

Suicide Prevention Task Force 2/3/2020

St. Andrews Church

7:30 - 8:30 am

Present:

Melissa Harrison

Jackie Downie

John Kelly

Matt Daniels

Aaron Preece

Randy Belton

Meeting Notes:

Melinda/Jackie to follow up with the QPR training at Skyline Academy
60 people went through the QPR training in Big Piney (school district) but Bill was not present to report due to today's weather and bad roads.
Jenn Wilkinson has trained all Pinedale High School 10th graders in QPR.

Randy following up with VFW about training more of the bartenders on the QPR protocol. VFW wants to include bartenders/servers from other Pinedale bars.
Matthew also has 12 kids from the Emmanuel Baptist church lined up for the QPR training, no set date yet.

Friends of one of last year's suicide deaths have approached Bill and asked for help as the first year anniversary of her suicide approaches

Mardy is starting a suicide survivors support group in Big Piney. She was not present this morning to report due to bad roads. She expects to start within the next month and is reaching out to survivors for a good date and time that all can attend. This group is the most appropriate way to attend to the friends who approached Bill and we are working on contacting all involved.

Governor has requested \$400,000 from the legislature to fund an in- state call center for the Suicide Prevention call line. Since Wyoming does not have it's own in state call center, all Wyoming calls go to back up call centers in Nebraska, Maryland, etc, and sometimes it takes up to 2 minutes for someone to pick up the call. Stats and numbers for Wyoming calls in handouts. It is recommended that we ask our state Reps (who are supportive of this funding) to talk to other legislators.

Peer specialists – Can we expand the training to others in an abbreviated version (6 hours) as a support to coalition members who are teaching QPR and may facilitate survivors of suicide loss groups? John will continue to explore Peer Specialist opportunities. Peer advocacy can look like support to any cause coalition members feel strongly about and want to support. Potential for work with VA, sober community, local businesses, support groups, and homeless populations. This additional training would create greater depth in the coalition.

VA chaplains training – date not set, but 2 modules coming shortly.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (known as ASIST) for coalition members tentatively scheduled for either May 7 and 8 or 14 and 15th. WDH will come to Pinedale to train. Wednesday's should be avoided if possible. Mental Health Licensing Board of Wyoming now requires all LPC and LCSW renewal applications submitted starting January 1, 2020 to include CEUs in Suicide Assessment or Intervention. Hence, a greater need for the ASIST training and likely we can get higher numbers for that training in this area (and possibly draw from Jackson and Star Valley).

Next meeting: March 2, 2020.