

Suicide Prevention Council Meeting
June 15, 2005
12:15 Madison Center Meeting Room East
[Minutes](#)

NEXT MEETING: July 20, 2005
4:00 pm YWCA, Fellows Street

Present: Ed Friend, Pam Calvano, Nano Farabaugh, Laura Medow, Casey Norton, Barb Carrasco, Ann Thomas, Don Cronk, Gary Robinson, Abbee Smith, Steve Leapman, Melissa Ropp, Monica Eblen

1. Introductions
 - New member: Don Cronk- director of the counseling program at Mishawaka High School
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2. Minutes Approval
3. Old Business
 - A. Education
 - a. **ASIST** workshop May 24 and 25th cancelled due to small class size. New date to be announced. [Melissa Ropp](#) will organize new dates in August. November ASIST dates: 16th and 17th
 - i. [Pam Calvano](#) has offered to help with ASIST communications and ASIST set-up.
 - ii. *An ASIST meeting will be held on 6/29 at 12 noon to set ASIST procedures: Pam, Laura, Melissa and Ann Thomas.*
 - b. **Survivor Workshop.** See minutes from Workshop.
 - i. New subcommittee member: Don Cronk.
 - ii. *Next workshop subcommittee meeting is Tues June 21st at 12 noon at St. Mary's Havicon Hall, Office 12A*
 - iii. *Laura is in need of someone to help with marketing. Would probably involve some phone calls and emails to place announcements in newsletters, educational pamphlets, etc. Please let her know ASAP of your availability*
 - iv. Council members were asked to give Laura ways they or their organizations can help promote the workshop (listserves, newsletters, etc). *Forward this info ASAP to Laura along with any deadline info needed.*
 - c. **ASIST scholarships-** see proposal to regional superintendents initiated by Laura. Awaiting responses to coordinate classes
 - B. Awareness
 - a. **Suicide Awareness Brochure** - [Rebekah Go](#) will present final version. State Coalition would like to use our brochure as the state brochure
 - b. **Website:** [John](#) will be training [Kevin Large](#) to take over website management

- C. **Powerpoint Awareness Presentations** for use in the community- Presentations are being developed with help of Nano/ Laura/Ann Thomas and Melissa Ropp. *Next Powerpoint development meeting will be July 1st at 12:00 noon at St. Mary's Havicon Hall Room 12A.*
- a. State Coalition also interested in helping with Powerpoints
 - b. we need to also include handouts with ancillary resources that participants can access (ie SPRC, etc)
- D. Community Collaboration
- a. [Ann Thomas](#) and [Laura Medow](#) will be meeting 6/22 with the SB Tribune Editorial Board to discuss recent negative press regarding mental health screening. Goal- educate the press and get some positive coverage to give the public accurate information and reverse any damage done.
 - i. **PHM School Suicide Prevention Committee:** forum of PHM school administrators, health teachers, school nurses, guidance counselors, athletic directors , and safety officers.
 - Laura Medow and John McIntosh representing SPC. Melissa Ropp representing YSB.
 - A final draft of a recommended suicide prevention plan that included continuing Teen Screen was approved to be sent to the School Board for their July meeting.
- E. Governance
- a. **MOU-** [Bonnie Strycker](#). Tabled
 - b. **Bylaw s/ Governance Structure-** in order for the council to have a functioning governance structure, Laura shared a plan to **change the President-Elect position to just a Vice President position that does not hold any requirement for presidency** the following year (to eliminate commitment concerns preventing council members from feeling able to accept nominations for this position). A governance committee meeting will be set for next month to discuss details. Expect new structure to be in place for October nominations/ November elections.
4. Other
- A. Comments shared on Presentation: **Surviving Suicide/ L.O.S.S. (Local Outreach to Survivors of Suicide)-** Discovery Channel review of Frank Campbell's internationally renowned LOSS program in Baton Rouge Louisiana.
 - Laura has extra copies of the presentation for members to watch. *Please contact Laura for a copy if you have not yet reviewed the DVD so she can get it to you.*
 - B. SPRC Regional Conference
 - Nano and Laura shared a brief review of their experience at the 7 state regional conference in May hosted by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center in Washington DC. State coalition members' fees were paid for by a grant to the SPRC so that a 3 day packed summit could transpire. More info will be shared at the next meeting
 - C. Out of the Darkness Announcement. Ann Thomas shared information on how to participate in the AFSP event on July 16-17. The survivor walk in Chicago begins in the evening and ends at sunrise. See www.theovernight.org for details

Meeting adjourned 1:15pm