

**COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 15, 2016**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

Marlyn Scholl, LCSW, Veterans Health  
Administration, Sierra Nevada Health Care System,  
Reno, 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  
Mike Bernstein, M. Ed., Southern Nevada Health  
District  
Carolyn DeTierra, MFT, Director, Washoe Tribal  
Healing Center

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Heather Shoop, CADAC, WestCare, Co-Chair  
Lesley Dickson, MD, Nevada Psychiatric  
Association

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT IN RENO**

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

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT BY PHONE**

Beth Handler, MPH, Bureau Chief, DPBH-CFCW

**OTHERS PRESENT BY PHONE**

Sharon Benson, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office  
Ryan McDonald, Office of Military Legal Assistance, Attorney General's Office  
Sergeant Frank Haas, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Marlyn Scholl called the meeting of the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities (CRSF) to order at 9:05 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. Ryan McDonald introduced himself and described the services provided by his office. Marlyn Scholl determined a quorum of the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities was present.

**2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 27, 2016**

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

**MARLYN SCHOLL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2016 MEETING AS PRESENTED. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY CAROLYN DETIERRA. MIKE BERNSTEIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Marlyn Scholl asked for public comment. None was heard.

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

Before the next face to face case review meeting, Marlyn Scholl is hoping to meet with the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Assistant Chief of Staff of Mental Health, Misty Allen and Sharon Benson.

Dr. Everett and Ms. Allen are on a board to improve behavioral and mental health access for service members, veterans and their families (SMVF). Misty Allen hopes this will help to progress the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). At the Reno Veterans Affairs Mental Health Summit, Richard Egan will present on the Committee's work.

John Fudenberg joined the meeting.

Ms. Scholl asked for 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 has not heard back from the invitations to legislators. Richard Egan has not heard back from Seven Hills Hospital, but has a call to another facility. Marlyn Scholl discussed reaching out to her contacts associated with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) offices in Northern Nevada.

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

**5. UPDATE ON 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 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Misty Allen noted the work order with Social Entrepreneurs has been approved. Sarah Marschall, Client Services Manager for Social Entrepreneurs and Ms. Allen discussed the 12 recommendations and worked on the implementation plan. Later in the week, they will discuss the first iteration of the implementation plan. Planning implementation for outreach to the Latino communities and for work with the Board of Pharmacy was challenging. Ms. Allen will be looking to the members for more guidance. Beth Handler helped guide Ms. Allen with the work. Ms. Allen discussed how Ms. Marschall encouraged development of outreach to Human Resources (HR) staff and suggested contacting Occupation and Safety Health Administration (OSHA) and Nevada State HR offices.

Marlyn Scholl and other VHA staff are working on the pharmacy staff training. Kathy Ingelse is working to get on the Board of Pharmacy agenda in the fall.

Ms. Ingelse and Ms. Allen participated in a conference call with the Nevada Nurses Association. Ms. Allen will be meeting with Margaret Curley, Executive Director of the Nevada Nurses Association regarding holding a training.

Ms. Scholl was impressed with Ms. Ingelse's article, and is encouraged to write something for social workers.

Ms. Allen mentioned the Continuity of Care for Suicidality Workgroup is focused on care in emergency rooms, to ongoing care, to follow up. She sent surveys to partners for the Zero Suicide Initiative. The survey covered the level of suicide data knowledge, suicide prevention training, and use of the training. Community Health Alliance returned 20 survey responses. From these responses Ms. Allen sees a tremendous lack of awareness of Nevada's suicide rates and ranking. The respondents saw the importance of awareness and asking about suicide, and were interested in more training. Ms. Allen received seven responses from another entity. She is hoping to receive more responses.

Mike Bernstein and Ms. Allen discussed the response given by a person who responded as unable to ask about suicide. The response came from the entity of seven responses. This data sample will not be used.

Ms. Scholl said her goal, with leadership approval, is to survey the Veterans Affairs hospitals in conjunction with suicide prevention month. Her first step may be to work with mental health staff in the Veterans Health Association.

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

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

In the beginning of September, Misty Allen will email the members a draft of the implementation plan after it has been reviewed by her supervisors. She welcomed the members' feedback. All decisions will need to be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting. She suggested a call at the end of September. The plan will not be finalized by September, instead the plan will continue to be worked on as more information is obtained.

The members will need to vote on the finalized draft implementation plan as part of the annual report to the Director due on September 30, 2016. Marlyn Scholl thanked Ms. Allen for her work on the plan.

The next teleconferenced meeting was set for Monday, September 26, 2016 at 9 a.m.

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

**7. DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT FACE TO FACE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES**

The Committee will meet face to face on January 27, 2017 in Las Vegas. Richard Egan said the meeting will cover the remaining cases from 2013, and 20 to 22 cases from 2014. He explained the veterans cases are still on hold pending the Memorandum of Understanding with the Veterans Affairs. He noted no problems with other entities obtaining information on the cases.

Marlyn Scholl asked for public comment. None was heard.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Misty Allen stated September 5 – 11, 2016 is Suicide Prevention Awareness Week. The Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope events throughout the state will be held September 10, 2016 which is World Suicide Prevention Day. On September 6, 2016, at Truckee Meadows Community College, Dandini Campus in Reno, Kevin Hines, a suicide attempt survivor and author will speak at two events.

Marlyn Scholl noted the Reno Veterans Affairs Mental Health Summit occurred on August 24, 2016. Richard Egan mentioned a Las Vegas Veterans Affairs Mental Health Summit will also occur in September.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.