



Platte County CARES

August 16, 2023

| Agenda | | |
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| Agenda Topic | Presenter | Duration (minutes) |
| Introductions/ Icebreaker | Everyone | 20 |
| Watch Video Clip- “Dead on Arrival” | Anne | 15 |
| Platte County Data Review & Discussion- Opioids | Anne/ Everyone | 10 |
| Update on Projects/ Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CARE Assessments - Back To School Backpack Event Aug 19 6-8pm - Community Flu Clinics- Sept/Oct - Kid’s Fair/ Baby Shower Oct 16 9-12 | Anne | 10 |
| Coalition Member Recruitment | Anne | 5 |
| Next Meeting Wednesday, September 20th at Noon- Basement of Platte County Library | | |

PLATTE COUNTY CARES COALITION MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2023

Members Present: Anthony Krotz, Ward McConahay, William Kirlin, Jackie Angle, Sara Zappa, David Russell, Doug Willadsen, Travis Sylvester, Sydnee Pollock, Penny Simonton, Anne Petroski

Introductions:

All members present introduced themselves and the agencies that they represent (if applicable)

Icebreaker: The team played this or that and Anne read different choices for the members to choose from.

Video Clip “Dead on Arrival”

Anne played the video clip of “Dead on Arrival” about fentanyl for the team. After the video, the team discussed fentanyl prevention efforts. Law enforcement shared with the team what they are seeing as drug trends in our community. After some discussion, the team agreed that we should begin by educating parents and kids about fentanyl but to do this in a way to avoid “scare tactics”. Travis mentioned that he has some resources and media regarding fentanyl that he can share with Anne.

Platte County Data Review and Discussion: Anne shared with the team PNA Data regarding Prescription Drug Use by youth in Platte County. Six percent reported that in the past 30 days they have used prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them. The team discussed that the percentage was low but also could be an underreported percentage. Law enforcement members discussed that they still here about and have situations involving youth using prescription drugs at parties, etc. Travis brought up the fact that our PNA data shows that 55% of our students reported that they haven’t talked with their parents about the dangers of drugs in the past year. The team agreed that educating parents and assisting them with the resources and tools to have conversations with their children about drugs, including

fentanyl, would be the focus. Anne also included in the packet a one page document from the CDC about fentanyl and a report entitled “Opioid- Involved Fatal Overdose” from the Wyoming Department of Health. The team discussed that opioid overdoses in Wyoming continue to increase, the most largest increase is in synthetic opioids such as fentanyl.

Updates on Projects/Events

CARE ASSESSMENTS:

Anne reported that we will plan to do a CARE ASSESSMENT at the Octoberfest event in downtown Wheatland that is scheduled for September 28th. Anne will be asking for volunteers to complete the assessments at the August and September meetings.

Back to School Backpack Event:

Platte County Prevention will have a table at this event on August 19th from 6-8. We will be handing out Operation Parent Handbooks to parents. We will also have a display and handouts regarding fentanyl with the focus area being parents. We will also be giving away gun locks as well.

Community Flu Clinics:

Flu Clinics in Guernsey, Glendo and Chugwater are being scheduled for September and October. Platte County Prevention plans to provide information about the need to dispose of prescription meds as well as handing out Detera bags at those events. Anne asked the team for ideas on ways that we could educate our elderly population about prescription drug disposal. Anthony Krotz said that in the past, they have had success with Drug Take Back Days. Anne told the team that we will plan to get those up and going again and that we had participated in those in April at the pharmacies in Platte County.

Community Kid’s Fair/ Baby Shower:

The Platte County Community Kid’s Fair and Baby Shower is currently scheduled for October 14th from 9-12. Platte County Prevention plans to hand out information about 988 at this

event with the focus population being young parents. We will also provide quit kits and gun locks at this event as well.

Coalition Member Recruitment:

Anne reported that at the CADCA conference that she attended, they discussed the Drug Free Communities Grant. One of the requirements of the grant is to have representation from all of the 12 sectors. Anne encouraged coalition members to invite other people to the meetings in the upcoming months. She reminded the team that members do not have to commit to attending all the meetings.

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