

Suicide **Prevention** Council Meeting
August 16, 2006
Madison Center Meeting Room East

MINUTES

1. Introductions/ Council Roster Changes: *Please update in your info binder*
 - Remove from roster: Ed Friend retired August 4th.
 - Job change: Lori Cox, Emergency Services Educator Memorial Hospital. New email address is lcx@memorialsb.org. Office phone number is 647-7193 and digital pager is 239-8016.
 - Job change: Ann Thomas. Families First Parent Education Coordinator, Joy Rose Center, 1000 W. Hively Ave. P.O. Box 773 Elkhart, IN 46515 574-295-2277 AThomas@capselkhart.org

2. July Minutes Approved

3. Business
 - Council reviewed Stayin' Afloat Celebration of Life- over \$6000 was donated to the council. Voted to formerly recognize Chris Kruger's efforts. Will present him with a plaque from the council. Also voted to offer first responder scholarships (at least one to each unit in the region) as an outcome of some of the monies received from Stayin Afloat. The council felt this was in line with our mission—to not only educate in awareness and prevention, but to assure that those on the front line in our communities are adequately trained.

 - Next ASIST workshops discussed (dates below). Marketing in effect
 - September 12 and 13, 2006
 - November 1 and 2,
 - March 14 and 15, 2006
 - ***new site coordinator needed***

4. Working Group Discussions; discussed attendance, meeting times, and Suicide Prevention week coming up the first week of September
 - voted to make meetings consistent on a weekly basis at noon. Meetings will now take place on the 3rd THURSDAY of each month. A new calendar is available.
 - Attendance is down due to the loss of 4 key members to moves/job changes and the summer months. Recruitment of new members is in effect for emergency services at Madison Center, YWCA and others. Calls will be made to council members to ascertain ongoing interest if not in recent attendance.
 - Community Education, Awareness and Outreach:
Speaker's bureau needed. Will discuss further at next meeting
 - Police dept trainings to begin in the Fall
 - NAMI requesting fall presentation
 - Yellow Ribbon-t training October 12,13
 - Penn High School requesting Yellow Ribbon in Dec 06
 - Need to continue to distribute materials in community.
 - Live Resources. results of survey reviewed. Monica will put information on a spread sheet that can be distributed.
 - Marketing of the Council. Sept = Suicide Prevention Week. Discussion/ Council recommendation for intended activities.