

**COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES
MINUTES
April 13, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE
CONFERENCE**

Heather Shoop, CADC (WestCare), Co-Chair
John Fudenberg, Clark County Coroner
Sergeant John Harney, Las Vegas Metropolitan
Police Department
Kathy Ingelse, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FNP-BC,
Orvis School of Nursing
Marlyn Scholl, LCSW, Veterans Administration
Sierra Nevada Health Care System, Reno

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Dr. Lesley Dickson, MD (Nevada Psychiatric
Association)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS

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

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT IN RENO

Misty Allen, State Suicide Prevention Coordinator, DPBH-CFCW-OSP

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS

Richard Egan, Suicide Prevention Training and Outreach Facilitator, DPBH-CFCW-OSP
Angela Friedman, Administrative Assistant, DPBH-CFCW-OSP
Susan Ripsom, Youth Mental Health First Aid Coordinator, DPBH-CFCW-OSP

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT BY PHONE

Beth Handler, MPH, Bureau Chief, DPBH-CFCW
Daniel Mackie, MPH, MA, State Epidemiologist, DPBH-Office of Public Health Informatics and
Epidemiology

OTHERS PRESENT BY PHONE

Sharon Benson, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

Misty Allen called the meeting of the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities (CRSF) to order at 10:07 a.m. 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 and Misty Allen determined a quorum of the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities was present.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN AND CLOSED MEETINGS HELD ON JANUARY 14, 2016

No corrections, deletions or additions were made to the minutes as presented.

MISTY ALLEN ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPEN AND CLOSED MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2016 MEETING AS PRESENTED. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY KATHY INGELSE. MIKE BERNSTEIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

Misty Allen asked for public comment. None was heard.

3. UPDATE ON AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MOU BETWEEN THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES

Marlyn Scholl stated the report is still with her supervisor. Ms. Scholl discussed the staff person recently added to the veteran suicide prevention program.

Misty Allen asked for public comment. None was heard.

Heather Shoop entered the meeting.

4. MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPOINT A CO-CHAIR TO FILL THE VACANT CO-CHAIR POSITION

Heather Shoop nominated Marlyn Scholl as Co-Chair. The members agreed.

HEATHER SHOOP ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPOINT MARLYN SCHOLL AS CO-CHAIR. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY JOHN FUDENBERG. JOHN HARNEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Misty Allen will confirm and add to the report the 2014 rate of suicide among veterans which seems to have decreased since 2013. The members agreed the report was written well. Heather Shoop and Ms. Allen are working towards implementing Recommendation #1.

HEATHER SHOOP ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AS SUBMITTED. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY MIKE BERNSTEIN. MARLYN SCHOLL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

6. DISCUSS UTILIZATION OF DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT DURING THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Beth Handler suggested developing fact sheets and infographics to highlight the priorities in the report. Ms. Handler stated visuals would add to the content of the report. Ms. Handler offered the staff of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology as a resource.

Mike Bernstein asked if the Committee has the ability to suggest a bill draft based on the top two priorities to the Director.

Sharon Benson suggested finding a legislator or state agency to sponsor bills for the Committee. Ms. Handler reported the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department's divisions have discussed bill drafts. Ms. Handler suggested the Committee may want to consider seeking support from a Legislator. Ms. Benson agreed due to the limited number of bill drafts the Director may submit. John Fudenberg offered assistance in finding a legislative sponsor as Mr. Fudenberg will be lobbying in Carson City often during the Legislative Session. Heather Shoop discussed working to fill the vacant member positions, particularly the legislative representative. Misty Allen suggested partnering with the United Veterans Legislative Council. Richard Egan noted the Veterans Legislative Symposium will be held on April 16th. Mr. Bernstein questioned if the Committee could suggest to the Director an increase in state funding toward suicide prevention. Mr. Bernstein suggested collaboration with the Board of Pharmacy as suicide prevention efforts might coincide with the passage of SB459 related to opioid overdose deaths. Ms. Allen and Kathy Ingelse will be working on contacting the Board of Pharmacy. Ms. Allen noted the budget concept documents recently developed did not include additional funding.

Heather Shoop asked for public comment. None was heard.

7. DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS AND DATE.

The members discussed holding the face to face meeting on June 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in Reno. Mike Bernstein will be presenting at the next Consortium meeting and cannot attend in Reno. Misty Allen will make a private phone line available for Mr. Bernstein to attend the closed meeting. A survey was taken and a quorum was determined for a June 3rd meeting. Staff will work with the members residing in Las Vegas to arrange the travel and send justification to support the trip. Members discussed agenda items for the June 3rd meeting. Ms. Allen will schedule the agenda item to discuss the Coroner's Office script for a phone conference later in the summer.

Heather Shoop asked for public comment. None was heard.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Shoop asked for public comment. None was heard.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.