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"In Pursuit of Justice, Peace, and Order"

Wyoming Department of Health
Public Health Division
Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention
Tobacco Prevention and Control Program



To Whom It May Concern,

The Park County Coalition Against Substance Abuse (PCCASA) has had the opportunity to work alongside the Prevention Management Organization (PMO) of Wyoming since its inception and implementation in Park County. The Park County PMO team has proven itself as a valuable and reliable asset to our various coalitions in Park County and have taken active roles in each. Substance abuse is a National problem, a Wyoming problem and a Park County problem, and through collaboration we continue to address these issues locally while providing resources to other jurisdictions and states. The resources available through the PMO and our local team have proven themselves invaluable to our organization in these endeavors.

As a Police Chief I have had the opportunity to work with the local PMO staff on the implementation and sustainability of Crisis Intervention Team training (CIT) in Park County. CIT is training geared towards Law Enforcement, equipping them to handle calls for service involving individuals in a mental health crisis, teaching proper de-escalation methods and techniques to get the subjects to the appropriate services. We are now striving to assist with the implementation of CIT around the State. PMO's support for this program has been critical to keeping it moving forward. Additional training has been provided to our schools, hospitals and businesses in the form of Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) giving them the tools needed to recognize someone in crisis and refer to the appropriate agency.

The Park County Coalition Against Substance Abuse supports the continued funding of PMO and the continuation of our prevention efforts.

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