

MINUTES: SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE 1/6/2020

7:30 - 8:30 am

St. Andrews Church

Present:

Jackie Downie, LCSW private practice

Melinda Bobo, St. Andrew's Church

Bill Lehr, Big Piney counselor, retired

John Kelly, Veteran

Randy Belton, St Andrew's Church, Veteran

Melissa Harrison, Veteran

Trisha Scott, Public Health

Meeting Notes:

Training priorities: The suicide response team and the suicide prevention task force combined on January 6 to discuss training priorities for the next year. Members discussed Connect Postvention and were not in favor of it. Members agreed on these priorities:

1. Peer Specialist training for coalition members with lived experience. .
2. ASIST - applied suicide intervention skills training, the next level of training after QPR.
3. VA Community training.

Trisha will reach out to the Dept of Health about funding.

QPR progress report:

29 Gatekeepers trained in December: 20 students and staff at Skyline Academy - thank you to Jackie Downie and Melinda Bobo for instructing , thank you to Mr. Shaw for bringing the training to high school students, our first! Skyline requested follow up to keep the discussion going and help students practice asking the suicide question. 9 servers and bartenders at Waterhole # 3 bar in Marbleton were trained and certified on January 3rd, thank you to Bill Lehr and Mardy Sleight for showing up at the bar at 8 am on a cold morning to teach. It was a super fun group with lots of good interaction. Please see our Instagram account for a photo of the bartenders holding their certificates.

60 Big Piney and La Barge educators trained January 13. Thank you to Bill Lehr and Mardy Sleight for doing our biggest training yet. Thank You to Superintendent Garvey for holding the training.

24/7 Get Help Now cards and refrigerator magnets designed, printed and given to the Sheriff for deputies to distribute on all mental health crisis calls. We will also hand these out at all QPR trainings. Thank you to Deanne, who did awesome design work on the card and magnet.

Melissa Harrison is looking into what an **Out of the Darkness all night walk/event** would look like for us for June 20-21. This is a national event. Thank you, Melissa.

Film and discussion night for February/March discussed.

Next meeting February 3.