

**COMMITTEE TO REVIEW SUICIDE FATALITIES
MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2019
3:05 PM**

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Bureau of Child, Family and Community
Wellness (BCFCW)
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE

Marlyn Scholl, LCSW, Veterans Health
Administration, Sierra Nevada Health Care
System, Reno, Co-Chair
Gregory Cowper, Director of Business
Development, Montevista Hospital
Lesley Dickson, MD, Nevada Psychiatric
Association Sergeant
John Harney, Las Vegas Metropolitan
Police Department
Sheila Leslie, MA, Retired, Washoe County
Social Services, Consultant, Sagepine Strategies
Fran Maldonado, Tribal Liaison, Division of Child
and Family Services
David Mills, F-ABMDI Coroner Investigative
Forensic Supervisor, designee for John
Fudenberg, Clark County Coroner

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

John Fudenberg, D-ABMDI, Clark County
Coroner
Kathy Ingelse, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FNP-BC,
representative of providers of health care
Mike Bernstein, M. Ed., representative of injury
prevention, Nevada Coalition for Suicide
Prevention, Co-Chair
Jamie Elizabeth Ross, Executive Director, PACT
Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Communities

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT IN RENO

Misty Vaughan Allen, Nevada State Suicide Prevention Coordinator, DPBH-BCFCW-OSP
Angela Friedman, Administrative Assistant IV, DPBH-BCFCW-OSP

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT IN RENO

Richard Egan, Training and Outreach Facilitator, DPBH-BCFCW-OSP

OTHERS PRESENT ON THE PHONE

Marie Cannon, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Veterans Health Administration, Sierra Nevada Health
Care System, Reno

Marlyn Scholl called the meeting of the Committee to Review Suicide Fatalities (CRSF) to order at 3:10
p.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

Marlyn Scholl asked those present to introduce themselves. Roll call was taken and a quorum was
present.

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

The members did not receive the minutes for their review. An email will be sent to the members with both the open and closed March 26th meeting minutes. These minutes will be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting.

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

3. DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING WINNEMUCCA AS THE POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FACE TO FACE MEETING TO REVIEW CASES OF SUICIDE DEATHS

Misty Allen reported she is working with Judge Michael Montero, Washoe County Coroner Laura Knight, and the Humboldt County Coroner to coordinate a meeting in Winnemucca. Marlyn Scholl requested the meeting be held on a date to allow for outreach to a Veterans Administration clinic in Winnemucca. Members discussed the logistics of the travel, including traveling on Monday and having the meeting on a Tuesday. Ms. Allen will work to coordinate dates with the Coroner in Winnemucca for a meeting in July or August.

Ms. Scholl asked if the meeting would also involve working on accessing veteran data from the rural areas in addition to the behavioral autopsy component. Ms. Allen said Dr. Knight was working on training the rural coroners on data collection and it could be part of the discussion.

Dr. Dickson and Ms. Scholl discussed the veteran data showing most veterans who have died by suicide did not seek assistance from the Veterans Administration or they may not have been eligible for services. Ms. Scholl described what the VA is implementing regarding mental health eligibility. Dr. Dickson discussed how the case tool does not mention status of veteran discharge. Dr. Dickson and Ms. Scholl discussed how military status influences veterans' vulnerability for suicide. Ms. Scholl spoke of the work to ensure veterans are served either by VA or by other resources and how the VA has changed regarding suicide prevention.

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

4. DISCUSS, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Marlyn Scholl appreciated the work Misty Allen did on the report. Ms. Allen acknowledged Jamie Ross for her additions to the report. Ms. Allen noted the report needed minor formatting, but the content will remain the same so the members could approve the report.

Ms. Scholl offered her support to create partnership with the Southern Nevada Veteran Healthcare System (SNVHS) if Richard Egan needed.

MARLYN SCHOLL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WITH THE FORMAT CHANGES 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.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Mills shared Las Vegas community members met to discuss partnering with the American Warriors Partnership on the Operation Deep Dive research. University of Alabama has a grant to conduct research. Angela Henderson, the research assistant to the project will meet with Mr. Mills to collect data. He is not sure what the deliverables will reveal but they may be valuable to the Committee. Richard Egan explained the connection to Operation Deep Dive came about due to the Las Vegas Mayors Challenge. This research will be in conjunction with the Mayors Challenge over several years. The Deep Dive research will use data from across the nation. Ms. Scholl reported Northern Nevada is part of the second wave of the Mayors Challenge.

Ms. Scholl clarified emails will be sent to confirm the travel date for the Winnemucca meeting.

Marlyn Scholl asked for further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.