

MINUTES: 11/2/2020 SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

7:30 - 8:30 AM

Online over Zoom and in person at Public Health

Co-Chairs: Aaron Preece and Matthew Daniels

Present:

Aaron Preece, High Country Behavioral Health

Jackie Downie, LCSW, private practice

Bill Lehr, Big Piney Community member

Matthew Daniels, Business and Church member

Mardy Sleight, Big Piney community member

Melinda Bobo, SPC Chair, Priest-Rector St. Andrew's Church

Trisha Scott, SPC Coordinator

Meeting notes:

- Melinda is teaching QPR at the SAFV volunteer training December 1, 6:30 pm. If Randy cannot co - teach that night Melinda will reach out to the team for another instructor to teach with. Will need all tech equipment at SAFV by 4 pm to set up.
- Mental Health First Aid training word of mouth outreach: Trisha will send personal invites to Skyline Academy, Joan Mitchell, Mike Petty, Mike Straw and Pat Burroughs of CISM leadership.
- International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day: Mardy is doing promotion in Big Piney and will include Waterhole servers. Jackie is contacting Carmen Hittle. We have 5 survivors signed up to attend as of today. Team members signed up to attend: Mardy, Bill, Matthew, Trisha, Melinda. Trisha is calling Turquoise Buffalo for food service. Please do your part to share social media promotion from the Public Health facebook page.
- Team agreed to use grant funds to promote CISM. Trisha will work with Pat Burroughs and Mike Straw and Deanne to create the flyer.
- CARES ACT funds discussion: Trisha will email Sam Bixler to thank him for contacting us about details for a prevention endowment with CARES act funds. Since the funds have to be spent on a product by December 2020, the team advocated for funds for remote tele-health support which would increase access to mental health and medical services and substance abuse treatment; safety net funding such as supporting Food Basket and Food Pantry. Cassie Crumpton is gathering details for tele-health "pods" in Bondurant and the Upper Green and the Pinedale library. Melinda suggested that if the hospital funding passes, the CARES act could fund covid specific HVAC systems for the new hospital.
- Economic stability protects communities against suicide: Team members are interested in learning more about Marbleton economic development projects. Trisha will reach out to Shannon at the Town of Marbleton to learn more about the project and ask how and where the coalition might partner with them on our common goal of economic development that lasts beyond boom and bust. Re-education and training are positive protective factors for suicide prevention and protect families and individuals from economic ups and downs. "Rainy day" savings for surviving boom and bust were discussed. Melinda made the connection between bank de-regulation and how bank de-regulation made savings accounts irrelevant to the consumer when interest rates on

savings accounts went from 5% to less than 1%. Interesting how these things are all connected!

Adjourn formal meeting 8:30 am.