

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES
DRAFT MINUTES
May 1, 2015
1:00 p.m.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS

Mike Bernstein, M. Ed. (Southern Nevada Health District)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Dr. Lesley Dickson (Nevada Psychiatric Association)
Joanne Libertelli (Spring Mountain Treatment Center)
Heather Shoop (WestCare)
Dr. Melissa Piasecki (University of Nevada, School of Medicine)

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Capt. Leslie Mays, Co-Chair (Nevada Air National Guard)
Senator Debbie Smith (District 13 – Sparks)
Sgt. Annette Mullin, Co-Chair (Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department)

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS

Richard Egan, Suicide Prevention Training and Outreach Facilitator, DPBH-CFCW-OSP

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT IN RENO

Misty Allen, State Suicide Prevention Coordinator, DPBH-CFCW-OSP
Angela Friedman, Program Assistant, DPBH-CFCW-OSP

OTHERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Sharon Benson, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Beth Handler, Deputy Bureau Chief, DPBH-CFCW
Marlyn Scholl, LCSW, VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, Reno

Heather Shoop called the meeting of the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities (CRSF) to order at 1:03 PM. The meeting was properly posted at the locations listed on the agenda in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML).

1. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Attendees made their introductions by phone and Ms. Shoop determined a quorum of the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities was present.

2. **VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE CLOSED AND OPEN MEETINGS HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2015 MEETING**

Marlyn Scholl noted she did not receive documents as stated in the open session of the February 6, 2015 meeting minutes.

HEATHER SHOOP ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2015 MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION AS NOTED. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MIKE BERNSTEIN. LESLEY DICKSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

No corrections, deletions or additions were made to the closed session of the February 6, 2015 minutes as presented.

HEATHER SHOOP ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2015 MEETING AS PRESENTED. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MIKE BERNSTEIN. LESLEY DICKSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVE THE UPDATED DATA COLLECTION TOOL**

Richard Egan explained he made minor changes to the tool as discussed in the February 6, 2015 meeting. Mr. Bernstein believed more changes would occur as the tool is used by the committee.

HEATHER SHOOP ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DATA COLLECTION TOOL AS WRITTEN FOR USE AT THE FACE TO FACE MEETING ON JUNE 19, 2015. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MIKE BERNSTEIN. JOANNE LIBERTELLI SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

4. **SOLICIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER, WHO HOLDS THE POSITION OF COUNTY CORONER OR MEDICAL EXAMINER, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE NV DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

Sharon Benson clarified for Misty Allen discussion could occur regarding other open positions in membership but no action could be taken. Ms. Allen discussed the need for a Native American representative. She said she reached out to the Intertribal Council and has shared the application. Paula Smith and Amber Neff have shown interest. She has tried to contact Captain Leslie Mays to no avail. If Capt. Mays does not respond, Ms. Allen would like to submit to the Director Ms. Scholl's application to volunteer as the representative for veterans in Captain Mays' place. Ms. Allen explained Coroner Murphy suggested John Fudenberg, Clark County Assistant Coroner fill the empty member position. Mr. Bernstein thought Mr. Fudenberg would be an excellent replacement. There were no other comments from the members. Ms. Allen and Mr. Egan will work on sending the recommendation to the Director of Health and Human Services. Ms. Benson saw no need for a committee vote.

Ms. Shoop asked for public comment. None was heard.

5. UPDATE ON THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES (CRSF)

Ms. Benson reported she drafted the MOU using language from the NRS regarding confidentiality and sent it to the Veterans Administration (VA). Ms. Scholl said the MOU was very direct and not overly complicated. Ms. Scholl stated that her supervisor has approved the MOU but it still needs to be seen by the Service Chief, and then a meeting would be set with the Privacy Officer. Ms. Allen and Ms. Benson offered to be present at Ms. Scholl's invitation to meetings with the VA.

Ms. Shoop asked for public comment. None was heard.

6. DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE

The next meeting of the Committee will be a face to face meeting in Las Vegas on June 19, 2015. Ms. Shoop suggested the agenda include an update on the coroner position and discussion of other open positions in the committee. Dr. Dickson was concerned with the absence of a coroner at the next meeting. Ms. Benson said Mr. Fudenberg, although not appointed to the committee, is allowed to participate in the face to face meeting as long as he signs the confidentiality agreement. Mr. Egan will contact Mr. Fudenberg to confirm Mr. Fudenberg's participation. Mr. Egan said no delay will occur in accessing information for the fatality reviews as access was not contingent on Coroner Murphy.

Other items for the agenda include the script for the Coroner's Office, and an update on the MOU. Ms. Allen will provide a legislative session debrief to both the Committee and the NV Coalition for Suicide Prevention.

Travel to Las Vegas will need to be arranged for Dr. Piesecki, Ms. Scholl, and Ms. Benson.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Allen invited meeting participants to the March in May coordinated by Western Nevada College in Carson City to support veterans' suicide prevention.

Ms. Allen spoke of the recent suicide contagion occurring in a middle school in Reno. Two eighth grade deaths, two suicide attempts and several crises. Ms. Allen reported Amber Howell, Child and Family Services Administrator suggested reviewing suicide attempts which is part of the NRS. Another agenda item for the next meeting would be how to review the attempts, create a protocol on selection, age groups, and clusters and contagion. Mr. Egan noted the difficulty in obtaining records because of the need for permissions. Ms. Allen asked the committee to think about and bring up concerns for the June meeting.

Ms. Shoop mentioned a suicide occurred in the Washoe County Adult Detention Center.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:31 PM