



*W.A.S.P.*

March 7, 2023, 6:30 PM  
Next meeting: April 4, 2023, 6:30 PM

- Welcome & Introductions:
- Let's Play "Prevention Trivia"
- SADD Update: Justin Noel
- OMPP Update: Justin Noel
- **Officers & Elections:** Denise Williams:
  - Capacity before implementation.
  - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
  - Nominations & Elections:
    - Goal to start: 02/2/2023
    - Goal to implementation: 04/4/23
    - Start Date: FY24 through the end of FY26 (2-year position)
- **FY23 Strategies & Implementation:** Katie Wargo
  - Capacity Building: 12 Sectors
  - Safe County Alliance
  - Responsible Beverage Service Training/ Narcan
  - Needs Assessment
    - Youth & Adult Listening Sessions
- **Sound of Silence:** Denise Wiliams
  - Starting back in schools 2/1/23: Check Schedule Genius for upcoming sign-ups, Scan QR Code



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- Stakeholder Updates:

## WASP Meeting—3.7.23

### INTRODUCTIONS

- The following people attended the meeting: Mindi, Katie Wargo, Denise Williams, Emily Shaw, Loise T., Brian, Debbie Tall

### MEETINGS

- Meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.
- People will be able to attend virtually as well.
- Meeting places need to be determined. Western District Police Station prefers not to have community meetings.

### BRIEF TRIVIA GAME

- There are 182,525 residents living in the Western District counting babies to the elderly.
- There were 1,545 alcohol-related deaths, relating to car accidents, in our county from 2015-2020.
- There were 707 fatal overdoses in our county during 2022. The most frequent overdose is from a fentanyl mix.
- Naloxone is the main medication to give someone fighting an overdose.
- There are about 25,000 students in grades K-12 in West County out of 80,000 students enrolled county-wide.
- Discussed the Good Samaritan Law which protects anyone acting in good faith trying to assist or save someone's life.
- An issue was raised about immigrants, who are not American citizens, being protected if they act in good faith by calling for assistance for someone who overdoses. Some people said that some police officers ask for IDs of people and their names if they call to get assistance for someone. This has caused some people to be leery of calling for help.

### MISSION STATEMENT

- WASP aims to prevent alcohol and other drug use among youth and promote safe and healthy behaviors.

### VISION

- Establish a safe and informed community without underage drinking or misuse of alcohol and other drugs.

### SADD Mini-Grant

- Youth-serving organizations with peer-to-peer education.
- Hear from peers and listen.
- Train youth regarding drugs and vaping.
- Teenagers can create their own presentation and present it to 10 peers to earn a possible \$499 stipend.
- There are 11 active SADD chapters where students do all the work to keep them running.

- Northeast Middle School and Northeast High School chapter members went to 2 to 3 elementary schools in their district with pig lungs and discussed the dangers of tobacco.

#### OMPP (Opioid Misuse Prevention Program) Update

- 101 sessions were held with pharmacists where they discussed not overprescribing or under prescribing.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> will bring a new full-time OMPP supervisor.

#### WASP OFFICERS NEEDED

- Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- Positions will run for 2 years from July 1, 2023—June 30, 2025.
- Voting will be held in May.
- Each position should only require about 4 hours per month.

#### CAPACITY BUILDING

- Presentations at PTA Chapters – send emails regarding our mission, contact information, and a flyer.
- Work with local Chambers of Commerce, libraries, and schools.
- National Nite Out is in August.
- There are 12 sectors in our 4 coalitions.
- Information and rack cards will be available.
- Old Mill MS will be met with in March.
- Crofton MS will be met with in April.
- Meade HS will be met with in May.
- Arundel HS will be met with in the Fall.
- WASP will have Sounds of Silence in all of its middle schools.
- Update the prevention website and include all notes.
- Hoops for Hope will be held at AACC on March 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be resource tables and a table on prevention.
- Kickball game will be held in July.
- “Alice in Soberland” will be shown facing addiction.
- Mental Health Awareness Month will be held in May.  
What is addiction and sobriety?  
Be green; be seen.  
Mental health pictures.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> is the “My Life” Mental Health Fair being held in Linthicum. A contest is being held from February 6<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup> with participants in the My Life Program. My Life is similar to the Strengthening Families Program.