

Suicide **Prevention** Council Meeting
September 21, 2006
Madison Center Meeting Room East- 12 Noon

MINUTES

In Attendance: Marie Blunt (Samaritan Counseling), Monica Eblen (Center for Hospice), Laura Medow (SJRCM), John McIntosh (IUSB), Dave Sisk (United Way 2-1-1), Linda Pfifer (Madison Center), Bonnie Strycker (Youth Service Bureau), Steven Bright (Madison Center)

1. Introductions/ Council Roster Changes: *Please update in your info binder*
 - Please add to Roster:
Susan Rozzi
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2. August Minutes Approved
3. Business
 - ASIST –
 - Steven Bright offered Feedback from September 12 and 13 workshop
 - Next workshop November 1 and 2. ***We will cap @ 20 scholarships to First Responders*** using some of the proceeds from Stayin Afloat event
4. Working Group Discussions
 - Community Education, Awareness and Outreach:
Discussed if council's goals are to include a large educational endeavor every other year-
 - ***Members unanimously agreed we should do a conference/ workshop every other year.*** Next year's planning will need to begin soon.
 - Next one: ***Children and teen focus.*** Some ideas on content discussed:
 - building resiliency
 - coping skills
 - getting parents involved
 - empowerment
 - perhaps direct to two audiences: parents/teachers and clinicians
 - look into whether or not we want to consider universal topics in the morning with breakout audience-specific sessions in afternoon
 - Sign up sheet passed around for those interested in helping with event

Plan for distribution of materials: survivor materials have been distributed to funeral homes; ***prevention materials to schools next***

General Community Awareness talks. ***Speaker's bureau being developed. Current speakers available:*** Steven Bright, Marie Blunt, Laura Medow, John McIntosh. *Would like to see more clinicians on this bureau.*

- *Police dept trainings to begin in the Fall-* need to create modules to meet their dept needs. Steven will help
- *NAMI requesting fall presentation-* Steven will do in Oct. ~50 attendees

Review group will finalize powerpoint: John McIntosh, Laura Medow, Steven Bright and Marie Blunt. Also evaluate use in module format.

Yellow Ribbon- Steven will go to training in October. Penn High School requesting Yellow Ribbon in Dec. ***Need a plan for other schools.*** Added info to website

- ***Live Resources.*** Monica distributed ***spreadsheet of clinicians*** who responded to our survey regarding ***experience/ willingness in working with survivors and suicidal patients.*** Council members in attendance will review and make comments/suggestions. List will be made available on our website and distributed initially through our partner organizations.
- ***Marketing*** of the Council. Several articles in the Tribune this month for Suicide Awareness Week. ***Website has also been updated...please take a look and offer feedback***
- ***Research-*** Laura Medow is working with Keely Paston of SJRMC on ***meeting JCAHO requirements regarding suicide assessment/ prevention in hospitals.***

Other: Financial

- ***request for grant money*** by Ann Thomas to help fund the Lang Youth Conference this year, as MHA did not receive full funding from their traditional source. The council did not feel it was in the financial position to be able to offer grant monies to other agencies at this time but offered suggestions to Ann for other sources.
- ***It was suggested that the council obtain a financial advisor*** for evaluation of use of funds, designation of distribution of funds based on donors intent, and to help make future budget projections in best interest of the longevity of our council. Marie Blunt has a few contacts she will try.

Meeting adjourned 1:08 pm