



**Summit County Suicide Prevention Coalition**  
September 21, 2017 Meeting Notes

Attending: Michelle Montgomery, Ohio Guide stone; Heather Miller, UA student; Jen Seidel, Greenleaf Family Center; Andrea Denton, Survivors Support Group; Ricki Ethington, ASCP library; Ron Rett, NAMI; Amber Miracle, VA; Becky Dempster, Coleman Professional Services; Barb Medlock and Tracy Dawyduk, Portage Path Behavioral Health; and Beth Kuckuck and Mary Alice Sonnhalter, ADM Board.

**Updates:**

1. Suicide awareness campaigns:
  - a. Mary Alice shared the [#BeThe1To](#) campaign which contains [social media and educational resources](#) that may be useful reminders on ongoing basis and particularly during September’s suicide awareness week.
  - b. We corresponded with representatives of the faith community who have been active with the Change Direction campaign to ask that they consider helping to promote the Faith Hope Life Celebrating Reasons to Live campaign. The campaign includes Communications aids such as flyers, bulletin inserts, posters and other graphical art, worship and spiritual resources including: prayers, meditations and liturgies, sermons and homilies, hymns and songs and scriptural resources. Please feel free to share these resources with members of the faith community.
  
2. 2016 Summit County deaths by suicide – Year to date, we have reports for 98 deaths by suicide: 76 male and 22 female and the following age groups:

Teens	3
20-29	13
30-39	11
40-49	22
50-59	27
60-69	11
70-79	9
80-89	2

These numbers are preliminary, but it appears likely that we will be close to the 2015 number (110 deaths).

3. Logic won MTV award for their song 18002738255 which caused dramatic increase in call volume at National Suicide Prevention lifeline. Related links: [Variety article](#) and [Official audio](#)
  
4. The mini-grant from OACBHA to promote the Crisis Text Line (CTL) was used to develop business sized cards with revised artwork to reflect middle-age males and to purchase several table top banners that we will loan out to provider agencies. Both were distributed at this meeting.
  
5. A reminder that “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. As the school year and the shows new season begins, it would be helpful to share these links with parent groups and teachers. 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)

6. *Gatekeeper trainings: 2017 YTD is 124 (with 1 more scheduled) and cumulative total 6884 since the coalition's inception.*

7. *Zero suicide: There is additional research showing that [caring contacts saves lives](#). The next Zero Suicide Champions meeting will be **October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** at the ADM Board.*

Announcements:

- [KJ's 5K walk/run](#) will take place on Sat 10.7.17 in memory of KJ Hamblin who died by suicide and will raise funds for Portage Path and local animal rescues.
- [NAMI walk](#) this year is Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Stile Athletics Field House at the University of Akron.
- A reminder that we still have some Question Persuade, Refer QPR licenses online training licenses available that can be used to educate non-clinical staff on basic suicide prevention. The link we provide out is <http://www.qprtraining.com/setup.php> with the organization code: ADMB.

**Next Suicide Prevention Meeting:**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

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

1867 W. Market Street, Ste. B2