

Suicide **Prevention** Council Meeting
November 15, 2007
Madison Center Mtg Room WEST -12:00 noon

MINUTES

Present: Lori Cox (Memorial Hospital), Bonnie Raine (United Health Services), Terry Clark (MFB), Lani Vivirito (Family and Children's Center), Monica Eblen (Center for Hospice Life Transitions Center), John McIntosh (IUSB), Laura Medow (Council Chair), Imo Jeane Johnson (Swanson Center Mental Health, LaPorte), Nancy Pemberton (St. Joseph County Deputy Coroner and Memorial Hospital)

1. Introductions/ Council Roster Changes
 - New member: Nancy Pemberton, RN, BSN. St. Joseph County Deputy Coroner and Administrative Supervisor, Memorial Hospital. Email: NJP313@aol.com Phone: 574-217-6708 (cell)
 - New Member: ImoJeane Johnson, retired social worker from Swanton Center Mental Health, LaPorte County. (219-872-7535)
 - Council member changes: Linda Pyfer is no longer with Madison Center

2. Minutes Approval

3. General Business:
 - ASIST workshop Nov 13 and 14 at Crow Chizek.
 - Next workshops: Feb 21/22, May 20/21. Crowe Chizek has again donated meeting room space to us for these meetings.
 - ASIST marketing:
 - UHS will post on their website and post to the media
 - Memorial Community Outreach will be notified (Chaplains, Behavioral Health Dept., Social Workers) by Lori Cox and Nancy Pemberton

4. Youth Education:
 - Yellow Ribbon (YR)- training rescheduled for Laura McGann. Will do workshop next Spring
 - Next scheduled presentations: Penn HS March 20 and April 3
 - Be-A-Link Presentations to teaching staff at Penn HS & student mentors will begin in January 2008
 - Ongoing goals:
 - expand YR to other schools beyond Penn and Mishawaka (Nancy Pemberton will contact St. Joseph High School connection to see if interested)
 - find a community sponsor
 - educate teachers and more counselors

- Center of Peace and Non Violence- Laura will contact to meet with members of the faith community
 - South Bend School Corporation presentation(s)- Bonnie Strycker is firming up presentation dates
5. General Education-
- IUSB student projects
 - Hospital Coding being evaluated for consistent demographics and data extraction capabilities. Summary and recommendation to Council will follow.
 - Marketing venues for hotline and educational activities are being evaluated for summary and recommendation to the council
 - report on college opportunities for education- Laura and Monica Eblen
 - hospitals- in progress
 - Chamber of Commerce evaluated as possible venue for marketing various educational opportunities
6. Council Sustainability
- Terry Clark of MFB reviewed the Council's financial statement with the council. The council has continued to show strong positive earnings on a quarterly basis; a significant portion continues to be Special Education Fund accounts designated for education. Discussion on the feasibility of funding a part-time paid director position for the council ensued
 - report on potential of development of community focus group to guide council direction: Bonnie Strycker and Bonnie Raine worked on the list of potential invitees. B. Raine discussed the possibility of hosting a facilitated luncheon for the focus group/ educational session with clear set goals
7. Other
- Volunteer Recruitment- Laura shared new volunteer opportunities with the council that will be posted on the website

NEXT MEETING: December 20, 2007 at noon, Madison Center Meeting Room WEST