

Suicide **Prevention** Council Meeting  
**October 18, 2007**  
Madison Center Mtg Room WEST -12:00 noon

## MINUTES

Present: Laura Medow (Chair), Marni Cronk (Penn High School), Monica Eblen (Center for Hospice), Bonnie Strycker (Youth Service Bureau)

Guest: Greg Lofgren, IUSB Student

1. Introductions/ Council Roster Changes  
Greg Lofgren, IUSB Student introduced
2. Minutes Approved
3. General Business:
  - ASIST workshops discussed.
  - Nov 13 and 14 at Crowe Chizek- thank you to Bonnie Strycker for making arrangements
  - Next workshops: Feb 21/22, May 20/21. Bonnie will see if Crowe Chizek still a possible site
  - IUSB reference group class thanked Council for providing them with very critical information regarding suicide at their panel discussion. (John McIntosh, Don Cronk, Ann Thomas-Schelle, and Kevin Sherbun)
4. Youth Education:
  - Yellow Ribbon Prevention Talks at Mish HS Oct 17 very successful. Brought up question on how to educate parents better, especially when a child tells them they are suicidal
  - Next scheduled presentations: Penn HS March 20 and April 3
  - Be-A-Link Presentations are being arranged with Penn HS teachers (Feb or March) & Ann will present to ~180 student mentors in January
  - Center of Peace and Non Violence- tabled. Laura needs to contact
  - report on South Bend School Corporation presentation(s)- Bonnie Strycker has a December meeting with social workers, and will introduce the councils' educational materials at that time.
  - will try to utilize the Northern IN Consortium of Schools to get information out. Bonnie Strycker will call the Chamber of Commerce to try to get list
5. General Education-
  - IUSB student projects discussed. Greg shared his project progress & council made recommendations

- report on college opportunities for education- Monica Eblen is collecting college contacts and addresses to send out a Council mailing detailing the educational offerings we have and addressing scholarships.  
Accompanying letters: our informational brochures and list of programs offered (ASIST, Yellow Ribbon, and Be-A-Link). Laura will revise this list and forward to council members for feedback.
  - hospitals- contacts still need to be made so we can share our educational materials with them and list our educational programs offered. Anyone interested in helping Laura please give her a call
  - Chamber of Commerce- decided not a forum for workshop announcements, but could help us get in contact with Society of Human Resource Managers (SHRM) (share mission, followup with target mailing, introduce the idea of a presentation, invite them for a brief presentation).  
Potential contact: Fran Boykins 232-3387 past president Michiana Chapter
6. Council Sustainability
- report on potential of development of community focus group to guide council direction: Bonnie Strycker, Bonnie Raine, Linda Pyfer . Tabled, as the group was not able to meet.
7. Other
- Volunteer Recruitment- new web page listing all the opportunities we have available
  - Spanish interpretation: Bonnie Strycker will make a call to a person who might be able to help in this area

***NEXT MEETING: November 15, 2007 at noon, Madison Center Meeting Room WEST***