

MINUTES: 10/4/21 SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

7:30 - 8:30 am

Zoom

Co-Chairs: Aaron Preece and Matthew Daniels

Present:

Aaron Preece, Counselor, High Country Behavioral Health

Mardy Sleight, Business Owner and Church member

Randy Belton, Veterans Organizations, Business, St. Andrew's Church

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

Trisha Scott, Coalition Coordinator

Meeting notes:

Follow up on BPHS QPR: Trisha emailed Mr. Makelky, health educator Mr. Wilford, and Bill and Mardy about scheduling classes for BP students. Waiting to hear back.

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month 2021 by the numbers:

- 45 people attended the Big Piney Candlelight Walk for Suicide Prevention month on 9/8..
- 60 people attended the Pinedale walk on 9/22.
- 190 attended the Supaman performance on 9/22
- 300 students attended and engaged in the Supaman performance at Sub9 on 9/22
- 600 students attended and engaged in the Supaman performance at Sub1 on 9/22.
- 1200 total residents were reached

Suggestions for improvement for Suicide Prevention Month 2022:

- Ask for those who have taken QPR to share what they learned after the walk, to promote future QPR classes.
- Invite sports teams
- If we have a performer next year, be sure to talk about QPR before the performance
- Continue to advocate for teaching all school support staff
- Get with homecoming schedulers to see if we can become a part of the homecoming schedule rather than compete with it

Suicide Review Team:

- The team reviewed the article about the Laramie Suicide Review Team, formed to identify gaps in prevention services. Aaron remembers being part of a suicide review team in Sublette in 2014 or 2015 that reviewed 20 years of suicide data. If we are interested in replicating that here Angie Murphy and Ranae Pape may have information to use.

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day, Nov 20.

- Since we did not get to have this event in Marbleton-Big Piney (due to covid) in 2020 we will try again this year. Mardy and Trisha are signed up as organizers. There will be time to gather and visit, a short AFSP documentary to watch, followed by conversation.

The event recommends that a counselor be at the event. Trisha can be there if no other counselors can attend.

MH funds spent to date:

- Randy estimated that \$7500.00 of the contribution from the Boulder Roll has been spent so far, most of that is for counseling services for youth and families, about a third of that went to sponsoring Supaman.

MH support for EMS:

- Randy reached out to Sue Briggs with concern and information for EMS about MH services as this is EMS's third straight record month for transports and deaths. Trisha will follow up with Sue with the MH fund flyers. The team asked that we brainstorm ways with Sue to help them do "buddy checks" with each other. Trisha will look into a peer support active listening training to share with Sue.

Next meeting November 1.