

Nebraska State Suicide Prevention Coalition (NSSPC)
Meeting Notes
October 19, 2012
Bryan Medical Center West

Attendees: Dave Miers (Chair); Mandy Bell; Sue Bell; Denise Bulling; Michele Philips

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Dave Miers called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. The minutes from the September 21, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus.

- II. Coalition Updates
 - a. The NSSPC will meet on November 16, 2012 and no meeting is scheduled in December. The January meeting will be held January 25, 2013.
 - b. Dave asked for discussion regarding how the NSSPC would like to manage taking and distributing notes for meetings now that the grant funded suicide outreach position is unfilled. Denise Bulling took notes at this meeting and Michele Philips volunteered to take notes and disseminate agendas until a decision is made about the future of the outreach position.

- III. LOSS Development Advisory Group
 - a. A walk (for fund-raising and awareness) is being planned for June 1, 2013 at Holmes Lake in Lincoln. A subcommittee has been formed to explore organizational issues related to the walk, including costs associated with liability insurance for the event.

- IV. Suicide Prevention/Postvention Coordinator Position
 - a. Brandi Gettert has taken a Family Assistance Coordinator position with the Nebraska National Guard. Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska is exploring funding options available to support the position in the future along with potentially offering additional small grants for suicide prevention / postvention activities. It is hoped that the position can assist with NSSPC coordination, LOSS team development and suicide prevention across the age span.

- V. Sustainment
 - a. The LOSS team recently received a \$2,500 grant from the Community Health Endowment. Other funding avenues are being explored to help support sustainment of team activities in the future.

- VI. Awareness
 - a. Volunteers are needed to assist with handing out materials as part of the "Don't be Sidelined" campaign on October 27, 2012 from 4 – 6:30 PM at the Pavilion before the UNL Football game. Contact Dave Miers to volunteer or for more information (dave.miers@bryanlgh.org)

- VII. Legislative Resolution 533
 - a. Dave and Don Belau attended a forum to discuss this resolution with Senator McGill. This resolution calls for a needs assessment to determine the number of children in schools with mental health problems, the existing barriers and opportunities for

receiving appropriate care and associated data. A public hearing is scheduled for this resolution on October 25 at 2:30 PM CST in room 1510 at the State Capitol before the legislature's health and human services committee.

VIII. Member Activity Updates

- a. Sue and Mandy Bell reported that they attended the ASSIST gatekeeper training recently.
- b. Dave Miers reported that the NSSPC handed out material to attendees of a seminar at Bryan Medical Center related to hoarding. One of the speakers is now working at the University of Omaha and has an interest in community needs assessment activities.
- c. Dave also noted that he appeared on the "Not Alone" radio program with Dr. Wengel from the University of Nebraska Medical Center to promote depression screening.
- d. Brandi Gettert recently gave a presentation on suicide to the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Association. She also arranged for another presenter to share this information to a similar group in western Nebraska in the near future.
- e. Denise Bulling reported that the final report is being constructed for Nebraska's Garrett Lee Smith Act Grant on youth suicide prevention. Grant activities have concluded and as much as possible is being shared with the coordinator of the new grantee through the Indian Center to ensure they are able to build on what has already been done.

IX. Other Discussion Items

- a. It was suggested that the NSSPC activity plan be revisited at the next meeting to evaluate progress toward goals and to consider the implication of the new national suicide prevention framework on future goals/activities for 2013-2014. An agenda item for the next meeting will be to review the NSSPC activity plan.

X. Next Meeting

- a. NSSPC Meeting Dates:
 - November 16, 2012 – 1:00 PM CST – Bryan Medical Center West
 - January 25, 2013 – 1:00 PM CST – Bryan Medical Center West
- b. LOSS Team Development Meeting Date:
 - November 16, 2012 – 12:00 PM CST – Bryan Medical Center West