

**Juneau Community Suicide Prevention Task Force
Minutes for 11-18-10
JAMHI Conference Room**

Present: Colleen McKenzie (JYS), Lindsey Bray (JYS), Eric Morrison (SSPC), Katie Cranor (SEARHC), Jeri Museth (CCTHITA), Pam Watts (JAMHI), Bill Dillon (self), Brenda Hewitt (United Way), Ginny Hayes (BRH), Brendan Kiernan (JSD), Lee Burgess (JAMHI), Jenny Alsup (NAMI-J), Doug Harris (JAMHI), Ronalda Cadiente Brown (JSD), Aluki Brower (SEARHC), Gayle Trivette (self, NAMI-J Board).

Future Direction of the Task Force: Brendan will step down as Task Force Chair effective this meeting to concentrate his efforts on making school district suicide prevention programs sustainable when he leaves at the end of the coming school year. Pam Watts of JAMHI and Walter Majoros of JYS have agreed to co-chair the Task Force. Ronalda Cadiente Brown will continue to represent the school district on suicide prevention matters. Brendan will continue to attend meetings as time permits. More details on the direction of the Task Force will be discussed at the December meeting.

Sustainability Efforts: Brendan is working with school district administrators to perpetuate the SOS program in the district.

Resources developed by the Task Force will need to be sustained. Brendan has funds from the grant to purchase another printing of the brochures for distribution through the school and in the community by SAGA. There are many copies on hand of the information leaflets that were inserted in the Juneau Empire. Maintenance and updating of the two websites will need further discussion and a decision made. Grant funds should be available to update the sites before 6-30-11. They need to be advertised more in the community. CBJ may be approached for funding to maintain the sites.

Community Crisis Response and Postvention Coordination: an all day workshop with NAMI-N.H. trainer, Elaine Demello, on 11-17 was well attended. JYS and JAMHI provided food. The beginning of a plan was formed and is reflected in documents developed during the training. They were e-mailed to Task Force members by Drew from JYS. The related Action Committee will need to meet to continue the process when Tom Mattice from CBJ Emergency Programs can attend.

Juneau School District: SOS has been completed at JDHS and TMHS. YDAHS will be done 1-5-11 following a different format. The lesson will be adjusted for the older students at YDAHS and will be presented to all students at an assembly. Students will use the screening form to do a self screen. Representatives of mental health agencies have staff in the school building relationships with students in order for them to be comfortable with referring themselves for help as needed.

Brendan has met with JDHS Principal Ryan Alsup and Assist. Principal Dale Staley to make plans for teaching all staff how to present a lesson that reinforces the SOS message and addresses bullying and other topics to grade 10 - 12 students in their advisory period. The intent is that all staff and students will receive the education. The same will be done at Thunder Mountain H.S.

Veterans: Geri reported the committee hasn't met since before the VA Clinic opened last month. She will invite their clinician, Michelle Sobel, to attend their next meeting.

Training and Public Awareness: Gayle reported the joint committee met Monday to continue work on a suicide intervention education program using the Dr. Bob Baugher lecture on DVD. A script for use by facilitators is being developed, as well as a list of possible facilitators from the ranks of those already trained in Gatekeepers. Brenda and Gayle made a presentation to the Youth Action Committee of the Juneau Community Foundation explaining our grant request for purchasing 100 of the DVDs to be used in the program. The committee will meet again on 12-15.

Next Meeting will be Thursday, December 16 at the JYS Conference Room from 4 – 5 p.m.

Submitted by Gayle Trivette