

## Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting

Friday, January 20, 2022 – 1:00pm to 2:30pm 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

Lindsay Barnhart, States Attorney Office

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

Reed Preece, Frederick Police Department

Matthew Lynch, Captain, Brunswick Police Department

Rachel Mandel, MD, Trauma Responsive Frederick, Veteran

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

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

Destiny Nettles, Serving Together

Betsy Doud, Office of Suicide Prevention, MDH, Behavioral Health Administration

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

Jason Barth, Executive Director, The Ranch

Kaili Van Waveren, Bereavement Supervisor, Frederick Health Hospice

Willa Naegel, Sheppard Pratt Mobile Crisis

Toni Nutter, Sheppard Pratt, SSG Fox Veteran Suicide Prevention Program

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

Suzy Boisclair, Supervisor of Victim Services, Frederick Police Department

Jack Markey, Emergency Management/911

**Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Review/Approval of Minutes
3. Announcements
4. Break by Subcommittees
  - a. Responsible Gun Ownership
  - b. Education/Outreach
  - c. Veterans
  - d. Postvention/Support Services following completed/attempted suicide
5. Subcommittees Report Out
6. 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. Announcements**

- a. The Veterans Subcommittee will continue to maintain their current subcommittee meeting time, the second Monday of every month and will not be meeting during the Suicide Prevention Coalition meeting time. The subcommittee will provide a report out at each Coalition meeting and a report out of the other subcommittees will also be provided to the Veterans subcommittee.
- b. The Frederick County Health Department/LBHA submitted an application for grant funding for a public service announcement for suicide prevention through the Maryland Behavioral Health Administration. There was a short turnaround for applications and only LBHA were able to apply for this funding. If funds are granted, the PSA would be created in collaboration with Channel Communications and the Education/Outreach subcommittee; as well as, any other members from the coalition who wanted to participate. Updates/information will be shared regarding the status of the application.

- c. During the March Coalition meeting, Janel Cabbage from the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions will be coming to speak regarding ERPO.
- d. The Suicide Prevention Coalition meetings will be extended to 1.5 hours to allow time for subcommittees to meet.
- e. The previous invite for the Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting (1-2pm) will be cancelled.
- f. There is no update on the Suicide Prevention website. The website is still in creation, as the County is revamping the entire county website.
- g. The Behavioral Health Administration will begin providing announcements/information at each meeting beginning at the February Coalition meeting.

#### **4. Breakout by Subcommittees**

- a. Jay Hessler provided guidance for the subcommittee breakouts
  - i. Subcommittees to decide on a leader/co-leaders for the subcommittee
  - ii. Each subcommittee has a member from the LHIP Workgroup Suicide Prevention Steering Committee to review items from logic model
  - iii. Subcommittees to identify other areas/items the subcommittee wants to address
- b. Responsible Gun Ownership, Education/Outreach and Postvention/Support Services following completed/attempted suicide subcommittees convened

#### **5. Subcommittees Report Out**

- a. Responsible Gun Ownership – Leadership: Chad Atkins
  - i. Areas/items interested in addressing:
    - 1. Public outreach for responsible gun ownership
    - 2. Solutions for safely storing firearms within the county
    - 3. Gaps/Areas for education
    - 4. Gun requirements that need to be changed
    - 5. Education for law enforcement regarding filling out EP
  - ii. Interested in inviting entities from DNR and firearm retail owner to participate in subcommittee to include perspective from those areas
  - iii. Will need to review the logic model items from the steering committee
- b. Education/Outreach – Leadership: Reed Preece
  - i. Will review at logic model items more in depth but agree the items align with the subcommittee goals
  - ii. Areas/items interested in addressing:
    - 1. Low-cost/no cost trainings for best practices and suicide risk screenings
    - 2. Identifying and promoting social media campaigns to support suicide prevention
    - 3. Creating effective suicide prevention outreach
- c. Postvention – Leadership: Kaili Van Waveren with assistance from Amanda Adams
  - i. Logic model items were reviewed and agreed to align with subcommittee goals
  - ii. Areas/items interested in addressing:

1. Raising awareness of Postvention/support services to include helping professionals (compassion fatigue/vicarious trauma)
2. Reviewing current Postvention plans, to help create effective Postvention protocols around the County
3. Will begin identifying and working on landscape analysis of transition and recovery services, to include FHH, Brook Lane, Sheppard Pratt Mobile Crisis and MHA

## **6. Adjourn**

*Next meeting – February 17, 2023, 1-2:30pm*