

Suicide Prevention Coalition Miami Darke Shelby

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General Meeting

1 November 2023 1-3PM

Tri-County Board Administration & Training Center

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 1:00 pm 11/1/23 by Terri Becker
2. Attendees: Roberta Mangen, Erica Lentz, Gregory Tucker, Megan Campbell, Sarah Richards, Wanda Ortiz Thayne, Chris Mackey, Jamie LeVeck, Janel Hodges, Leslie Gardner, Shannon Denniston, Jordan Frances, Amanda Green, Roxann Bickel, Amy Cane, Doug Metcalfe
3. Approval of Minutes completed. Motion for approval given by Chris, **Didn't catch who 2nd motion was.* Approved with suggested edit under item 11 correcting "completed" suicide to "died by" suicide to be more sensitive and language appropriate when referencing an individual who died by suicide.
4. Membership update: Up to 42 members. Suggestion given by Wanda to create a sustainability plan. Chris gave suggestions to list out what members are from what counties and identify members of sub-committees/coalitions. General discussion on promoting recruitment within the group, and goals expressed to recruit community members who are personally impacted. Erica and Janel suggested that we also think about pulling from high school seniors who are in ROTC/other like programs.
5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Chair: Vickie Martin & Vice Chair: Chris Mackey ---Motion to approve both chair and vice chair given by Jaime and 2nd motion given by Wanda. Motions approved.
6. Meeting Frequency for Full Coalition: Meet quarterly starting on the first Wednesday of February 2024 & Ongoing May, August & November 2024, 1pm at TCB.
7. Special Population Sub-Committees/task forces:
 - a. Suggestion given by Chris, Vice Chair, to establish a SharePoint or google shared document to share information between coalition members. Wanda gave clarification that Brad will be creating a member only page on the website in which anyone who is a member can log in and share information, so a SharePoint or Google shared doc would not be needed.

Chris and Wanda have both contacted individuals who have expressed interest in the Veterans and Youth task forces and get their meetings scheduled, these meetings should

happen on a monthly frequency or more (whatever that task force deems that is appropriate).

Wanda: Veterans task force has already met one time already on 10/26 at 1:30pm. 18 members signed up, 9 attended. Suicide stats were reviewed, a focus on priorities as recommended by CBI-SP discussed. Other Topics Discussed: recruitment, SMVF Youth, data on military families.

Chris: Only 5 of the listed 25 who expressed interest in the youth task force have let him know definitely if they would like to join the sub-committee. Wanda suggested sending meeting invitations to everyone, get started and not wait too much longer. Chris has a goal to get the first Youth Task force meeting scheduled by Thanksgiving.

b. Leadership discussion of Special Task Forces:

Jaime LeVeck Voiced wanting to start the first responders task force, and then when the task force gets up and running, Jaime expressed desire to appoint a different leader who she believes would be of better service to that group.

Jordan Francis will be the leader for the LGBTQ+ task force. Confirmed receipt of list of those interested.

Megan Campbell will be the leader of the Older Adults and Those with Life Limiting Illness (ALLI) group and will be reaching out to those who expressed interest.

8. Fiscal Agent: Terri described that there was a regional meeting with OHMAS that described a potential barrier in establishing a fiscal agent. Terri expressed the need to make sure coalition is certified. Terri stated instead of shopping for a fiscal agent we need to first ask the department if we need to become a certified coalition. Terri will have this resolved by the next full coalition meeting in February 2024.
9. Logo/website updates: Brad would like us to refer people to the website and asks that we promote coalition on our own agency websites. Janel suggested that Brad create some sort of official media post that would be consistent across the board when shared among the group agencies.
10. Open Forum:
 - a. Reminder: Use the information sharing form when you plan on presenting something at the meeting so that what you share can be accurately accounted for in the meetings.
 - b. Wanda gave suggestion that she would like to establish an official goals/objectives format to use to establish goals within subcommittees and outline objectives. Wanda will be emailing Chris and Vickie with content suggestions so that all subcommittees are using the same document to establish goals and objectives for the group.
 - c. Jaime spoke about her organization; Women Warriors Ministry is sponsored by Shannon and gave the suggestion that she can speak at engagements and would love to partner with any organizations who are interested.
 - d. Chris, Vice Chair, stated that he would like to understand training objectives more, and inquired about tracking of training for members. Wanda stated that she would like to see

leaders organize and develop some sort of tracking that does indicate what training people have completed. Terri suggested that we can do a group QPR training.

- e. Doug Metcalfe shared that SafeHaven has a new food pantry and will be serving weekly in Miami County Mondays 11a-1p and Darke County Wednesdays 11a-1p. Shelby coming soon. Will be sending flier on restaurant-style dinner for community and for holiday events.
- f. Terri Becker shared that on Monday 9a-4p is the Wellness Resilience and Recovery, Save a Warrior event with Scott Medlin. Free to attend, registration is required. For all Tri-County residents.
- g. Megan Campbell shared about the Pancakes for a Purpose Community Brunch in Darke County on 11/17 on behalf of EverHeart Hospice and Palliative Care. November is National Palliative Care and Hospice month, and the goal of the brunch is to provide community education, spread awareness of services, and to honor patients served.
- h. Janel from Miami County Health department: Janel reported that she met with Roberta and Brittany with Shelby and Darke County health departments and suggested approaching health commissioners to get permission to collect data in Darke and Shelby. She reported that plans were developed for gathering data and statistics. Brittany needs to be on the coalition emails and was suggested to reach out to Brad. Janel reported that in 2022 in Miami County we had 14 deaths by suicide. The age range was 20-92 with a median age of 64 and average age of 62. 11 males and 3 females. In 2023 so far, we have had 16 deaths by suicide. Janel noted trends in the month of January. The age range in 2023 so far is 21-93 with median of 44 years the average of 54 years old. Education levels show that of the 16 so far in 2023, 4 were married, the rest were divorced, never married or widowed. 3 had previous military experience. Suspicion of possible isolation risks discussed. 15 out of the 16 are male. 75% of all deaths 22& 23 involved a firearm.
- i. Jordan Francis shared for Darke County that so far in 2023 there have been 9 suicides, 2 were female. The age range was 18-84.
- j. Terri shared that prevention committees need to be focused on trends that lead up to a person dying by suicide. Gave an update that we need to figure out what data we can extract with the public health departments and then prioritize other types of data that we need to establish prior to the board meeting with other group who can provide data stats as well.
- k. Wanda can give out gun locks to anyone in need on behalf of the VA.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 7th, 2024, 1pm at TCB.

Meeting called to close at 2:22pm.
