Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition (NSSPC)

Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2014, 1:00 pm CST
Bryan West Hospital
Co-Chairs: Dr. Belau and Dr. Miers

Attendees: Don Belau, Jennifer Fry, Kelli Hatzenbuehler, Terri Marti, Peg Ogea-Ginsburg, Pam Oltman, Kelli Ricky, Nikki Roseberry, Krystyn Schmidt, and Hayley Sutter

I. Approval of Minutes
Terri made a motion to approve the June 27, 2014 meeting minutes. Kelli H. seconded this motion; the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

II. Coalition Updates
a. Norfolk
Norfolk held a check granting ceremony to receive the grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield; Dave attended the ceremony on behalf of the NSSPC.

b. Other Coalitions
No update.

c. State Coalition
Seed grant applications have been received and reviewed; award letters will be sent out shortly. Six applications were received this funding cycle. The seed grants are available for any organization statewide that has identified needs that are related to suicide prevention including training and postvention. Funding for the seed grants is provided by the Kim Foundation. The NSSPC has a long history of seed grant activity and has welcomed seed grant opportunities for small groups and activities around the state that can be evaluated as to how they help people heal and cope. Awards are generally presented to non-government agencies to support grassroots activities. The NSSPC may sponsor another seed grant funding cycle in the winter.

III. Update from Outreach Coordinator – Jennifer Fry
The NSSPC website is being updated for suicide attempt survivors; resources are needed. The Governor’s Proclamation will be held on September 2, 2014 at 11:00 am at the Governor’s Office. The NSSPC is looking at planning events in September, including lunch and learns and collaborative efforts with other groups. The NSSPC is partnering with the Kim Foundation’s Don’t Be Sidelined Campaign for an additional year. The Nebraska Athletic Commission contacted the NSSPC as a potential sponsor and beneficiary of their upcoming September 5, 2014 event “DC Management Pro/AM MMA” at the Ramada CoCo Keys in Omaha, Nebraska. The event generally draws a crowd of 800-1500 people, the majority of which are 18-24 year old males. The Nebraska Athletic Commission requested the NSSPC provide a panel of survivors and LOSS Team members, host an informational booth during the event, and man a separate room that event attendees can go to talk to a LOSS Team member. If the NSSPC partners with the Nebraska Athletic Commission, they would donate $1 from each ticket sold to the NSSPC to be used for youth suicide prevention and awareness. Jennifer made a motion for the NSSPC and the LOSS team to support being the charity benefited at the September 5, 2014 MMA event held in Omaha, Nebraska at the Ramada CoCo Keys. Pam seconded this motion; the motion was unanimously supported. Jennifer will serve as the coordinator for the event, Kelli R., Kelli H., Pam, and Terri offered their support during the event.

IV. National Updates
Dave and Don participated in the SAMHSA review of the Nebraska State goals; SAMHSA is looking for feedback on whether the current national goals and strategies are appropriate and helpful. Nebraska is in
the process of reviewing their goals. Beginning in August, the NSSPC agenda will include reviewing and refining the Nebraska state suicide prevention goals. The Nebraska state plan will expire in December 2014.

V. LOSS Development Advisory Group
Kearney and North Platte are both interested in postvention. Kelli R. and Kelli H. are in the initial stages of planning a suicide prevention walk with the proceeds to benefit the LOSS Team.

VI. Awareness
a. Don’t Be Sidelined Campaign (Partnership with The Kim Foundation)
The NSSPC has renewed their partnership with the Kim Foundation’s Don’t Be Sidelined Campaign. Stories from the community regarding the Don’t Be Sidelined Campaign are starting to spread awareness including some people who heard the campaign and were touched during a vulnerable moment, ultimately saving their lives. The Kim Foundation has been reaching out and taking stock of their support.

VII. Member Activity Update
Ashley Hoden, a student at Columbus State, has been researching suicide and opiate use among military members. Her research may be of interest to some to the LOSS Team.

VIII. Training Updates
The Nebraska School Safety & Security Conference will be held in Broken Bow, Nebraska on August 7-8, 2014; the conference will include QPR training. An AMSR training is scheduled for August 6. Andres will be presenting a QPR training on August 4 at 10:00 am at Lincoln Lutheran. The Mental Health First Aid bill is being reviewed in all regions and should focus on schools, veterans, and other priority populations. A train-the-trainer training will be held in Omaha in September; the registration cost is between $1,800-$2,000 and is a 5-day, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. per day extensive training; it is unclear if scholarships are available.

IX. Next Loss Development Group Meeting
The next meeting will be held on August 22, 2014 in classroom 3. All meetings begin at 12:00 Noon at Bryan West Hospital.

X. Next Coalition Meeting
The next meeting will be held on August 22, 2014 in classroom 3. All meetings begin at 1:00 PM at Bryan West Hospital.