

Suicide Prevention Council Meeting
February 21, 2008
Madison Center Mtg Room WEST -12:00 noon

MINUTES

Present: John McIntosh (IUSB), Lani Vivirito (Center for the Homeless), Bonnie Strycker (YSB), Betty Kella (SJRMC), Laura Medow (SJRMC), Terry Clark (MFB)

1. Introductions/ Council Roster Changes
2. Minutes Approved
3. Ongoing Business
 - 1 review chart of activities for 2008 and timeline/ persons involved (*see chart*)
 - 2 Penn Teacher presentations
 - testimonial from counselor of successful teen intervention post-presentation shared with the Council
 - 1 Survivors: proposed survey/ needs assessment reviewed and changes made
 - 3 Special ASIST fees considered. Continual cost evaluation necessary;
 - Current costs: currently rooms are being donated. Catering =\$33/person. Bonnie Raine will give us the cost for attendee training materials for discussion next meeting
 - students: would like to be able to offer discount to \$75
 - group rates: if 3 or more can get a 10% group discount
 - 4 LBGT Community- article requested. Not discussed at this meeting.
 - 5 Plan to work with EAP providers? †Monica has offered to send a mailing.
 - need address listing
 - 6 First Call For Help 211 consideration to become a CRISIS hotline was discussed
 - 7 Stayin Afloat will be June 21 this year. Looking for volunteers. Please contact Chris Krueger directly or through Laura Medow if interested in helping
 - 8 EMS assessment. Will review students' information. Betty Kella will help Laura evaluate.
 - 9 Expanding Yellow Ribbon in area schools and ASIST. Acquire testimonials from Penn High School (Steve Hope/ Marni Cronk—Sherbuns' are agreeable to their son Nick's name being used in a testimonial), Mishawaka High School (Don Cronk), YSB (Bonnie Strycker), and EMTs (Betty Kella) they are willing to allow to be included on our webpage and letters promoting workshops
4. Other Business/ Announcements

NEXT MEETING: March meeting cancelled. Next meeting is April 28, 2008 at YSB Safe Station at noon.

Suicide **Prevention** Council of St. Joseph County and Surrounding Areas

Activities/ Projects 2008-2009

(in order of priority)

Activity/ Project	Description	Persons Involved	Timeline
Increase ASIST Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 broader marketing •2 improved follow-up •3 collect testimonials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •4 Laura Medow •5 Julia Hess-Sherbun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6 March- review marketing info from IUSB student project and develop our own database •7 April- market May workshop
Increase Scholarships/ Attendees from Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 as important for teachers to attend as counselors •2 meet with Superintendents and principals •3 get SBSC involved •4 utilize offered testimonial from Steve Hope, Asst Principal of Penn HS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5 Don Cronk •6 Bonnie Strycker •7 Laura Medow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8 March- get testimonial from Steve Hope and make contact with coordinator of Principals meetings to see if can use that venue
Continue to Distribute Awareness and Educational Materials to Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 drop off awareness and educational materials at schools •2 promote doing a presentation to staff •3 utilize offered testimonial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •4 Bonnie Strycker •5 Laura Medow •6 ?Don Cronk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7 March-reconnect with SBCSC to schedule presentation to staff •8
Continue to Expand Yellow Ribbon to Area Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 consider utilizing students for awareness activities (ie. YR Week, Mentors) •2 communicate with more schools •3 utilize testimonial from Steve Hope, Penn HS •4 promote presentations to parents (w/ school's OK) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5 Ann Schelle •6 2nd trainer •7 survivors? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8 April- send 2nd council member to YR trainer training •9 May - brainstorm/ goal set for next school year to get on school calendars
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Determine Survivors Needs in the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9 evaluate needs of survivors via small group brainstorming •10 open discussion/planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •11 Monica Eblen •12 Julia Hess-Sherbun •13 Kathy Krueger •14 Bonnie Hay •15 Laura Medow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •17 first meeting this month