

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES
MINUTES
June 27, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Office of Suicide Prevention
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT IN RENO

Heather Shoop, Co-Chair, CADC, WestCare
Marlyn Scholl, Co-Chair LCSW, Veterans Administration, Sierra Nevada Health Care System, Reno
Sergeant John Harney, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Dr. Lesley Dickson, MD, Nevada Psychiatric Association
John Fudenberg, Clark County Coroner
Mike Bernstein, M. Ed., Southern Nevada Health District
Kathy M. Ingelse, DNP, RN, PMHNP-BC, FNP-BC,
Orvis School of Nursing, University of Nevada, Reno

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT IN RENO

Misty Allen, State Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Child Family and Community Wellness, Office of Suicide Prevention (DPBH-CFCW-OSP)
Angela Friedman, Administrative Assistant, DPBH-CFCW-OSP

OTHERS PRESENT IN RENO

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

Heather Shoop called the meeting of the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities (CRSF) to order at 9:00 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 Heather Shoop 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 JUNE 3, 2016

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

HEATHER SHOOP ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN AND CLOSED MEETINGS HELD ON JUNE 3, 2016 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY LESLEY DICKSON. MARLYN SCHOLL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

Heather Shoop 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 thanked Sharon Benson for her help with the MOU and for introducing Ms. Scholl to Nicolo Danna, Director of the Attorney General's new Office of Military Legal Assistance. Ms. Scholl requested a meeting with her supervisor and the Chief of Mental Health to discuss progress of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Ms. Benson noted Mr. Danna's interest in the Committee's work and his desire to help finalize the MOU. He shared information about the Committee with a group who was unaware of the Committee. He is hoping to attend the next face to face fatality review. Ms. Benson described Mr. Danna's work in the new position.

Heather Shoop asked for public comment. Mike Bernstein and Misty Allen discussed the need to have public comment after each agenda item.

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

4. UPDATE ON AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE VACANT MEMBER POSITIONS REPRESENTING MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES, AND ADVOCATES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH MENTAL ILLNESS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Misty Allen updated on the appointment of Carolyn DeTierra to the Committee as a representative of Native Americans. Ms. Allen reported the Division of Public and Behavioral Health is supportive of Ms. DeTierra's possible appointment. Current vacant member positions are representatives as family advocates and of mental health facilities. Ms. Allen explained she has reached out to possible interested parties, but hasn't received a response. The primary election and holiday travel may have delayed their response. She will try again in July or August.

Heather Shoop asked for public comment. None was heard.

5. DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE USED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE 12 RECOMMENDATIONS AS NOTED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Misty Allen said a work order has been drafted by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), and a proposal was sent to Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. She was hoping for a response by the end of the day from Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. regarding the scope of work to address the implementation plan. The scope will be limited because of the short timeframe and August deadline. She noted DHHS's and DPBH's support of the recommendations. She will inform the Committee when she has the scope of work.

Marlyn Scholl discussed a Veterans Administration (VA) resident worked with suicide prevention for a month and also approached the Pharmacy Board with other VA staff. The Pharmacy Board supported the idea of providing Continuing Education units (CE) to participants nationwide as long as the program was accredited. The Pharmacy Board was concerned too many labels on the prescription containers would limit visibility of the Lifeline crisis number label, but the Pharmacy Board is willing to explore other options. Ms. Allen and Ms. Scholl discussed the possibility of the VA resident and Stacy Holybee assisting in the development of pharmacist specific content for the existing accredited training. Mike Bernstein mentioned the Pharmacy Board's involvement with legislation regarding the opioid crisis. Ms. Allen noted she was impressed by the testimonies about suicide at the Governor's nine hour Drug Summit planning meeting. She hoped the Committee could

