



March 13, 2024

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- Final Approval	Travis & Everyone	5
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- Coasters- Suicide Prevention & Adult Overconsumption		
- Senior Walk and Talk Events		
- Guernsey-Sunrise Prom- April		
- Graduation Yard Signs	Travis, Anne & Everyone	15
Next Meeting: Wednesday April 17th at Noon		

PLATTE COUNTY CARES COALITION MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2024

Members Present: Isabel Rieker, Pat Kondas, Jen Raser, Lisa Montoya, Bonnie Neff, Roberta Schultz, Lexi Bookout, Kathi Anderson, Kalyn Krotz, Lexi Bookout, Essie McCall, Jenni Webb, Anne Petroski, Penny Simonton, Travis Sylvester

Introductions:

Coalition members introduced themselves and the agencies that they represent (if applicable).

12 Sectors Membership in Coalition: Anne discussed that the Platte County CARES Coalition is looking into additional funding opportunities as part of the sustainability plan. One such grant opportunity would be the Drug Free Communities Grant that we could apply for. This grant would provide \$125,000/year for five years with the opportunity to extend to a possible 10 years. Part of the grant requirements would be representation from all 12 sectors. Coalition members were given a handout of all 12 Sectors. Each category was discussed with possibilities of potential members discussed. Some names and contact information for potential members were given to Anne to follow up with.

Group Activity Underage Drinking/Youth Marijuana:

Anne provided coalition members with some PNA data that was converted to charts and tables. Coalition members were split into groups to look at specific data sets and then report back to the larger group the following questions: What stood out to you about the data (if anything)? What risk or protective factors did you identify for Platte County by looking at this data? (Some examples were given to circle) and Do you feel that this is a priority area that should be addressed in the upcoming grant period? Why or why not?

Some of the feedback that was given was that Platte students reported no alcohol use in the past 30 days at a higher percentage than some surrounding counties such as Goshen, Converse and Niobrara counties. Some coalition members voiced that they believed that the amount of students who drank alcohol was much higher than what was reported. The coalition discussed

the PNA data process and some possibilities of gaps in this data. Platte County students in general believed that a larger proportion of their peers drink than reportedly do. The coalition discussed if this was a priority area to address and discussed that by addressing this social norm of “everyone is doing it” is a priority area to address. The coalition discussed parents who provide alcohol to minors or knowingly do not intervene if their children are drinking. We discussed the best way to address this issue. Coalition members suggested that this could be accomplished by informing parents that they are the #1 source of alcohol for underage people and also awareness of the effects of alcohol on developing brains. Some coalition members also thought that the data regarding the younger the age of regular drinking and the correlation with alcoholism as an adult also needed to be given to parents. The percentage of Platte students who reported drinking 40+ times in the past 30 days was 7.21%, higher than the state average of 4.82%. Another priority area discussed was encouraging and giving parents the tools to speak with their children about alcohol and drugs and those expectations. Regarding the marijuana data, Platte County students reported marijuana use similar to the state averages. Again, Platte County students perceived that their peers used marijuana at higher rates than reported. Coalition members reported that they felt that parent education was important about marijuana as it is confusing as it is legal less than 100 miles away for adults. Coalition members also discussed that parents/grandparents often do not know the difference between the “ditch weed” that they smoked and the current forms of marijuana. Coalition members believe that an educational campaign regarding the risks of harm of marijuana would be needed.

Holding On To Life Toolkits:

Travis presented the final draft for review of the Holding On To Life Toolkits. Coalition Members agreed with the current version and offered no changes.

Updates on Projects/Events

Coasters- Suicide Prevention/ Adult Overconsumption:

Samples of the coasters were provided to coalition members with no suggestions for changes. Will be ordered as soon as possible and be delivered by CPS to local bars/restaurants.

Senior Walk and Talk:

Anne has recently received a suicide prevention mini-grant and will be hosting Senior Walk and Talk Events on Mondays at the Agriplex from 1:00-2:00pm. This is a collaboration between Platte County Prevention and the UW Extension Office. This will begin April 1st and run for 8 weeks. During each event will be walking, information about mental health/suicide prevention and refreshments. The events are available for all, however, our target population are Senior Citizens over the age of 65.

Guernsey-Sunrise Prom:

Anne reported that Platte County Prevention will be providing a banner/photo backdrop for Guernsey-Sunrise Prom next month. Travis showed the team an example of the banner. They will also be providing props to encourage engagement with the banner.

Graduation Yard Signs:

Anne reported that both Guernsey-Sunrise and Wheatland High School had agreed to collaborate with Platte County Prevention with graduation yard signs for graduates in May of this year. The signs feature pictures of the graduates on one side and underage drinking/social host messaging on the other. Anne will get senior pictures asap so that Travis and his team can send these off to production earlier this year.

Next meeting will be Wednesday April 17th at Noon in the Conference Room at the Platte County Attorney's Office.