

State Suicide Prevention Council

Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2009

Those attending: Paul Deignan (DOS), Elizabeth Fenner-Lukaitis (DHHS), Elaine Frank, Molly Gosline (DOE), Alicia L'Esperance (DHHS), Dr Jim MacKay (Mental Health Council), Rep Alida Milham*, Ken Norton (NAMI), Father Angelo Pappas, Sebrina Posey (Manchester VA), Maggie Pritchard (Genesis Behavioral Health), Nancy Rollins (DHHS), Rep Trinka Russell, Rhonda Siegel (DHHS), Mike Skibbie (DRC), Rep Roger Wells

* to be attended to email notification list

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Elaine Frank and Dr Jim MacKay welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. Dr MacKay briefly described how planning for the September 14 event was progressing.

Mission Statement:

There was group consensus that the following statement be accepted as the SPC Mission Statement:

*The mission of the State Suicide Prevention Council (SPC) is to reduce the incidence of suicide in New Hampshire by accomplishing the goals of the State Suicide Prevention Plan: * Raise public and professional awareness of suicide prevention; * Address the mental health and substance abuse needs of all residents; * Address the needs of those affected by suicide; and * Promote policy change.*

Thank to Alicia L'Esperance for initiating the survey that identified this as the most common choice.

SPC Recognition Event 9/14:

Invitation The group reviewed the Invitation and made a number of changes which will be shared with Kathleen Demarais, DHHS. The name of the event has been changed to: **A Recognition and Call to Action.** The revised invitation along with attachments (State Plan Executive Summary and DRAFT subcommittee sections) will be sent out to:

Council Members

Subcommittee Members

All MOU signers

Invited Guests (Governor Lynch, Commissioner Toumpas, Adjutant General

William Reddel, NH National Guard

Members of the House and Senate Health and Human Services Committees

Members of the legislature's Mental Health Caucus

Committee chairs are urged to send the invitation and attachments to 8 – 10 additional people who they feel could contribute to a discussion of their section.

Those attending the event will be asked to “sign up” for one of the sub-committee work groups. This will help to determine room size, etc

Citation List

It was determined that the Citation List should include organizational affiliations and email addresses. Please look at the enclosed list in process and make any additions that you can. Return to Jo Moncher.

Press Conference

The “talking points” for each of the speakers for the Press Event were reviewed with suggestions and clarifications made. Dr MacKay will follow up on this.

It was suggested that a “Press Packet” be developed to include:

- ◆ SPC Accomplishments
- ◆ The Executive Summary and subcommittee sections of the State Plan
- ◆ The SPRC NH Fact Sheet and a link to the Annual Report on the NAMI website.
- ◆ The SPRC piece on Suicide and the Economy
- ◆ Media at a Glance
- ◆ The Citation List described above
- ◆ Upcoming events – VA Expo, the Suicide Prevention Conference

State Plan Sections

Each subcommittee reported briefly on where they are at with their section. While they are at varying stages (as are the subcommittees themselves) all are on track.

A more detailed State Plan group meeting was held directly after the full Council meeting. This group developed a plan for the Call to Action segment of the event which will be shared with the Leadership Group prior to the Conference Call on August 31.

SPC data 6/8/09-8/7/09:

suicides finalized since last mtg: 2

5/09: 48 M poisoning

6/09: 60 M OD

finalized suicides between 6/8/09-8/7/09: 31

23 males (19-82), 8 females (26-66)

13 GSWs: 10 males (19-82), 3 females (26-62)

13 Hanged: 10 males (19-56), 3 females (32-34)

2 OD: 49 male, 66 female

1 CO: 50 male

1 Poisoning: 54 male

1 Laceration: 48 female

Next Meetings

A Leadership Conference Call was set up for Monday, August 31 at 1:00pm to go over final plans for September 14.

Full Council to meet on Monday, October 12 from 1:00 to 3:00.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer and see you on SEPTEMBER 14!