

26 January 2016

To: Kristi L. Lipp, Community Prevention Professional

From Greg James, Mayor, City of Newcastle

Re: Letter of Support

Please accept this letter of support for Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming, Weston County and Ms. Kristi Lipp's organization and leadership.

Kristi has done and continues to do an excellent job of communicating with all aspects of our community; law enforcement, city and county government, education, clergy, medical and others to build consensus and build bridges among the various groups. The focus has always been to appropriately address concerns while creating a positive atmosphere that leads to buy-in and activity towards prevention efforts in Newcastle.

The partnerships created are built with long range goals and work for the future. Youth in our middle school and high school are directly involved and their ideas are incorporated into on-going prevention efforts. Most recently, the Prevention Management Organization, Weston County was successful in collaboration with the City of Newcastle in establishing an ordinance that outlines how malt beverage permits will be handled, appropriately addressing an issue for which there was previously little guidance.

The City of Newcastle has been involved since the inception of the prevention efforts in Newcastle. I believe the Prevention Management Organization, Weston County does an excellent job in education and raising awareness of the issues surrounding tobacco, alcohol, drugs and suicide. I completely support the expenditure of resources to support this organization.