

JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



William J. Novotny, III

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January 26, 2016

Wyoming Department of Health
401 Hathaway Building
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Sirs/Madams:

The Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming (PMO) is a valued partner working with Johnson County Law Enforcement and Public Health to decrease substance abuse and suicide in our county.

Through critical programs such as TiPS training, alcohol related arrests have been dramatically reduced. The improved cooperation between law enforcement and liquor establishments is a direct result of the programming that the PMO promotes.

The tobacco strategies implemented by the PMO have resulted in our community instituting smoke free and vape free policies for indoor and outdoor events.

The National Drug Take Back event netted over 100 pounds of drugs which will be disposed of by the Buffalo Police Department to help prevent prescription drug abuse. Public Health received over \$20,000 worth of prescription drugs through their Donation Program that will benefit citizens of Johnson County who are unable to afford expensive medications.

Johnson County, like other areas, has a need for suicide prevention programming. The PMO provides training in two suicide prevention strategies: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and Question, Persuade, and Refer. Over 700 members of the community have been trained. In the month of February, all employees of Johnson County will participate in the QPR training.

The PMO is a valuable asset to communities in Johnson County. The Johnson County Commissioners support the various trainings this organization provides.

Sincerely,

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William J. Novotny, III
Chairman

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Jim Hicks
Commissioner

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