

Suicide **Prevention** Council Meeting
September 21, 2005
YWCA 4pm
MINUTES

NEXT MEETING: October 19, 2005
Madison Center Meeting Room East

Present: Steven Bright, Monica Eblen, Theresa Carrico, Mary Kowalski, Kerry Palmer, Laura Medow, Nano Farabaugh, Ann Thomas, Abbee Smith, Melissa Ropp, Ed Friend

1. Introductions

- Kerry Palmer, Palmer Funeral Home kerry@palmerfuneralhoms.com
- Mary Kowalski, Family and Children's Center for Counseling and Development
Mary Kowalski L.C.S.W.
Executive Director
Family & Children's Center Counseling & Development Services
Holy Cross Counseling Group
574-232-9534 Ext. 2212
e-mail: mkowalski@fccds.org

2. Minutes Approval

3. Council Activity/ Projects

A. Education

- a. ASIST scholarships being utilized by 3 corporations
- b. Psych First Aid Conference. Ann Thomas promoted our conference
- c. Survivor Workshop- *promotion by council members within your organizations and to clients is essential!*
 - i. To print/ mail this week
 - ii. Marketing to general public- see survivor minutes
 - iii. Program/workbook design- John will work on this. Any helpers?
 - iv. Remembrance ceremony for survivors. Monica and Theresa reviewed plan
 - v. Will consider a breakfast mtg with physicians
 - vi. Getting info to target audiences. Personal communications/ referrals needed
 1. survivors
 2. physicians
 3. first responders
- d. Yellow Ribbon – as far as we can tell it no longer is being offered in this area. Efforts to reach Carol Pompey since she left FCC have been unsuccessful. FCC is not currently considering training another individual.
 - i. Council considered the opportunity for us to give an awareness talk with a survivor instead.
 - ii. John will contact the Emmes from Yellow Ribbon to see if they would endorse us using their cards with our program

B. Awareness

- a. Brochures- general council brochure and Surviving After Suicide brochure were distributed for review.
- b. Website- please review. It is being reconstructed
- c. Powerpoint Awareness Presentation- Nano Farabaugh is coordinating this project. We hope to have it finished by the end of the year.

- C. Research and Evaluation- tabled
- D. Community Collaboration
 - a. ASIST Marketing: St. Mary's College marketing students will take this on as a semester project
 - b. Teen Screen update- changed to active consent, will send home private mailers, and offer education nights for Q&As
 - c. FCC update given by Mary Kowalski
 - d. Report on PHM School Suicide Prevention Recommendations given by Laura Medow
- E. Governance- no action
- F. New Business/Announcements/ Upcoming Events-
 - a. Grief Conference in Elkhart on October 26 thru Ryans Place and Goshen College "out of the Shadow, into the light with Iris Bolton. www.goshen.edu/sowk to register online