

Suicide **Prevention** Council Meeting
April 19, 2007
Madison Center Mtg Room WEST -12:00 noon

MINUTES

Present: Terry Clark, Betty Kella, Julia Hess-Sherbun, Lisa Glass, Lani Vivirito, Bonnie Strycker, MarieBlunt, Kevin Large, Ann Thomas

1. Introductions/ Council Roster Changes-
 - Roster information change: Ann Thomas, LPC . Yellow Ribbon Trainer 1700 Rainbow Trail, Elkhart, IN 46514 (574)339-4603 annt@familiesfirst.org
 - New member- Betty Kella, Trauma Coordinator, SJRMC Phone: 574-280-5881 office kellae@sjrmc.com
 - New member- Lani Vivirito, LCSW, Clinical Coordinator- Homeless and Addictions Programs FCCDS lvivirito@fcceds.org
2. Minutes Approved. New member information binders distributed
3. Business
 - 1 ***Yellow Ribbon Training***. Discussion on expanding use of the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program among youth community
 - 2 ***discussed making contacts to get training into local colleges*** (awareness and intervention). Lani Vivirito will assist with making contacts at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. Perhaps offer ASIST or modified informational presentation including some key interventional points. Laura will draft a letter to go to colleges.
 - focus on local colleges first: St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Bethel, IUSB, Ivy Tech, Holy Cross, SW Michigan, Ancilla, Davenport, Brown Mackey
 - 3 ***Stayin Afloat Festival-*** July 7th at Seiz Park.East Race, South Bend. ***A“Celebration of Life”***. From 8am-10pm
 - 8a-12p: Pancake Breakfast, Knights of Columbus (Hill & Washington)
 - Motorcycle “Poker Ride”
 - 9am: Beginning of the celebrity “float and rescues” on St. Joseph River (donations collected to “rescue” the floatee. Competitions for who raises the most \$
 - 10am – 9 pm Live Music featuring: Cory and Chad, Kennedy's Kitchen (Celtic music), Everyday People Band, Brian Edinton (classic rock), The Benders Band (classic rock),
 - 11am: Sponsored Raft Races.\$100 per raft/ 4 people per raft (40 rafts)
 - During the Day: Food vendors, Dunk Tank (police officers), face

painting, airbrush tattoos, Fire Safety House (SBFD), DNR Fisheries (fish ladder), clowns, ice cream truck, cotton candy, ?raffle?
-Information booths: Suicide Prevention Council, Ryan's Place
-9:30pm Personal Dedication(s) and Closing of Event

4. **Youth Education / Workshop for Individuals Dealing with Youth**

4 *distribution of educational materials to schools.* Bonnie Strycker is working with the South Bend School Community. In the fall, a council rep will conduct an educational presentation to counselors, teachers and principals.

5 *Youth Group activities.* Mel Tardy- Youth Minister, St. Augustine Parish has forwarded several youth minister contacts to Laura. Laura will organize a collaborative meeting. Members interested in attending: Bonnie Strycker, Julia Hess- Sherburn

6 *workshop speakers* – to be discussed later. John McIntosh will discuss with his colleagues

7 *subject matter.*

-**Title for Spring 2008 Conference determined: “More Than Sex, Drugs, and Rock and Roll”- Contemporary Issues Facing †Our †Youth and How To Address Them**

5. **Risk Assessment in Emergency Rooms and EMS education**

1 Betty Kella, RN discussed EMS training opportunities for the Council. Will also help us look into risk assessment in the ER. May also be able to help coordinate education with Mishawaka and Memorial

6. **Other:** copies of our current *Community Education Powerpoint slides* were distributed. Place in back of your council informational binders.

7. Meeting adjourned 1:10pm

NEXT MEETING: May 17, 2007

at noon, Madison Center Meeting Room East