

CAPE AND ISLANDS SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION

MEETING NOTES

September 10, 2009

Present:

Tim Lineaweaver, Community Health Center	Patrick Wendell, Wendell Marketing
Beth Albert – Barnstable County Human Services	Bill Doherty, County Commissioner
Kathie Callahan, Barnstable County Human Services	Jennifer Taylor, MSPCC
Maryanne Worth, Nantucket Human Services	Mark Abbott, Falmouth Human Services
Kate McHugh, BCA	Steve Ryan, Dept. of Children & Families
Sally-Anne Imes, Town of Barnstable Youth Services	Leslie Moreland, MSPCC
Scott Fitzmaurice, CIGSYA	Gail Wilson, Mashpee Human Services
Sue Rohrbach, Senator Rob O’Leary’s Aide	Jane Beatty, HPCCC, Moonlight Counseling
Jenny Garneau, Dept. of Mental Health, Nantucket	Kathleen Seymour -Barnstable County Human Services
Janice Matheson, Seniors Helping Seniors	Katherine Wernier, CC Coalition for At Risk Elders
Ann Beckert, Family Continuity	Belinda Centeio, BMC HealthNet Plan
Steve Brown, UMass Donahue, Youth Empowerment Initiative	Lynne Emmons-Boyd, Walden University, Mental Health Counseling
Chris Glines, Parent	Chrystal LaPine, Barnstable County Sheriff’s Office
Alison Brill, MDPH	Barry Pina, Hyannis Fire Dept.
Emily Bachand, Independence House	Carmen Espinoza, Falmouth Police Dept.
Steve Jochim, DMH	

Unable to attend: Paul Wild

Review Meeting notes from August meeting

Beth Albert motioned, seconded by Scott Fitzmaurice to approve minutes – unanimously approved as written

Update on Youth Project

Tim Lineaweaver reviewed the distinction between the Suicide Prevention Coalition & the Youth Project and reiterating that the Coalition covers the life span and the Youth Project is funded by DPH grant focused on youth issues. Maura Weir is the Project Mgr. of the Youth Project and is presently working on distributing/collecting an assessment tool on the Cape & Islands to collect data to help in the planning of the Youth Project. Deadline for returning the assessments is 9/15/09. He reinforced that the Youth Project is a 3 year grant with the first year being the planning process and years 2 & 3 moving forward with pre and post-vention projects on C&I. Tim noted that the Coalition as well as the Youth Project Mgr. are collaborating with DMH with respect to the recent local suicide completions.

Marketing Group Update

Beth Albert reported that the Marketing Committee has been meeting with Ben Caswell of Wendell Marketing for the past 3-4 months. There has been some great P.R. and news editorials re: the Coalition’s goals of raising awareness around suicide prevention. Beth also noted that there has been an anonymous donation of \$20,000 to be used for further marketing and P.R. goals. Ben has also received inquiries re: donations to the Coalition. Donations can be made to the CHNA who oversees the Coalition. Beverly Costa-Ciavola will tape a segment for Bill Doherty’s program – let Bill know topics to spotlight. Jenny Garneau noted there has been some great press on Nantucket as well.

Update on DMH/Barnstable

Steve Jochim noted there will be an event on September 24 & 25 (location TBD) with guest speaker Robert Macy on the subject of Post Traumatic Stress Management with regards to suicide issues. Capacity is 125 people with 20 seats each being allocated for Barnstable and Yarmouth school personnel. All Barnstable County school district personnel are welcome.

Steve reported that the DMH is forming an Executive Committee to manage suicide post-vention exercises. The initial focus will be the towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth with the program next being rolled out Cape-wide. The committee is formulating a plan to bolster the communities and support programs to accommodate the needs on the Cape. Steve Ryan reiterated the importance of collaborating efforts with the DMH and the Suicide Prevention Coalition. Steve J. noted that DMH will manage the clinical aspect while the community such as the Suicide Prevention Coalition, should be involved in the marketing, education and outreach aspects. Bill Doherty noted that efforts should not be centralized but also engage local and regional resources Cape-wide. He also noted that the Fire/EMT's & Police as first responders have standard protocols in place and the structure of the ICHS response model should be reviewed. Tim spoke with Barry Feldman re: 2 potential training resources for Fire, Police & schools. Steve J. urged focus on getting organized and learning what procedures need to be in place to meet the needs of the community. Jane Beatty also noted that HPCCC will be coordinating a team for Critical Incident Training.

Update on Coalition Steering Committee

Steve Ryan updated the group on the S/C. He reminded everyone that the S/C is newly elected and is in the process of electing officers and getting organized while trying to get a handle on all that is happening. He noted that the S/C is not a clinical group nor a post-vention group and that the Coalition is a group convened to work on raising public awareness and supporting community efforts. The S/C has a telephone conference scheduled for 9/28 to review the work of the Coalition and set the agenda for the October SPC meeting. Steve Brown reminded the S/C to look back at the strategic planning meeting notes for guidance in moving forward. Tim Lineaweaver added that the S/C will look at governance structure and creating by-laws for the Coalition as well.

Formation of Working Groups

Thus far the following groups have been discussed:

Marketing – Beth Albert, Chair. This group has already been meeting.

Event Planning – Beverly Costa-Ciavola, Chair

Youth Project – Maura Weir, Chair

Membership – Steve Ryan, Chair

Fundraising – No chair to date, members include Emily Bachand, Tim Lineaweaver and Maryanne Worth to work on initial start-up of this group

Elder Issues/Needs – Gail Wilson, Chair

Political Advocacy – Bill Doherty, Chair

Discussion on life-span issues and need for possible working group

Although Kate McHugh noted that the S/C should not spread themselves too thin, Beth Albert reminded S/C members of their responsibilities by accepting nomination & election to the S/C which included chairing or co-chairing a working group. Beth encouraged any Coalition members interested in chairing or joining a working group to email her at balbert@barnstablecounty.org. It was noted that there is a statewide structure in place on the subject of political advocacy and this should be reviewed.

Steve Ryan noted that the Coalition needs administrative support and Beth Albert reminded the group that the Dept. of Human Services has been providing needed administrative support since the Coalition's inception.

NOTE: International Suicide Prevention Day event immediately following this meeting at the Barnstable Tavern to include a panel discussion with mental health clinicians and individuals affected by suicide.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. Next meeting scheduled for October 8th, 11:15 AM at the Barnstable Superior Courthouse, Rms 11/12.