

**COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES
MINUTES
September 26, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Heather Shoop, CADC, WestCare, Co-Chair
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
Carolyn DeTierra, MFT, Director, Washoe Tribal
Healing Center
Lesley Dickson, MD, Nevada Psychiatric Association

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mike Bernstein, M. Ed., representative of
Injury Prevention
Kathy Ingelse, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FNP-
BC, Orvis School of Nursing

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
Nicolo Danna, Director, Office of Military Legal Assistance, Attorney General's Office

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS

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

OTHERS PRESENT BY PHONE

Richard Gent, Level 2 Trainer, Nevada Operation Lifesaver

Heather Shoop 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. Heather Shoop determined a quorum of the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities was present.

2. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 15, 2016**

Marlyn Scholl noted on Item #8, the date should be August 24th and not September. No other corrections, deletions or additions were made to the minutes as presented.

HEATHER SHOOP ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2016 MEETING WITH THE CORRECTION AS NOTED. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY JOHN HARNEY. MARLYN SCHOLL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

Heather Shoop asked for public comment. Richard Gent noted his work with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in which he trained of 22 volunteers on patrolling the railroad properties. He noted 33 percent of the deaths on the railways are suicides. Ms. Shoop thanked Mr. Gent for his work to extend efforts to reduce access to lethal means on the railways.

Ms. Shoop asked for additional 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 noted a delay in the discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding due to the loss of the Privacy Officer and assignment of an Interim Privacy Officer. She will need to start discussion over when the position is officially appointed. She will keep the Committee updated.

Heather Shoop 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 is working closely with Sheila Leslie on primary care follow ups. Ms. Allen is seeking to discuss the vacant member position with Ms. Leslie.

Richard Egan noted Gregory Cowper, Director of Business Development at Montevista Hospital has been sent the Committee's application. Mr. Cowper said either he or someone more qualified within the facility may submit the application for consideration. Mr. Egan noted Mr. Cowper has prior military experience and is supporting the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trainings (ASIST) for October and March in Las Vegas.

Marlyn Scholl contacted Ginger Paulsen, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Nevada, and Kathy Bakst, NAMI Western Nevada regarding the vacant member positions. Ms. Allen suggested sending the application paperwork to Ms. Scholl's contacts.

Lesley Dickson noted the upcoming NAMI conference.

Heather Shoop thanked all those searching for applicants to fill the positions and for all the members' service to the Committee.

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

5. REVIEW, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF THE FINALIZED DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE 12 RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SEPTEMBER 30TH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Misty Allen acknowledged the work well done by Social Entrepreneurs in the creation of the Draft Implementation Plan. She noted Sarah Marschall has been working on the state plan, but has had a personal emergency which understandably may delay the process. Ms. Allen noted she is waiting for 2015 data from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health before she can submit the 3rd Annual Director's Report for review. She noted the plan places much responsibility on the Office of Suicide Prevention. She stated to complete the plan she needs partners and timelines. Heather Shoop offered up the assistance of the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention (NCSP).

Ms. Allen noted the four plan outcomes which discuss reducing veterans, adult and senior, youth, and middle age adult suicide rates to the national average. These outcomes were not in the Governor's original plan but are now representative of the Governor's 2020 vision. The youth suicides are currently at the national average. She stated the state strategies may be slightly different, but priorities will address these four areas.

Heather Shoop heard at an April or May Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) workshop the possibility of substantial funds being made available for adult suicide prevention. Ms. Allen has been reviewing opportunities and has only seen funding related to juvenile justice involved youth. Ms. Shoop noted the current acting SAMHSA Administrator, Kana Enomoto, is committed to suicide prevention.

Ms. Allen noted in the Draft Implementation Plan, the use of the Committee's recommendations as they correspond with the National Strategy.

In efforts toward fulfilling the initiative to reach the Hispanic community, Richard Egan said a reporter from Telemundo television station would like a Spanish speaker to regularly report on suicide efforts. Also, two Spanish speaking social work professionals would like to become a training team and present trainings throughout Nevada. They are reaching out to NCSP and the Office of Suicide Prevention for support in becoming trainers. Mr. Egan will share the Draft Implementation Plan with the Spanish speaking contacts.

Ms. Shoop noted Ivet Santiago, UNLV School of Social Work Lecturer is concerned about the Hispanic communities and would like to move forward to partner in suicide prevention efforts. Ms. Allen will introduce Mr. Egan to Ms. Santiago so they can work together to meet within the next few weeks.

