-mail to members as well for volunteers.

Posters for Fair: Sylvestri Customization has developed some posters to hang up at the Platte County Fairgrounds during fair. The posters will be mostly positive messages about choosing not to drink for youth and not providing alcohol to minors. Anne will be hanging the posters up this Friday.

Parade August 5th- Platte County Public Health and Platte County Prevention will be walking in the parade and handing out materials. Sylvestri Customization has created a banner as well for this event.

Underage Drinking Data & Discussion:

Members were asked to guess the percentage of Platte County High School Students who reported drinking alcohol in the past 30 days. 24.75% of Platte County High School students reported drinking alcohol in the past 30 days. Many members guessed that this number would be higher. 82.27% of Platte County High School students thought that most kids at their school had used alcohol in the past 30 days. The team discussed the concerns with youth having misconceptions that “everyone is doing it”. [Travis Sylvester](#) discussed how we can address some of these misperceptions with media.

Coalition Member Recruitment:

Anne discussed that at the recent CADCA Conference that she attended last week, there was information regarding the Drug Free Communities Grant that the coalition could apply for. One of the requirements of this funding would be representation from the 12 sectors. Anne asked for coalition members to think about community members from each of the sectors that were not represented. Anne asked members to please invite others from the community to attend coalition meetings or to give contact information to her and she would reach out to them.

Next Meeting: August 16th at Noon at the Platte County Library