



Summit County Suicide Prevention Coalition

March 16, 2017 Meeting Notes

Attending: Amy Marsteller, AMHA; Andrea Denton, Survivors Group Facilitator; Ricki Ethington, Akron Summit County Public Library; Michelle Montgomery, Ohio Guide stone; April Brewer, Greenleaf Family Solutions; Amber Miracle, VA; Barb Medlock, Portage Path Behavioral Health and Mary Alice Sonnhalter, ADM Board.

Updates:

1. Collaborative Assessment & Management of Suicidology (CAMS) training will take place on April 12th in Summit County. Additional details may be found [here](#).
2. Andy provided an update on the statistics from the first half of 2016 – as we know, the ME office is running 4-6 months behind in reporting, so these # are preliminary. In the first six months of 2016 there were 52 deaths by suicide of those, 52 deaths 39 were Males and 13 were Females. The Barberton and Cuy . Falls zip codes were among the highest.
3. Amber provided an overview of the use of the non-demand caring contacts being used at the VA and attempts to provide some type of contact at least monthly. She has a variety of templates that she uses with various themes and sometimes will send a copy of their plan or patient education piece related to something they recently discussed. She personalizes each one and has received positive feedback from patients who have received them. Sometimes it may just be a birthday card so that people know they are being thought of. In terms of her time and lost productivity, she spreads it out over time to minimize impact. Also, as a time saver to her, administrative staff are pre-addressing some envelopes for her to use as many times locating the patient address and preparing the envelope takes more time than the personalized message.
4. Barb shared the PPBH is looking to develop an overarching policy aimed at ensuring that language used across the agency is non-judgmental and non-stigmatizing. They also are looking at a developing a menu of options for clinician support

2016 Goal Status:

1. **Provide Evidence-Based best practice trainings for clinicians – CAMS training and DBT for Suicidology to take place this year**
2. **Provide education / resources for others that come into contact with those most at risk.**
Gatekeeper trainings: 2016 YTD is 75 (with 2 more scheduled) and cumulative total 6715 since the coalition's inception. We will be scheduling Gatekeeper Train the Trainer for agencies so they can incorporate GK training into orientation and in-service training for non-clinical employees in the fall.
3. **Develop support resources for clinicians work with suicidal clients and/or who have experienced the loss of a client by suicide**
Due to low turnout at scheduled meetings, this group is being suspended for now and will be revisited in the fall.
4. **Investigate initiatives that have had success in decreasing lives lost to suicide through the Zero Suicide Learning Collaborative.**

ADM Agency Zero Suicide Champions meeting scheduled for March 22nd 9a – 11a at ADM Board

Announcements:

Next Suicide Prevention Meeting:

Thursday, May 18, 2017

8:30am – 10:00am at the ADM Board Office –
1867 W. Market Street, Ste. B2

Remaining 2017 SPC meetings:

June 20th

September 21st

November 16th