# COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES OPEN MEETING MINUTES July 23, 2019 9:30 AM

Humboldt County Sheriff's Communications Center Training Room 795 Fairgrounds Road Winnemucca, NV 89445

# **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Marlyn Scholl, LCSW, Veterans Health
Administration, Sierra Nevada Health Care
System, Reno, Co-Chair
Lesley Dickson, MD, Nevada Psychiatric
Association
Sheila Leslie, MA, Retired, Washoe County
Social Services, Consultant, Sagepine Strategies
Fran Maldonado, Tribal Liaison, Division of Child
and Family Services
Jamie Elizabeth Ross, Executive Director, PACT
Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Communities

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE**

Mike Bernstein, M. Ed., representative of injury prevention, Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention, Co-Chair

#### **TELECONFERENCE:**

Dial-In Toll-free Number 1-866-434-5269 Participants Code# 7501044

# **BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

John Fudenberg, D-ABMDI, Clark County Coroner Gregory Cowper, Director of Business Development, Montevista Hospital John Harney, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

#### **DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT**

Misty Vaughan Allen, Nevada State Suicide Prevention Coordinator, DPBH-BCFCW-OSP Richard Egan, Training and Outreach Facilitator, DPBH-BCFCW-OSP Angela Friedman, Administrative Assistant IV, DPBH-BCFCW-OSP

# **OTHERS PRESENT**

Sharon Benson, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Nevada Attorney General's Office
Mike Allen, Sheriff, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
Kevin Malone, Undersheriff, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
Chris Lininger, Detective, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
David Walls, Investigator, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
Jennifer Slovernick, Social Worker, Social Services, Humboldt General Hospital
Kelli Oxborrow, D-ABMDI, Medicolegal Death Investigator/Technician Supervisor, Washoe County
Regional Medical Examiner's Office

Marlyn Scholl called the meeting of the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities (CRSF) to order at 9:30 AM. 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

Marlyn Scholl thanked those present from Winnemucca for their engagement with the Committee, and to the Committee for their travel. Roll was taken. A quorum was present.

Ms. Scholl asked those present to introduce themselves and discuss their role in their communities and with the Committee.

Humboldt County Sheriff and his staff discussed the roles of the Sheriff's Office, each staff's experience, and training related to the Sheriff's Office. Misty Allen expressed her gratitude towards the Sheriff's staff for taking time to attend suicide prevention trainings given by the Office of Suicide Prevention. Committee members and the support staff to the Committee gave a brief introduction and relayed their experience related to suicide prevention. Misty Allen gave background on the creation of the Committee, and her wish to support the Sheriff's Office. Kelli Oxborrow discussed her involvement as a death scene investigator and as a person who performs autopsies. She expressed her desire to work with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department to implement a tool to support suicide investigations and data collection. Jennifer Slovernick discussed her role as the only social worker at Humboldt General Hospital.

The group discussed allowing Emergency Medical Services staff to start the process of Legal 2000 implementation.

The members mentioned the upcoming Opioid Summit and Law Enforcement Summit in Las Vegas on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

# 2. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 26, 2019 OPEN AND CLOSED MEETING MINUTES AND THE MAY 10, 2019 OPEN MEETING MINUTES.

Shelia Leslie commented she was listed as both present and not present on the May 10, 2019 meeting minutes. She noted she was present by phone. No other corrections were suggested.

MARLYN SCHOLL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> AND MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETINGS WITH THE CORRECTION AS STATED. A MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY SHEILA LESLIE. LESLEY DICKSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

# 3. DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING.

Misty Allen noted a Doodle poll will be sent to determine the next time and date of the teleconferenced meeting of the Committee, to be held sometime after the Opioid Summit and before the Suicide Prevention Summit in October.

Marlyn Scholl suggested an agenda item related to notifications to the Veterans Administration by the sheriffs' offices and coroners' offices of veterans who have died by suicide. The group discussed the purpose of the notification, the importance of the notification and gathering of data, and the notification processes.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Allen provided information regarding the Zero Suicide and Crisis Now Summit to be held in October as part of the two-day Suicide Prevention Conference in Las Vegas.

Marlyn Scholl asked for further public comment. None was heard.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.