



Curry County  
Office of Substance Abuse Prevention  
STEP Coalition Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Commission Chambers - Curry County Administration Complex

I. **In Attendance:**

Oriana Riley	Curry County JJAC/Teen Court
Carissa Caroland	CMS Health Services
Susan Alman	Curry County Health Council
Mitzi Estes	CMS
Steve Reshetar	Matt 25
Carlton Lewis	CMS
Tanya Henderson	Curry County OSAP

II. Meeting called to order 12:04 p.m.

III. Introductions

IV. Approval of minutes:

**1<sup>st</sup> – Oriana Riley** and **2<sup>nd</sup> – Carissa Caroland** moved to approve the minutes of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

V. OSAP Program Manager’s summary of events:

1) **Tanya Henderson** reported a great turnout for the DEA Take Back that was held in April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There were 2 locations, 9 am – 1 pm at Roden- Smith Pharmacy and 10 am – 2 pm at Walgreens. From the last Take Back in October 2018, Curry County collected 56 pounds and nearly doubled in April 27, 2019. Curry County collected 109 pounds. **Henderson** promoted the event on the radio through Rooney Moon Broadcasting and through Facebook Event boosting. Advertisements went within a 60 mile radius including rural areas in Texas. **Riley** stated it was her first time helping with a Take Back but it was a great to see there were many partners from all the Law Enforcement agencies. **Henderson** stated that OSAP will partner again with the Health Council and possibly have a site during the Drug & Alcohol Awareness Workshop for April 2020.

2) On May 13, 2019, **Henderson** did a special underage alcohol presentation at Clovis High School. Mr. Brady, the principal, made it mandatory for all the graduating Seniors to attend as part of their senior checkout. There was a total of 452 Seniors present. **Henderson** included a DWI VIP speaker, Danny Christ, since his story was most related to underage drinking. Topics included health risks, short term and long term risks, and when they become of age, to not provide alcohol to minors, enforcing

4<sup>th</sup> degree felonies. Students were a bit agitated, although, **Henderson** got a lot of support from the school counselors, assistant principals, and the principal.

3) **Henderson** and **Riley** collaborated together for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)'s National Prevention Week (NPW). NPW was held May 12 - 18, 2019. OSAP and Youth Services' events were holding presentations and student discussions throughout the week. **Henderson** and **Riley** did a radio interview with Duffy Moon to promote NPW and opened it up the public. Each day had a specific topic that OSAP and Youth Services followed. Monday was Opioid misuse and Tuesday was Underage Alcohol drinking Prevention. **Henderson** was able to have a discussion with at-risk youth kids from Teen Court and Juvenile Probation Office. **Riley** spoke on Wednesday for Marijuana Risks and Thursday for Tobacco/Vaping presentations. **Henderson** and **Riley** provided education, information, and harm reduction prevention techniques for the youth. Overall, some kids took away something from these classes, I.E., during the Opioid Misuse presentation, the kids watched an Overdose prevention video and were able to demonstrate the same techniques. All the presentations went well, the Marijuana presentation had the highest attendance with 15 kids. Both programs highly encouraged youth to make smarter and healthier lifestyle choices when around substances.

4) On Tuesday, May 21, 2019, **Henderson** organized Narcan training at Clovis-Carter Public Library. Initially, there were 52 participants whom signed up, although, there were 27 participants that attended. We had representation from Eastern New Mexico University, Clovis Municipal Schools, Curry County DWI Compliance, Curry County Adult & Juvenile Detention Center, and Curry County Youth Services. The trainer came down from Santa Fe and does Overdose Prevention trainings throughout the state. **Riley** explained that the trainer went into great detail from identifying an overdose, what do to, and how to properly administer Narcan. If any organization would like to do more overdose prevention, they can get a hold of OSAP.

VI. Open Issues:

1) ATOD Policy Numbers:

**Henderson** provided ATOD numbers for school year 2017 – 2018 and school year 2018 – 2019; which includes in-school and out-of-school suspensions. There were a total of 193 suspensions (in school and out of school) for the school year 2017 - 2018. For school year 2018 - 2019, there are 150 suspensions (in school and out of school). **Riley** noticed Yucca and Marshall middle school numbers declined significantly. **Caroland** and **Lewis** noticed that Clovis Freshman Academy and High School increased in numbers. **Henderson** stated that it's great to see that Clovis Schools have more in-school suspensions than out of school suspensions since we would like to keep the kids in school. For School Year 2018 – 2019, there are 102 in school suspensions, and 48 out of school suspensions. **Reshetar** pointed out that

Tobacco suspensions keep the numbers up, if we were to take away Tobacco numbers, then the numbers would be much lower. At Clovis High school, there were 62 in school suspensions related with Tobacco. There is a small success in the overall decline in suspensions related to ATOD, but still have a lot of work to do.

