

**Juneau Community Suicide Prevention Task Force  
Minutes for 12-16-10  
JYS Board Room**

**Present:** Chair Walter Majoros (JYS), Eric Morrison (SSPC), Sam Trivette (self), Tom Mattice (CBJ Emergency Programs), Doug Harris (JAMHI), Jenny Alsup (NAMI), Rebecca Herington (SEARHC), Ginny Hayes (BRH), Kris Sell (JPD), Ronalda Cadiente (JSD), Brendan Kiernan (JSD), Bill Dillon, (self), Jeri Museth (CCTHITA), Gayle Trivette (NAMI-J Board/self), via telephone – Michelle Sobel (VA Clinic).

Co-chair Walter Majoros led the group in thanking outgoing chair, Brendan Kiernan for his leadership and commitment in forming and leading the JCSPTF in so many accomplishments during the past 2+ years.

**Community Crisis Response and Postvention Coordination:** Elaine DeMello of NAMI-N.H. facilitated the beginning of the process to establish a Community Crisis Response and Postvention Plan during an all day workshop on 11-17-10 and will be sending a summary report soon. Tom Mattice from CBJ Emergency Programs agreed to help lead the continuation of developing the plan. Pam Watts and Walter Majoros will co-chair the subcommittee. The following individuals were tasked with examining the role of their agency in a community wide plan and prepare to report at a meeting in January. Walter will set the meeting date using the Doodle program. Ronalda Cadiente and Brendan Kiernan (Juneau School District), Kris Sell (Juneau Police Dept.), Pam Watts and Doug Harris (JAMHI), Walter Majoros and Drew Spence (JYS), Ginny Hayes (BRH), Rebecca Herington (SEARHC), Jeri Museth (CCTHITA), Michelle Sobel in collaboration with Karen Dobbs from Anchorage (VA Clinic), Tom Mattice (CBJ), Eric Morrison (SSPC). The following entities will be included later in the process: LOVE INC. for clergy, Eric Morrison will act as liaison to the press, and the mortuary will be asked to send a representative. James Gallanos and Eric Morrison are developing a statewide postvention resource guide. (Note: the meeting was set for 1-7-11)

**Juneau School District:** Brendan reported the implementation of SOS at Yaakoosge was postponed due the sudden death of their math teacher, James Bennett. JYS counselor, Kim Haskell, is working with students.

\* JDHS – not all teachers are comfortable teaching the SOS “booster” lesson in their advisory classes to sophomores – seniors. Brendan will do a large group presentation for that group on 1-14-11 and include both SOS information and other teen related issues. Students will be given a pre and post test and brochures will be distributed. Thunder Mountain will get the same program later.

**Training:** Jenny reported on the continuing work of the Training/Public Awareness Committee in developing a suicide intervention education program using the video lecture by Dr. Bob Baugher. The Youth Action Committee of the Juneau Community Foundation awarded a grant of \$1650 through United Way for purchase of the lecture videos. Members of the YAC would like to be a pilot audience for the program and some would like to be trained to facilitate. The goal is to begin piloting in February or March

and to develop presentations that are 2 hours, 1 hour and 15 minutes in length for different audiences. The committee is exploring making CEUs available for the program.

**Public Awareness:** Will continue to be linked with the Training committee. Additional responsibilities include working with Brendan on sustainability of materials already developed. Grant funds are available to update the websites. There was discussion of using Survey Monkey to update information starting in March. Brendan still has many brochures on hand and there are funds available to print more. He said websites need to be advertised more. This will be discussed at the next T/PA meeting on 1-19-11.

\*Gayle offered to arrange a month of on screen movie advertising like we did last year that included both websites and the Careline phone number.

\* It was reported that the Careline will be adding texting to their services using a different number starting in February.

**Veterans:** VA Clinic clinician Michelle Sobel reported via phone that she is doing 3-4 empanelling intakes per week. A psychiatrist has not been hired for Juneau yet. Clients with complex needs are being sent to Anchorage. The interim primary care physician is leaving 1-31-11 and will be replaced in February. She is working on developing support groups for topics including PTSD management, vets sobriety, and multipurpose groups. She's exploring getting veteran support information posted in bars and liquor stores. Eric reported he's working successfully with CHARR for getting help information posted in bars.

**Juneau Native Youth Prevention Coalition:** Jeri reported this group will be doing strategic planning at the end of January.

**Southeast Suicide Prevention Task Force:** They have developed and are distributing a wide array of advertising materials. Aluki Brower is leaving her post there to return to school. Rebecca Herington has begun working for SEARHC at Yaakoosge and Dzantk'i Heeni.

**Statewide Suicide Prevention Council** will be meeting in Juneau 1-31-11 and will be taking public comment in the afternoon. Eric has asked Jeri Museth and Wilbur Brown to present and requested that someone from our task force also speak for about 20 minutes between 2-3 p.m. The location may be in the State Office Building but will be announced later. Kris offered to check availability of the large conference room at the police station.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 1-20-11, 4-5 p.m. JAMHI Conference Room**