



Spink County Coalition

Minutes

May 9, 2022

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Present: Melissa Rowenhorst, Barb Abeln, Lana Greenfield, Laura Gabriel, Brian Wasmoen, Marsha Solheim, Marcie Robertson, Andrew Rindelaub, Janet Conyers, Chace Haar, Eli Hofer, Wyatt Manley, Colton Olsen, Sierra Minnick, Emma Frewaldt, Ashley Humphrey, Stephen Rowenhorst, Luke Rowenhorst, Jon Rowenhorst, Le Ann Wasmoen

1. Director Report

- Coalition satisfaction/Community Perception surveys. Le Ann will send out the link and QR Code for this combined survey. **PLEASE take a minute or two to complete it.** We had 44 responses last year and our goal for this year is 50!
- Celebration of Successes. We have had many great successes to celebrate this year including, but not limited to, hiring new staff, successful grant applications, 100% score on our accreditation, starting an after-school program and opening a sober living home in Redfield! Thank you to ALL Coalition members for your help in all these successes! We could not accomplish all these things without all of you! Pastor Brian reminded us of several other things that have been accomplished over these past 11 years, including having a Youth Center, prevention activities in the school, Reflections Recovery Home, and many other things we would not have, had the Coalition not been formed. Le Ann presented a slide show highlighting some of this past year's activities.

2. Project SUCCESS

- Andy and Jan updated everyone on activities with tobacco, highway, and SADD. SADD scholarships were handed out to 4 seniors. A SADD party will be held to honor our graduating SADD Seniors. SADD will be hosting a recruitment event for the students in 5th grade entering 6th grade. It will be held at the park and the Armory. The driving simulators will be part of the event.

3. Tobacco Grant

- Award-we have received a \$20,500 grant from the Tobacco Control Program this year. Le Ann has had discussions with the State Tobacco Control staff regarding the difficulties with this grant- especially with the salary cap not including benefits, insurance, office space, etc. We are actually losing money on this grant but agreed to accept for one more year in hopes of sweeping changes in next year's application.

4. Highway Traffic Safety grant

- Please take notice of the new billboard on the south edge of Redfield
- The grant application for 2022-23 has been submitted. The fiscal year for this grant begins October 1, 2022

5. Youth Center/After School Program Update

- The After School Program is going well. We have been working towards being open in the summer but are not sure of the need.
- There has been water damage to the ceiling on the east side of the building. The mold smell is challenging. We have had the offer of temporarily housing the After School Program at the UCC Church.

6. Reflections Recovery Home update

- We are still waiting on the contractors to begin remodeling.

7. Steering Committee

- Elections-Melissa made the motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Lana, Jeannine, and Marsha for the Spink County Coalition Steering Committee. Marcie seconded. Motion carried. A special thank you to all the Steering Committee members for their continued service!
- Staff Contracts will be determined by the Steering Committee following successful evaluations.

8. Sheriff's Office Report- Josh was absent.

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

Next meetings:

August 15th at 5:15pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

September 19th at 5:15pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

October 17th at 5:15pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church