2) Mental Health First Aid:

**Henderson** brought up a program called Mental Health First Aid (MHFA). It's a nationally certified program that helps adults working with youth with mental health and substance use issues. It's an 8 hour course. **Henderson** has been in contact with a trainer from Lubbock, TX and she is willing to come to Clovis to train people in MHFA. Fee is \$40 a person with a minimum of 20 people. If we go over 30 people, then the trainer can bring additional trainers. There will also be a \$50 mileage charge to get the trainers to Clovis. **Reshetar** would like to have the training done here since he has new employees who have not gone through MHFA before. **Lewis** suggested another alternative of an online program that offers similar training via online. Those courses are 6 hours long and free. **Lewis** also explained that many of the mental health counselors utilize their free resources through NCTSN. **Caroland** and **Estes** both suggested that late July or early August would be a good time to hold this training due to faculty returning back by then. **Estes** suggested the school counselors can attend when they arrive back around mid-July. **Henderson** will do more research and follow up with coalition if they are still interested in MHFA.

3) New Scope of Work changes for SFY20:

**Henderson** shared the new Scope of Work Changes that will occur for the fiscal year 2020. **Henderson** explained that the State decided that all the SPF15 grantees to remove the E1 strategy. This strategy helped increase coalition and community capacity. Therefore, OSAP must maintain 6 strategies, and Curry County OSAP added R3b, which is targeted towards parents in creating a parent handbook. **Henderson** will reach out to other communities who have done this strategy to get more information about it. Also, this parent handbook will be useful for the schools and family intervention organizations.

VII. New Business:

1) SAMHSA Communities Talk:

SAMHSA will be giving out \$750 stipend for communities to host a town hall. This would be very similar to what OSAP did back in September 2018. **Caroland** and **Estes** suggested to change location to the library since she had a hard time finding it at CCC. **Henderson** also said that we can register our event through the SAMHSA Communities Talk website. There are a total of 820 registered cities within the U.S., and there are only 5 cities in NM. So, if we were to register, we would be the 6<sup>th</sup> city to hold an event to prevent underage alcohol drinking town hall. **Reshetar** moved for approval to pursue the SAMHSA's town hall.

2) Drug Free Communities Grant:

**Henderson** received an email for Drug Free Communities Grant. From the research, DFC grant will continue the work OSAP has already been doing. The two main goals of this grant are 1. Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities and 2. Reduce substance abuse among youth. **Reshetar** asked if the substances were only alcohol and prescription misuse. According to the synopsis, it does not look like there are limitations on what substances we need to focus on. Overall, we believe that we can do prevention for all the substances since we are seeing problems with Tobacco/Vaping and Marijuana in the schools. The amount awarded would be up to \$125,000 up to 5 years. Deadline is coming up in July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Henderson** is willing to write up the grant in case we are not awarded the Strategies for Success grant that was due back in March 2019.

3) BJA STOP the Violence Grant:

**Henderson** received another email about the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program. This program is seeking applicants to improve efforts to reduce violent crime through the creation of school safety training and mental health programs for school personnel and students which address violence in schools. This grant is due June 18, 2019. There are 3 goals which are: 1. Training school personnel and educating students to prevent student violence, 2. Develop and operate anonymous reporting systems concerning threats of school violence, 3. Development and operation of school threat assessments and mental health interventions. **Estes** stated that Clovis Schools have an anonymous reporting app. **Caroland** also stated that the Counselors are going through a similar program called "Capturing the Kids' Hearts." There was more of a concern about implementing duplicated work, and there was a suggestion if the DFC grant would be able to do something with anger management. **Henderson** will do more research to find out if DFC will allow it.

VIII. Questions/Comments:

**Alman** found out there is no psychiatrist within Clovis area to help youth in Mental Health.

IX. Upcoming meeting/events:

a. Coalition Meeting – Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

X. Meeting Adjourned:

**1:02 p.m.**