

Winnebago County Task Force Coalition

March 19, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Attendance (name and sector):

- Kari Brown (parent), Kathleen Grunhovd (parent), Steve Hepperly (law enforcement), Cassie Johnson (business), Ron Kvale (civic), Morgan Lawson (other – social service), Rhonda Schriever (government), Ashley Throne (youth serving agency), Hannah Wagner (other – social service), Taylor Brown (staff), Molly Winter (staff)

Announcements:

- Winnebago County Task Force will be changing their name upon the acceptance of grant years 6-10. The new name will be C.A.U.S.E – Community Action for Underage Substance Elimination

Notes:

- Attending members and staff voted to change the WCTF name to CAUSE – Community Action for Underage Substance Elimination – upon receiving grant years 6-10 of DFC.
- What can we do now? (COVID – 19 Pandemic)
 - Lesson plans for teachers
 - Health teachers – or really teachers of any subject
 - Very overwhelming time for parents
 - More “fun” ways to incorporate learning
 - Younger Kids (Elementary)
 - Coloring Contest – have kids take picture with their submission and upload for prizes
 - Older Kids (Middle School/High School)
 - Music is a big way to relate to them
 - They are older so more understanding of our current reality – more anxiety
 - Watch a movie / Listen to a song
 - ❖ How many times did you see drug or alcohol use? How many times were drugs and alcohol mentioned?
 - Tips on how to handle stress and anxiety
 - ❖ Other ways to handle these emotions than substance use
 - ❖ Your Life Iowa
 - Prairie Ridge will be providing TIPS online
 - While businesses are closed/less hours this is a perfect opportunity to get these trainings done
 - Facebook Lives
 - Vape Presentations
 - Story time – read by a coalition member, community member, or librarian
 - Channel 2
 - May not be an effective way to communicate with younger demographic
 - Free – way to still get message out
 - Churches
 - Live stream of services
 - Great way to interact with all generations – especially older
 - Be added to bulletin
 - Lunch Bags for students
 - Stickers on outside of bag
 - Have a small hand out that includes our Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and website
 - Contests and games (great way to disperse coloring pages)
 - Lesson plans

Upcoming Events:

- April is National Alcohol Awareness Month
- April 18, 2020 – Forest City and Lake Mills proms
- April 25, 2020 – Buffalo Center prom
- April 25, 2020 – National Take Back Day - cancelled

Next meeting:

- April 16, 2020 in Forest City at Waldorf in the Salveson Ballroom – as of now