

MINUTES: Suicide Prevention Task Force 11/4/2019
St. Andrew's Church
7:30 - 8:30 am

Present:

Matthew Daniels
Aaron Preece
Jackie Downie
Bill Lehr
Melinda Bobo
John Kelly
Mardy Sleight

Madison Mitchell
McKenzie Staley
Melissa Harrison
Carolyn Normington
Eric Makelky
Trisha Scott

Meeting Notes:

Matthew: QPR update: 40+ Gatekeepers trained in September and October, at the UCC Church, Food Basket, Southwest Pioneers, and Church of the Resurrection. Trisha will keep a waitlist of people interested in the next 8 hour training. Matthew and Aaron will reach out to youth groups to promote Gatekeeper training and report requests for training at 12/2 SPTF meeting. Melissa and Trisha will do outreach with Mr. Shaw, Skyline principal, and request to train students and staff. Jackie requested to co-teach Skyline trainings. **Tech update:** Matthew will research and advise Public Health on tech purchases to achieve goal of going to the community where the community is, with adequate equipment: projector, wireless remote, screen, and protective transport cases. John motioned to vote to approve purchases, seconded by Aaron: **Vote to approve tech purchases for QPR: Yes: Unanimous, No: 0.**

McKenzie: Instagram account: Instagram account has been approved by WY Dept of Health with Trisha responsible for approving all posts as "research and evidence based". Will develop 4 posts before going live, the goal of using Instagram is to reach younger audience with positive mental health messages and fact not fear based messages on tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.

Trisha: Hand out information for members to take home and read about Sources of Strength, suicide prevention curriculum. Advise that recommendations on curriculum for schools are a "slow grow", and must meet the time frame of school admin and faculty readiness.

Aaron and Mardy: Title 25 review and discussion: Aaron handed out info from the WY Dept of Health Behavioral Health Division on the Emergency Detention Process - also known as Title 25 - that is activated when a person is assessed as a harm to self or others. **Strengths:** Title 25 protects a vulnerable person from suicide. **Weaknesses:** instead of one "gatekeeper" in the county who signs off on all Title 25 processes, there are 30, made up of counselors, deputies, and clinic providers. Mardy reported witnessing recent incident with a friend who is a veteran who would not confess that he was suicidal to deputies because he knew he would be "cuffed and detained". Mardy's comments led to other members discussing their experience with friends going through the Title 25 process and reporting that "being cuffed" can feel like they are treated like criminals for having a mental health emergency, members reported this can be a deterrent to people getting the help they need when in crisis. Transport was discussed as a critical and problematic step in the process. Aaron and others suggested that the best case scenario is that all Title 25 processes happen through the medical clinics. John proposed the question: "Are there procedures and options that the task force can advocate for in the Title 25 process" that will make the process easier for all involved, not just the detainee, but also LE, schools, clinic providers, and the judges and county attorneys involved.

Melinda informed on her experience as a chaplain with the WHP ride along program, both strengths and weaknesses.

All members agreed they would like to have an interim meeting between now and Dec 2nd dedicated to learning more about the Title 25 process. Trisha will reach out to Hillary Tollison and the SO, and Emily Ray at SCRHCD to request a representative from SCSO and the clinic attend. Meeting proposed for Monday Nov 18 at 8 am at St. Andrew's church.

Melissa: Plans for International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, November 23 proceeding. Event will be 11 - 1 at the Pinedale library. Event promoted to "bring hope and healing to survivors of loss by suicide".

Upcoming QPR trainings:

November 19: Pinedale Medical Clinic. Trainers: Michelle Overgaag and Melinda Bobo.

November 19: Marbleton Medical Clinic. Trainers: Mardy Sleight and Bill Lehr.

8:45: Formal meeting adjourned.