

Suicide **Prevention** Council Meeting
October 19, 2006
Madison Center Mtg Room WEST- 12 noon

MINUTES

Present: Bonnie Strycker, Abbee Smith, John McIntosh, Don Cronk, Monica Eblen, Cindi Fuja, Marie Blunt, Laura Medow, Marilyn Eber, Diane Johnson-Prosser, and new members: Lisa Glass (survivor), Susan Rozzi (YWCA)

Guests: Roz Summerlin (Healthy Communities Initiative [HCI]), Terry Clark (MFB), Santos Aleman

1. Introductions/ Council Roster Changes: Please update in your info binder
New Member: Lisa Glass, Survivor, 10142 Douglas Rd. Osceola, IN 46561
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Guests: Terry L. Clark, Vice President & Controller MFB
Santos Aleman – translator volunteer
Roster Changes: Steven Bright: new office phone #246-9189
2. September Minutes Approved
3. Business
 - Next ASIST Nov 1 and 2. Pass the word. After that the next workshop is March 15/16 (NOTE: date change) - SJRMC South Bend campus
 - Brochures translated to Spanish. Santos is working on translating our Awareness and Survivor brochures. He will approach the Latina studies dept at ND for assistance.
4. Project Working Group Discussions
 - Community Education, Awareness and Outreach:
 - Plan for distribution of materials to schools discussed. Roz from HCI and Steven or Linda from Madison Center can use their contacts to get into the schools. Will meet to discuss further. SB Community School Corp contact= Christine Pochert
 - Speaker's bureau. Three Samaritan Center therapists were added to our list: Tony Garascia, Lorraine Karem, and Karen Zeck
 - General Community Awareness presentation (powerpoint/ modules)
 - Police dept trainings November/ December- Tony Garascia
 - NAMI presentation October 18th -Steven Bright. Well attended
 - Yellow Ribbon
 - Training: the council voted to have two (2) persons trained. Ann Thomas is interested, and will share payment of fees. She was voted as second trainer, along with Steven Bright
 - The council would like to see Yellow Ribbon in all regional schools, which would be too large a time commitment for just one trainer: having 2 persons trained would create a "team" approach (enhance brainstorming and planning and offer longevity given ongoing risks

associated with manpower changes that could affect trainers' availability.

- The next trainings are Feb 1 and 2 in Westminster CO, or April 19 and 20 in Philadelphia, PA. Steven Bright missed the October due to bad weather canceling flights, but can be rescheduled at no financial loss
 - December Yellow Ribbon at Penn High School
 - Children and Teen Workshop for next year was discussed.
 1. It was agreed it would be beneficial to address a wide audience (professionals, parents, and youth).
 2. Creative ideas were shared as to how to attract youth and meet their needs. Eg: celebrity in morning with general audience information, breakout sessions in afternoon. Thinking outside the box- rock band? Or talk to school administrators and like Lang Conference have them choose a certain number of student 'delegates' to attend. Get a good cross-section, not just the 'best' students.
 3. Lang Youth Conference was discussed in relation to this and it was suggested that perhaps the council could support this in the community as it lost financial backing this year and had to be cancelled. The council was in agreement that it is an important educational opportunity, but that we were not in a position to provide financial support given our current structure and own financial status.
 - Live Resources. Discussed distribution of clinician listing. Monica will forward the completed list back to the clinicians who responded for final review and editing. We should be able to distribute it next month some time.
 - Marketing of the Council. Note website changes. Feedback and recommendations welcome
 - Research: JCAHO requirements for hospital assessment/ suicide prevention have been discussed at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. Keely Paston hopes to bring us an update next meeting.
5. Financial: Terry Clark of MFB joined us today to learn a little about how our council works. Terry is interested in possibly volunteering some of his time as our financial advisor.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 16, 2006. Madison Center Mtg Room East.