



Spink County Coalition Minutes September 20, 2021

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Present: Laura Gabriel, Jeannine Jilek, Josh Lee, Marsha Solheim, Le Ann Wasmoen, Andrew Rindelaub, Heidi Appel

1. Director Report

- Welcome Andy & Heidi!! We are thankful to have Andy and Heidi join our team. Andy's title is Youth Prevention Director and is mainly working with youth prevention at the school. He is overseeing the SADD program as well as teaching Prevention Education in 7th and 9th grades. Heidi's title is Administrative Director. She will be overseeing grant and fiscal management, writing new grants, and other administrative duties.
- Time of transition—we have been working diligently on training in between planning and implementing activities. Hoping to have the trainings completed sometime in November.
- LeAnn's vacation plan changes—I had been scheduled to take a month off from mid-September to mid-October, but plans have changed and I will be in the office.

2. Project SUCCESS

- Recruitment—Andy has been reaching out to a diverse group of students to recruit for SADD.
- Resource tables—One resource table was set up during a volleyball game, displaying information on alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and safe driving. Two more tables are scheduled to be set up at games yet this fall.
- Prevention Education classes will begin next week.
- Pride Day/Homecoming—SADD students will be working on projects at the library and perhaps the Youth Center
- Hidden in Plain Sight—October 29. This event will occur during parent teacher conferences from noon to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited, however. Josh and Harry may be able to do drug retrieval demonstrations during that time as well. Andy has contacted the Sheriff's Office. Le Ann will talk with Marcie about assisting with this project as well.

3. Tobacco Grant

- Point of Sale/Bag O'Butts—both of these activities have been completed. Other grant funded activities have been mapped out for the rest of the year.

4. Highway Traffic Safety grant

- Awarded 2021-22 grant beginning October 1 for \$25,850. Le Ann and Heidi will participate in the technical training for this grant tomorrow. Activities will be mapped out after that meeting. Some of them include assisting with driver's training classes (with the simulator and activities), promoting 4D month in December, work with SADD students on a campaign, etc.

5. Youth Center—Andy and Le Ann met with the Ministerial Association about the future of the Youth Center. The Ministerial Association is the fiscal agent for the Youth Center. We will be looking at opening the youth center Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday for an after-school program as well as Friday and/or Saturday nights for the high school students. A survey will be sent out to parents asking for input.

6. Steering Committee Report-last meeting was held in August for the purpose of interviewing and hiring Andy.

7. Sheriff's Office Report-Josh reported 33 DUI and 73 drug arrests since the beginning of the year and 17 open container and underage arrests. Marijuana issues are on the rise. DARE classes will be starting on Wednesday in the 5th Grade taught by Deputy Christmann.

8. Medical Marijuana Ordinance discussion & Town Hall meeting. Le Ann, Andy, and Heidi shared concerns about the medical marijuana ordinance especially regarding the number of licenses as well as the current city signage ordinance which is not very clear or comprehensive. Redfield voted to issue up to 3 medical marijuana licenses and the Spink County Commissioners voted to issue 1. Sioux Falls voted to issue 5 and Watertown 3. We will likely be continuing conversations with the City Council about the signage ordinance concerns.

9. Social media—Please “Like” & “Share” our Spink County Coalition, CARD, and SADD Facebook pages

Next meetings:

5:15 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Monday, October 18

Monday, November 15 (Steering Committee meets at 4:30 p.m.)

Monday, January 17

Monday, February 21

Monday, March 21

Monday, April 18 (Steering Committee meets at 4:30 p.m.)

Monday, May 16