

Consortium June 21, 2016

Hill County Health Department 12:00 pm

Kim Larson opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees

Introductions conducted

No additions or corrections to previous meeting, minutes accepted

Task Group updates:

Mental Health Awareness update by Amber Spring -

Please note the attachment of the Mental Health Consortium report. Amber explained the probable enveloping of the Substance Abuse Prevention Subcommittee into the Mental Health Subcommittee as both groups are working toward mutual goals. The decision will be made at the next monthly meeting. The meetings are every second Monday at 12 noon and at a rotating location. Please contact Julie Strobel if you wish to be added to this group email.

Substance Abuse

Please see above.

Partners and Prevention reported by Wanda Meredith

Kim reports the MCH block funding will be provided to Teen Pregnancy outreach and education for the next year.

Wanda is encouraged to restructure this group with new partners and by the addition of 2 new school board members, also said any feedback is welcome. Asked for volunteers and any referrals for this group. She wants to call to our attention the teen pregnancy rates for Hill and Blaine counties are about double the state rates.

Program Updates:

Health Department-Kim Larson

Health Department is sponsoring the Lil' Shots Carnival August 12th 9:00 am to noon, the BC/BS Care Van will be on site and the Health Dept. will be open 1:00 to 5:00 pm for immunizations also. Budget time for the HD.

Kim reports the NFP RFP has not been released yet, however funding has been extended to the end of the year. NFP clients now at 8 recruiting up to 25. Megan will contact Tiffany at Bullhook to give a presentation to the new providers.

The Summer Institute training is July 18-22nd in Great Falls.

White Sky Hope- Aracella Ramos

Aracella followed up on the Town Hall meetings held at both Rocky Boy and Box Elder regarding Preventing Underage Drinking and Prevention. She reported that the response to a question "Is underage drinking a problem in your community?" Rocky Boy 65% yes and Box Elder 90% yes. Aracella conducted prevention activities with approx. 80 TANF and Youth Employment young people. Reminded us of a free spay and neuter clinic at Stone Child College this June 25 and 26th. Aracella will be on maternity leave soon (congratulations!)

DES – Dave Sheppard –

Reported he is working on a grant application for updating the pre-disaster mitigation plan. He met with the DNRC regarding the Beaver Creek Dam emergency action plan.

Bullhook Community Health Center– Cindy Smith

Bullhook Community Health Center has had many new personnel added recently and are very excited to welcome the following:

Dr. Althouse, Bob Babbit PA, Heidi Dumas FNP, Suzanne Lockwood, Dr. Tilgner
Dr. Friedman, Misty Geer LCPC, Patti Tillman, RN Care Coord., Katie Olson FNP
Please stay tuned for additional staff.

Family Planning-Wanda Meredith

Wanda and Jessica provided Health training to a TANF group and will provide the same training soon for Upward Bound.

NAMI –Crystal Laufer

Crystal reported the recent Suicide Prevention class was well attended and may be repeated soon. NAMI walk will be held Sept. 25th.

The next meeting is June 28th 921 3rd St., someone from Helena will be talking about fund raising.

WIC – Nicole Hungerford-

Outreach is paying off, have had continued increases in clients including Chester and Chinook. WIC department will be changing (over time) from checks to cards. She will be attending the Nat'l WIC conference in Denver this Sept.

MSUN-Amber Spring-

Amber is on summer break until MSUN resumes. Her private practice is thriving.

A special welcome to Tamara who joined us as a consumer. She shared her story of being a newcomer to Havre and overcoming some challenges in health care and successes also. Thank you, come again

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting September 20, 2016