find a way to participate in the Summit. Dr. Lesley Dickson noted the Governor's discontent with the Pharmacy Board. She noted the Medical Association's Task Force is working to get more physician interest and action in suicide prevention. She discussed feasibility of physicians attending the two hour presentations on depression and suicide, and physician suicide at the Nevada Psychiatric Association (NPA) - 22nd Annual Psychopharmacology Update Conference in February in Las Vegas. She sent out an email to all the psychologists in Nevada. She discussed the hindrances stated by the psychologists preventing them from attending the trainings. Ms. Allen noted several online trainings are available. Dr. Dickson noted in her discussion with the Executive Director of the Nevada Board of Medical Examiners (BME), Ed Cousineau, while at the BME meeting, he had not decided how the Board is going to advise and then enforce the requirement for suicide prevention Continuing Medical Education. She discussed her submission of her article, "Suicide is Preventable" to the Medical Board for their newsletter. Ms. Allen will forward to Dr. Dickson the sentinel event article from The Joint Commission to share with the Medical Board.

Dr. Dickson expressed her concern those who see patients, especially the APRNs and ER doctors, must be trained in suicide prevention. Ms. Allen discussed the pilot project involving a survey to all hospital staff regarding their experience, training, and use of skills related to suicide. She noted upcoming meetings with the Governor, his staff, and a multidisciplinary group to discuss behavioral health for veterans and their families. She believes there will be a bill in the 2017 Legislative Session mandating suicide prevention training. Ms. Allen suggested Dr. Dickson make suggestions on how to implement Recommendation 1 as noted in the report to the Director. Dr. Dickson noted a conversation she had with Dr. Suresh Bhushan, Focus Mental Health Solutions, LLC in which he explained the supportive services he provides during consultations with Legal 2000 patients at hospitals. She noted those patients with Managed Medicaid will wait the longest, two to three months, to get an appointment. She mentioned other hospitals have their own mobile crisis teams to avoid hospital admission and might arrange outpatient follow up. She noted nationwide only 14% of the providers on the Medicaid provider lists were accessible for appointments because the lists are outdated. She noted the providers need to ask to be removed if they do not belong on the list.

Ms. Allen asked for suggestions for the implementation strategy. She solicited for an advocate in a facility to encourage hospitals participate in the five minute personalized pilot project survey.

Ms. Allen asked the members permission to provide their contact information to Sarah Marschall, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc., so she may collect thoughts from the members on the implementation plan. The members gave their permission. Dr. Dickson suggested insurance providers be held accountable for keeping their contact information up to date.

Kathy Ingelse will work to get herself, Ms. Scholl, and Ms. Allen on the Pharmacy Board's agenda for one of the Board meetings later this summer. Ms. Scholl might also involve pharmacy staff from the VA in preparation for the meeting.

Heather Shoop asked for public comment. None was heard.

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

Since the implementation plan is due the end of August, Misty Allen suggested the next meeting be in mid-August. Ms. Allen noted she is waiting on the contractors but will keep the members updated. Dr. Lesley Dickson will not be able to attend in mid-August and would like to have

information sent to her prior to August 11th if possible. The members decided to meet via teleconference on August 15, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The agenda items will include the same items covered in this meeting.

In response to Dr. Dickson, Ms. Allen noted Richard Egan needs to report on what he has heard from Spring Mountain Hospital regarding their recommendation for the vacant mental health facility member representative. Ms. Allen stated she contacted Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson and Senator Pat Spearman regarding the advocates for individuals and families with mental illness. Ms. Allen will take recommendations for the vacant positions. Dr. Dickson recommended approaching Seven Hills because of their expansion, and staff leaving Spring Mountain for Seven Hills.

Ms. Allen suggested adding the agenda item of discussion of the next face to face case review. Members were reminded the date for the next face to face meeting is January 27, 2017 in Las Vegas. Travel arrangements cannot be made until the agenda is created for the meeting.

Heather Shoop asked for public comment. Ms. Shoop asked for clarification and Sharon Benson explained public comment is necessary after each agenda item, or at the beginning and end of the meeting.

None was heard.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Shoop asked for public comment. None was heard.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.