

Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting  
Friday, December 16, 2022 – 1:00pm to 2:00pm via Microsoft Teams  
**DRAFT** Minutes

*The mission of the Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition is to make Frederick County free of suicide through community collaboration rooted in suicide prevention best practices for safe and responsible gun storage, eliminating stigma surrounding suicide, and support for anyone thinking of or impacted by suicide.*

**Attendance**

Andrea Baiocchi Walker, MPH, MA, CPRP, Director, Behavioral Health Services, Frederick County Health Department and Local Behavioral Health Authority

Jay Hessler, LCPC, Assistant Director, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

Amanda Adams, Child & Adolescent Coordinator, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

Chad Atkins, Assistant Patrol Operations Commander, Frederick County Sheriff's Office

Lindsay Barnhart, States Attorney Office

Patty Walcott, Office of Suicide Prevention, Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration

Dee Bowie, Director for Office of Suicide Prevention, MDH, Behavioral Health Administration

Anne Claggett, Office of Suicide Prevention, MDH, Behavioral Health Administration

Jessica Ellis, Harm Reduction/Diversion Manager, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

Suzy Boisclair, Victim Services, Frederick County Sheriff's Office

Tammy Hershey, Frederick Health Hospital

Emily Gebhart, Frederick Community College

Jennifer Kelley, Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator, Martinsburg VA Medical Center

Marigny Rusk, Family Preservation Unit, Frederick County Department of Social Services

Rachel Mandel, MD, Trauma Responsive Frederick, Veteran

Monica Kirkpatrick, Patient Finance Services Manager for Outpatient Services, Mountain Manor

Reed Preece, Frederick Police Department

Tarita Richardson, Survivor of Suicide, Suicide Loss Survivor

Suzi Borg, Director of Crisis Services, Mental Health Association

Kaili Van Waveren, Bereavement Supervisor, Frederick Health Hospice

Starling Hathcock, Child Advocacy Center

Jenna Moseman, Child Advocacy Center

Lynn Davis, Coordinator of Mental Health Programs, Frederick County Public Schools

Natalie Bowers, DFRS, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

### **Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Review/Approval of Minutes
3. Additional Frederick County suicide data – Andrea Walker
4. Review and Addition to Participant Expectations
5. Media Request
6. Website
7. Formation of sub-committees
8. Set next meeting date
9. Agenda for Next Meeting
10. Adjourn

## **1. Introductions**

Jay Hessler convened the meeting and introductions of meeting attendees occurred.

## **2. Review/Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and no corrections were noted.

## **3. Additional Frederick County suicide data – Andrea Walker**

Presentation of Frederick County Suicide Fatality Statistics (June 2010-August 2022)

## **4. Review and Addition to Participant Expectations**

- a. Attendance is the number one goal for Coalition members
- b. Space is utilized for the purpose of suicide prevention only
- c. If approached by media with a request to speak about the Suicide Prevention Coalition, the request will be brought to the coalition for discussion

## **5. Media Request**

- a. Jay Hessler reported a request has been made by the media to highlight the formation of the Suicide Prevention Coalition and the LHIP workgroup process
- b. Discussion about delaying the media request while the coalition website is in progress and while subcommittees are being formed/begin work
- c. Suzi Borg and Rachel Mandel volunteered to speak to media on behalf of coalition

## **6. Website**

- a. Suicide Prevention Coalition website is in the process of being created
- b. Andrea Walker reported a February-March timeline for the website to go live
- c. More discussion will follow regarding the website information/details

## **7. Formation of sub-committees**

- a. Discussion of sub-committees identified the following subcommittees
  - i. Responsible Gun Ownership
  - ii. Veterans
  - iii. Education/Outreach
  - iv. Postvention/Support Services following completed or attempted suicide
- b. Communication will come shortly to allow coalition members to select which subcommittee(s) they have interest in participating in
- c. The LHIP workgroup subcommittee, Suicide Prevention will continue to act as the steering committee for the coalition. Any coalition members interested in joining this subcommittee can contact Jay Hessler, [jhessler@frederickccountymd.gov](mailto:jhessler@frederickccountymd.gov) or Amanda Adams, [akadams@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:akadams@frederickcountymd.gov).

## **8. Set next meeting date**

- a. Meetings will occur on the third Friday of each month at 1pm – a recurring invite will be sent for 2023 meetings.
- b. Next meeting date: 1/20/2023 at 1pm

## **9. Agenda for Next Meeting**

- a. Agenda will be sent out prior to next meeting

**10. Update on state Suicide Fatality Committee from Dee Bowie, MDH**

- a. The committee is awaiting two more positions to be appointed
- b. Committee should start reviewing the first cases at the end of the first quarter
- c. Work is in progress to get a data system built to house all suicide data from across the state

**11. Adjourn**