



Substance Use Prevention Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 2020 – 1:00-2:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Allison O'Rourke – Pacific County Health Department/Road 2 Resiliency
Denise Rowlett – Teen Advocacy Coalition
Jackie Smith – Pacific County Health Department
Darian Johnson – Pacific County Health Department
Carole Chase – Pacific County Health Department

1. Rx Drop Boxes

- TAC has \$2,000 allocated for permanent drop boxes and/or promotion
- Pacific County Sheriff's Office is working with a pharmaceutical company to place permanent drop boxes at their South Bend and Long Beach offices. The Long Beach box would be in the lobby but the exterior door would remain unlocked for 24/7 access. The company will also pay for disposal/destruction of the medications. Waiting for an update from Sheriff Souvenir.
- Allison will contact hospitals to see if they accept unused/expired medication. If not, there is nowhere in South Pacific County to dispose of unused/expired medication.

2. Opioid Prevention Campaign

- Allison put together an opioid prevention page on the R2R website.
- Looking to really push safe storage and safe disposal in light of the April National Rx Take Back event being canceled.

3. Medicine Safe Prevention Products

- Looking into purchasing lock boxes to hand out to community members. Jackie will check with Gracie about utilizing ORT and/or YMPEP funds to purchase the lock boxes, and Denise will check if TAC's DFC funding allows for it as well. Carole will also check with Nancy McAllister and the Peninsula Rotary about helping fund the purchase of lock boxes.
 - Safer Lock Multi-Packs + cases – goes on top of a pill bottle and required a code to open. Denise will check with the company about receiving free samples. These would be idea if we planned on mailing them to community members.
 - Cash boxes – a cheaper alternative. First, we need to determine the budget we are working with, as they run between \$10-25 per box.

4. Other Business

- The Raymond Elks wants to partner on a prevention event. Denise will reach out to the Raymond Elks and Jackie will reach out to the Long Beach Elks to see if this is something they would be interested in too.



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- Allison has three different Opioid Prevention rack cards (each in English and Spanish) in sealed cases in her garage, provided for free by Starts with One. We discussed giving each school one box to distribute in student lunches. To be discussed more at next meeting.

5. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 23rd at 12:30 pm via Zoom.