



Summit County Suicide Prevention Coalition May 18, 2017 Meeting Notes

Attending: Andrea Denton, Survivors Group Facilitator; Michelle Montgomery, Ohio Guide stone; April Brewer, Greenleaf Family Solutions; Amber Miracle, VA; Carrie Milkovich, Victim Assistance Program; Ron Rett, NAMI of Summit County; Barb Medlock, Portage Path Behavioral Health and Mary Alice Sonnhalter, ADM Board.

Updates:

1. 47 local clinicians attended the Collaborative Assessment & Management of Suicidology (CAMS) training which took place on April 12th in Summit County.
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. 16 deaths were in the age group of 40-49 year olds and 14 deaths were in the age group 50-59 year olds.
3. We have received a mini-grant from OACBHA to promote the Crisis Text line. The group felt that there has been a good amount of promotion to teens and young adults and that this money should be used to target the middle-aged male demographic. Suggestions included the development of a business card that could be made available at agencies and at community events. Mary Alice will report back at the next meeting.
4. The group had a discussion about “13 Reasons Why”, a Netflix series about a young girl’s decision to die by suicide including graphic content and videos about the people and circumstances that she lists as the 13 reasons. There have been many responses from suicide prevention specialists urging parents to either restrict teens from watching it or to watch it along with your teens to open up dialogue about it. Many local schools have sent information home to parents and are encouraged to do so again in the Fall as the series was renewed for a 2nd season. Helpful resources are listed below:

[Jed Foundation Talking points for Parents – 13 Reasons Why](#)

[Suicide Prevention Resource Center Resources](#)

[Tips for Parents for Talking with Their Children about 13 Reasons Why and Suicide](#) (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention)

2017 Goal Status:

1. **Provide Evidence-Based best practice trainings for clinicians – CAMS training completed 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: 2017 YTD is 78 (with 2 more scheduled) and cumulative total 6838 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.

A Zero Suicide Champions meeting took place on March 22nd and two areas of focus were on developing a methodology for caring contacts and updates to EHR to incorporate CAMS training and flag those at high risk.

Next Suicide Prevention Meeting:

Thursday, July 20, 2017

8:30am – 10:00am at the ADM Board Office –

1867 W. Market Street, Ste. B2

Remaining 2017 SPC meetings:

July 20th

September 21st

November 16th