

MINUTES - Suicide Prevention Task Force - 6/3/19
7:30 - 8:30am St. Andrews Church

Present:

John Kelly, Veteran
Melinda Bobo, St. Andrews
Aaron Preece, High Country Behavioral Health
Matthew Daniels, Pinedale Computer
Randy Belton, St. Andrews
Bill Lehr, Big Piney High School, retired
Jackie Downie, LCSW, Private Practice
Holly Dabb, Sublette Examiner and Pinedale Roundup
Trisha Scott, Public Health

7:30 - 8:30: Holly Dabb, Editor of the Pinedale Roundup and the Sublette Examiner was present at meeting to interview task force about issues related to ethical and factual reporting on suicide. Holly reported that it is challenging to report facts while being sensitive to individual and family privacy. Reported she feels an obligation to accurate reporting of suicides because the papers and obituaries are relied upon by citizens to give accurate information when social media has no standard for accuracy, and is not held accountable for promoting misinformation about suicide. Holly also spoke about how newspapers and obituaries are historical documents and when newspapers stopped writing obituaries and started selling the spot for family-written obituaries, there is no journalistic standard for accurate reporting, and cause of death is left out. Task force members reported they felt the Roundup's reporting of the suicide attempt struck the right balance between fact based reporting and sensitivity to the individual. Discussion then ensued about other potential articles and resources written quarterly in the paper about special interest stories related to suicidal ideation, mental health, and emphasis on wellness options.

8:30 - 8:45: Parade details: **July 4 in Big Piney, July 13 Rendezvous, Pinedale.** Big Piney parade is a 1 mile walk. Task Force members agreed on the following for a coalition parade presence: 1 truck with a banner, and people walking along the truck to hand out cards with suicide prevention hotline #s and local resources on one side, and healthy mental health behaviors, or the 8 dimensions of wellness, on the other side, with (maybe) candy taped to the card, also will hand out water bottles. Trisha will follow up with Amy at Belveal's and Office Outlet on price and time frame for banner. Discussion on the banner brought up the topic of shifting focus of coalition from prevention to wellness. Task Force members recommended further discussion with full coalition at future coalition meetings.

8:45 - 9:00 - Brief discussion of upcoming QPR training, and future training options for social emotional developmentally appropriate curriculum for school - Bozeman Trail, Sources of Strength, the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) training for teachers and community were mentioned and recommended for next task force discussion.

9:00 - Adjourn formal meeting