Marlyn Scholl noted the graphics and formatting makes the Draft Implementation Plan very usable. Ms. Allen credited Ms. Marschall for the consolidation of the data into the plan. Ms. Allen noted from 2005 - 2014, among the eight surrounding states with the highest suicide rates, Nevada's rates have stayed the same and the youth rate is now below the national average for 2014. The state strategy will focus more on older adults and veterans.

If the Committee approves, Ms. Allen will submit the Draft Implementation Plan as is to the Director.

Ms. Shoop noted certain minority groups are not yet represented. Although not part of the original recommendations, she expressed concern for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) community. She noted the access to LGBTQ attempt data, and the lack of suicide data collected at time of death. She hopes to have access to the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) soon. Ms. Allen will confirm whether the Division of Public and Behavioral Health will be releasing a document on LGBTQ soon.

Lesley Dickson has shared the Draft Implementation Plan with lobbyists who may distribute the information through social media, as they have with mental health awareness campaigns.

Ms. Allen said although she does not have dates due or dates committed, she will need to make changes to the plan and resubmit to the Committee for approval. If the Director needs something now, she feels good about providing this draft.

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

6. REVIEW, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND APPROVAL OF THE YEAR 3 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Misty Allen reiterated she has requested and is waiting for 2015 data to include in the annual report, therefore she does not have a draft of the report at this time. The Draft Implementation Plan will be the majority of the report to the Director.

Heather Shoop 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

Angela Friedman stated flights for the members are booked at a non-refundable rate, therefore she will be sending travel information sometime in November. Ms. Friedman will send Marlyn Scholl and Carolyn DeTierra an estimate of costs and a draft agenda for the January 27, 2017 Face to Face meeting.

Heather Shoop suggested the agenda for the Face to Face meeting include an update on the Division's work regarding the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) community.

Misty Allen asked if Lesley Dickson would update the Committee on relevant upcoming legislative bills at the next meeting. Dr. Dickson reported the current bill drafts are very vague.

Richard Egan may need support obtaining suicide data for review from the state office.

Dr. Dickson would like to add an agenda item to discuss outpatient services in Clark County. The Southern Nevada Mental Health Coalition will meet next month to discuss Managed Medicaid. One of the main Medicaid providers resigned from Mojave Mental Health, leaving one and one half providers to work for the hospital.

John Harney suggested contacting Kevin Child, a Clark County School Board Trustee, who lost his wife to suicide and speaks to suicide prevention. Ms. Allen suggested Mr. Child be approached as a family advocate representative.

Richard Gent noted he is a School Board Trustee for Churchill County School District.

Ms. Shoop asked if there are pending resignations in Committee membership. Ms. Allen will need to confirm with Mike Bernstein and Kathy Inglese since their situations have changed since their appointments.

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

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

The next teleconferenced meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, November 29, 2016.

Heather Shoop asked for public comment. None was heard.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lesley Dickson expressed concern regarding the Board of Medical Examiners and the enforcement of the suicide prevention education requirement. Misty noted the Board of Examiners for Social Workers has been actively requiring their licensees complete the education on an annual basis. She noted miscommunication among the boards concerning the requirements of Assembly Bill 93 (AB93). Marlyn Scholl noted social workers are required to present certificates of the education to renew licenses. Heather Shoop suggested the Committee members get on the meeting agendas for the different board of examiners for behavioral health to reach out regarding the education requirement. She noted the Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT) has a list of suicide awareness and prevention trainings on their website. Misty Allen noted in all fields most conferences are providing suicide prevention trainings.

Ms. Allen will attend a phone conference with the Nevada Nurses Association and Kevin Burns. Mr. Burns is a veteran and advocates at the legislature. He will be seeking funding to support training for the nurses.

Dr. Dickson noted confusion with the requirements for nurse practitioners and physician's assistants, and the hesitancy of the Medical Board to enforce AB93.

Ms. Allen noted the majority of the assistants in the primary care offices are not nurses. Dr. Dickson confirmed for Ms. Allen Medical Assistants (MA) need only a high school diploma, are not licensed, and are performing tasks of nurse practitioners except they do not prescribe medication. A Medical Assistant Certificate is available but no regulations exist in Nevada. Many practices are very dependent on the MAs. Ms. Allen noted MAs are used greatly by the Veterans Administration and not having MAs trained in suicide prevention prevents a difference from being made with the veterans.

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

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.