

**Juneau Community Suicide Prevention Task Force
Minutes for 1-20-11
JDHS Library**

Present: Michelle Sobel (V.A. Clinic), Mary Tonsmeire (Teen Health Center), Rosemary Hagevig (CCS), Ronalda Cadiente Brown (JSD), Eric Morrison (SSPC), Kevin Ritchie (volunteer), Jenny Alsup (NAMI), Pam Watts (JAMHI), Bill Dillon (self), Sam Trivette (self), Ann Lockhart (Love INC), Cleta Elefritz (Love INC), Gayle Trivette (self, NAMI Board).

Community Crisis Response and Postvention Coordination – Pam reported on activities from the meeting on 1/7. The working group met to continue to complete the plan begun with consultant Elaine DeMello from NAMI-N.H. The group agreed that the community response will vary according to the situation and needs of the survivors of a suicide. Members provided contact information and agreed to meet as a group within 24 hours of a reported suicide to share information and determine the appropriate response. The Public Awareness Committee will be tasked with designing a brochure containing information about grief and mental health resources to be distributed to the mortuary, churches, helping agencies and a broad list of people who may be in contact with suicide survivors. Eric noted that he and James Gallanos are working on a postvention resource packet that will be available statewide later this year. Next meeting is Monday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. at the VTRC in Salmon Creek.

Juneau School District – Brendan was unable to attend. Ronalda gave his report (see attached).

Training and Public Awareness Committee – Jenny reported this committee met yesterday and did a pilot run through of the suicide intervention education program based on the lecture by Dr. Bob Baugher. She provided samples of the facilitator script, pre and post class questionnaire and evaluation form. (they will be attached) The Youth Action Committee of the Juneau Community Foundation will be our first audience because they awarded the grant that paid for the purchase of DVDs of Dr. Baugher's lecture. The committee suggests the training be offered once a month at a regular time and place (United Way Conference Room) with facilitators taking turns. A central registration method needs to be developed. Eric offered to advertise it on the State website with an e-mail address to be contacted for registration. That e-mail address will need to be determined.

Veterans – Michelle reported she is starting an 8 week PTSD support group with a video link to Karen Doss in Anchorage. 12 veterans have signed up so far. A new transitional primary care physician will arrive at the clinic next week with a permanent doctor scheduled to arrive some time in March. Working with the representative from CHARR, Michelle has arranged to have suicide prevention help phone numbers posted in local bars. She is also working with the Homeless Coalition on veteran issues.

Statewide Suicide Prevention Council – Eric reported the SSPC will meet in Juneau 1/31 at the Juneau Police Dept. Conference Room. This Task Force has been asked to make a 20 minute presentation between 2 – 3 p.m. on Monday, 1/31, about what we have done so far. There will also be presentations by the Southeast Suicide Prevention Task Force and the Juneau Native Youth Prevention Coalition during that time. Walter is designated to represent us but will need help from others. Jenny will be available to describe the Dr. Baugher based suicide intervention education program. We should have a handout prepared to accompany our presentation. There will be a public comment time from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. on 1/31. At 11 a.m. Executive Director Kate Burkhart will describe the requirements for applying for another suicide prevention grant. Eric will e-mail the meeting agenda to us. When the grant application requirements are known, a group of Task Force members (Rosemary, Kevin, Pam, Walter, Ronalda or someone else from JSD, and any others who are interested) will meet to discuss applying.

Southeast Suicide Prevention Task Force – no one was available to report.

Juneau Native Youth Prevention Coalition – Kevin reported they will have a strategic planning meeting after the SSPC meets to develop a plan for rural and native communities.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 2/17 4:00 – 5:00p.m.

JAMHI Conference Room

Submitted by Gayle Trivette