

Suicide **Prevention** Council Meeting
January 18, 2007
MINUTES

Present: Megan Bright, Steven Bright, Pat Hancock, Monica Eblen, Laura Medow, Lisa Glass, Don Cronk, Terry Clark, Bonnie Strycker, Ann Thomas, Abbee Smith

1. Introductions/ Council Roster Changes-

Megan Bright: First Response United Way's email: mbright@uwsjc.com

Starting next month representatives from Penn HS will rotate coming to meetings

2. Minutes Approval- few additions made to minutes regarding youth workshop *See revised minutes*

3. Business

- announcements: **Next ASIST Workshop is March 15 and 16** - SJRMC *South Bend* Campus, Education Center . Discussed putting info in agency newsletters/ mail out via listservs to employees
- **distributing educational materials to schools.** Don and Marni Cronk can distribute materials to John Glenn and New Prairie schools. Bonnie Strycker will meet with rep from SBCSC to discuss distribution there. Linda Pyfer and Steven Bright will distribute to schools they work with (PHM, Mishawaka, some South Bend). Lisa Glass will go to parochial schools. *See November minutes for distribution details.*
- **South Bend School Corp Council rep-** none at this time; Christine Pochert unable to due to time constraints. Would need to write to Dr. Zimmerman for suggestion on another choice if representation desired.

4. **Youth Workshop/ Conference Planning Discussion:** most council members are in favor of hosting both a workshop for professionals/ parents who deal with our youth. It is felt that to reach kids it has to be through a kid-friendly venue (ie concert) or working with existing youth groups. The workshop and Youth educational activity(ies) are not necessarily being planned to coincide. We are targeting a workshop for Spring 2008; the youth activities can take place any time, and we hope to use Yellow Ribbon in these endeavors.

- Kid Friendly venue (ie concerts) –or- Working with Existing Youth Groups felt to be essential. *Kids won't/can't come to a conference*
 - will try to tap into existing venues/ youth leaders. So many of our youth ministers do a great job inspiring our youth. Try to get a collaboration of Youth Leaders and their groups of kids together for a large youth forum?
 - Cory Mann- former DJ who does 'Lifeline' for Granger Community Church
 - Lester Summerall- [State Theater] youth ministering
 - Lisa Glass can help contact Youth Groups

- Abbee Smith will investigate youth activities at the Rotary Club to see if a presentation there could be a possibility, or at the very least if we can leave literature there.
- use Yellow Ribbon
 - need to see how available our YR trainers will be to do this (Ann Thomas can do ~ 1/month)
 - need to see how available our parent survivors are; perhaps could tape their portion if many presentations will be too emotionally challenging
- **Workshop Target date:** Spring 2008. Can move forward on planning a conference only if enough council reps are able to commit to being on the planning committee.

NEXT MEETING: February 15, 2007 at noon, Madison Center Meeting Room East