

Suicide **Prevention** Council General Meeting  
**January 18, 2006**  
YWCA, Fellows Street

**MINUTES**

Present: Steve Leapman, Laura Medow, Bonnie Strucker, Ann Thomas, Julie Helman, Abbee Smith, Theresa Carrico, Madhu Bieber, Linda Pfifer, Steven Bright

1. Introductions

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2. Minutes Approval

3. Council Activity/ Projects

A. Education

- a. Youth Suicide Prevention
  - i. Yellow Ribbon
  - ii. School Presentation- Penn High School 1/24 and 1/26- Laura and John
- b. ASIST Workshop- next one is February 21/22 or May 10-11th. Registrations being accepted now! Bonnie Strycker will help make followup calls with interested persons from the conference

B. Awareness

- a. Brochures. Inserts being finalized
  - i. Target groups for distribution discussed. May be able to utilize community outreach through Madison Center to maintain effective distributio
  - ii. Survivor Brochures to: funeral homes, EMS, Police, Fireman, ER/ICUs, Social Workers within hospitals
  - iii. General Awareness Brochures to: ERs, HR Depts, Employee Assistance, MD offices, schools, businesses that council members call on, government officials
  - iv. Put on website with approval for copying but not reformatting for individual use without express permission.
  - v. Cost issues discussed. Ie- Ongoing underwriters?
- b. Powerpoint Awareness Presentation- need to discuss timeline and target finish date.
- c. Website
  - i. Transitioning. Madhu Bieber's husband Ken will try to take over updating
  - ii. remove conference information
  - iii. highlight ASIST upcoming workshops
  - iv. add pictures? (see conference pictures)
- d. Wallet Cards/ Yellow Ribbon Cards. Superior Business Systems underwrote cost of YR Cards. Madhu Bieber found a source to underwrite the Teen Resource Cards- thank you!

C. Research and Evaluation- tabled

D. Community Collaboration

- a. Open Forum on December 21, 2005- discussions reviewed. To be used for goal setting
- b. Teen Screen Information Meeting: January 31, 2006 from 7-9pm at Penn High School LGI-

E. Governance

- a. Development of a Communication book for council members was discussed
- b. Structure- turn in your end of the year evaluations *now* to Laura
- c. Bylaws
  - i. MOU - tabled
  - ii. ASIST procedures - tabled
  - iii. Collect Council year-end evaluation forms

F. Other- Council Member Informational Binders will be constructed for each member. Contents discussed.

G. New Business/Announcements/ Upcoming Events

- Ann shared info from the National Mental Health Association Meeting concerning legislation that is on the table in several states to prevent school counselors or officials from providing mental health guidance to students.
- **Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm** : free public lecture at the Center for Continuing Education McKenna Hall at Notre Dame entitled ***But I Didn't Say Goodbye***, will be presented by Barbara Rubel, a suicide survivor and bereavement specialist. Part of the 7th Annual Supportive and Palliative Care Conference. For more info about the speaker see <http://www.griefworkcenter.com/newpage7.htm>. Sponsored by The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Memorial Hospital of South Bend, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center and the University of Notre Dame.