



January 17, 2024

Agenda		
Agenda Topic	Presenter	Duration (minutes)
Introductions/ Icebreaker	Anne	15
Review and Discuss Mission/Vision Statements	Anne & Everyone	10
Alcohol Event Toolkit Show and Tell	Travis & Anne	10
Holding On To Life Toolkit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resources on back cover - Distribution locations 	Travis & Everyone	10
Ongoing Projects/ Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coasters- Suicide Prevention - Crowd Signs for Basketball Games - DARE starting in Platte County Schools 	Travis, Anne & Everyone	15
Next Meeting: Wednesday February 21, 2024		

PLATTE COUNTY CARES COALITION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2024

Members Present: Anne Petroski, Pat Kondas, Will Kirlin, David Smith, Ward McConahay, David Russell, Christina Mangan, Jesse Walton, Doug Willadsen, Lexi Bookout, Sara James, Lisa Montoya, Kalyn Krotz, Tony Krotz, Tori Kittell, Jacqueline Angle, Lori Ibarra, Travis Sylvester

Introductions/ Ice Breaker:

All members present introduced themselves and the agencies that they represent (if applicable). The team played an icebreaker game by throwing around a beach ball with questions on it.

*****There were technical issues during this meeting and those appearing via zoom were disconnected for the beginning portion of the meeting but later joined via phone.*****

Review and Discuss Mission/Vision Statements: Tori Kittel read out loud the mission/vision statements that had been prepared by Tiffany from Align based on our feedback and collaboration from last month's meeting. Anne asked for feedback from the group. There were no changes recommended from coalition members. Anne will ask Travis to add these mission/vision statements to the website asap.

Alcohol Event Toolkit Show and Tell:

Anne brought the completed Alcohol Event Toolkit to show coalition members. The Alcohol Event Toolkit will be housed at the Town of Wheatland and will be available free of charge for vendors to check out. Anne is working with Travis to develop postcards that will be mailed out to all alcohol vendors in Platte County in hopes to spread the word about this available tool. Travis added that there are some default settings on the ID scanner that can help prevent things such as underage drinkers sharing an ID and other functions to reduce underage drinking. Anne will ensure that these default settings are saved before giving to the Town of Wheatland.

Holding On To Life Toolkit:

Anne passed around a sample of this booklet to coalition members. The Holding On To Life Toolkit is a resource that can be given to families if they have a child with suicidal ideation. The toolkit has information about suicide, some safety tips for families as well as a safety plan. The back of the booklet would be customized with local and national resources. Anne told the team that they planned to distribute these booklets to schools, counseling centers, and to law enforcement. Kalyn suggested that they also be distributed at the Library. She asked if there was any information in the booklet about what teens can do to help their friends who may be suicidal. Travis said that this version does not have that information but that there was a version that did and we could get that one. Law enforcement officers present asked if we could get cards with a QR code on them as the booklets might be too big for them to carry in their patrol vehicles. Travis will create a designated page on the website with the Holding On To Life Toolkit as well as cards with a QR code that takes them to this resource. Coalition members also listed local resources that should be added to the back of the booklet. Several members discussed how to get this information to students at school. The team discussed placing QR codes/ website information on TVs at the schools. Anne will follow up with the schools on this.

Ongoing Projects/Events

Coaster- Suicide Prevention/ Adult Overconsumption:

Travis discussed the sample of coasters that he sent the team. Some of the coasters were for suicide prevention and others for Adult Overconsumption. Anne asked Travis if he had ever gotten some pushback from bars about the Adult Overconsumption coasters. Travis reported that he had only had this happen on one occasion. Chief Willadsen suggested that the message on the Adult Overconsumption coasters could be more of a message of getting a designated driver instead of not binge drinking. The feedback overall was positive on the coasters. Anne will send out via email the designs that Travis had developed. Several members had suggestions about other locations for suicide prevention media such as coffee cups and sleeves, and digital location areas such as bowling alleys. Anne will look into all these items and bring them to the next meeting to discuss.

Crowd Signs for Basketball Games:

Travis told the team about the signs that we created for Homecoming in Wheatland and Guernsey. He told the team that Big Horn County created similar signs but on the back there were some facts about mental health. At one of the basketball games, they played tic tac toe during half time using the facts off of the signs. The team discussed the possibility of doing a collaboration with one of the Converse County schools and providing both teams signs. Anne and Travis will work to develop this messaging as it would need to be done on a short timeline.

DARE starting in Platte County Schools:

Anne reported that Platte County Prevention is collaborating with Platte County Sheriff's Office to begin DARE/ Keepin' It Real classes in the schools. David and Christina reported that they just received the DARE materials and that classes will begin in February.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st at Noon in the Conference Room at the Platte County Attorney's Office.