

Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting
Friday, February 17, 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

Reed Preece, Frederick Police Department

Rachel Mandel, MD, Trauma Responsive Frederick, Veteran

Jason Barth, Executive Director, The Ranch

Kaili Van Waveren, Bereavement Supervisor, Frederick Health Hospice

Willa Naegle, Sheppard Pratt Mobile Crisis

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

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

Patty Walcott, Office of Suicide Prevention, MDH, Behavioral Health Administration

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

Suzy Boisclair, Supervisor of Victim Services, Frederick Police Department

Reverend Sakima Romero-Chandler, Wayman AME Church

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Tarita Richardson, Survivor of Suicide, Suicide Loss Survivor

Suzi Borg, Director of Crisis Services, Mental Health Association

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

Natalie Bowers, DFRS, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

Teri Heger, Frederick Health Hospital

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

Ben Kelkye, Firearm Safety Instructor, NRA Training Council

Richard Sedlak, MD MPH, COL (ret.) US Army

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review/Approval of Minutes
3. Announcements
4. Veterans Subcommittee Report Out
5. Breakouts by Subcommittee
 - a. Responsible Gun Ownership
 - b. Education/Outreach
 - c. Postvention/Support Services
6. Subcommittee Report Out
7. Announcements from BHA Office of Suicide Prevention
8. 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. Jay Hessler announced the grant the LBHA applied for through the BHA Office of Suicide Prevention was awarded to the LBHA in the amount of 60,000 dollars. The grant will help support suicide prevention efforts and assists in a PSA being created in collaboration with Channel Communications, the LBHA and members of the Suicide Prevention Coalition who have interest in participating in the project. The funding will not be available until July 1st, 2023.

- b. During the next meeting on 3/17/2023, Janel Cubbage from the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions will be speaking and providing a presentation to the coalition.

4. Veterans Subcommittee Report Out

- a. Jennifer Kelley provided the report out. The Veterans subcommittee met on 2/13/2023. Leadership has been established and the subcommittee is now working on identifying the name of the subcommittee and mission statement. The subcommittee will be beginning the Ask the Question campaign that assists utilize wording to help better identify those who have served in the military. The subcommittee will meet again on 3/13/2023.

5. Breakouts by Subcommittee

- a. *Responsible Gun Ownership*
- b. *Education/Outreach*
- c. *Postvention/Support Services following completed/attempted suicide*

Jay Hessler requested the subcommittees to assess membership within their subcommittee during the break out time.

6. Subcommittee Report Out

- a. *Responsible Gun Ownership*: Dr. Mandel provided the report out. The subcommittee had discussion around the lock box concept, needing further education about ERPO for the community and further education regarding gun safety and safe storage. The subcommittee also discussed utilizing the data to show why safe and responsible gun ownership is important as evidenced by the number of suicide deaths by firearm. Membership was reviewed and no changes/additions were noted.
- b. *Education/Outreach*: Reed Preece provided the report out. The subcommittee discussion regarding leadership within the subcommittee. The subcommittee is going to continue to identify their focus and utilize research on the identified areas. Membership was reviewed and the subcommittee identified FCPS, FCC, Hood and Youth/Juvenile Services as members they would like to participate in the subcommittee.
- c. *Postvention/Support Services following completed/attempted suicide*: Kaili Van Waveren provided the report out. The subcommittee reviewed the landscape analysis of Postvention services to include mobile crisis and FHH. The subcommittee also discussed children/adolescents displaying help seeking behaviors and crisis calls and barriers for follow up from inpatient stays and the BHU. Membership was reviewed and the subcommittee identified FCPS and COAST as members they would like to participate in the subcommittee.

7. Announcements from BHA Office of Suicide Prevention

- a. Betsy Doud provided the following updates:
- b. BHA has partnered with the Black Mental Health Alliance for the Taking Care of Us Campaign, scheduled for February 28th, 11:30am – 1:30pm
- c. Through a partnership with the John Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions, BHA is working on the creation of a recognition sticker to include a QR code with links to Safe Storage Mapping and information on ERPO

- d. On 3/15/2023 from 5-6pm, a Youth Town Hall held by youth, Henry Meiser will take place in Frederick County at the C. Burr Artz Public Library
- e. The Office of Suicide Prevention puts out a monthly newsletter, The Scoop. It is a great way to stay connected and see what the Office of Suicide Prevention is working on.
- f. To receive motivational/encouraging text messages, visit <https://211md.org/about/text-messages/>
- g. Farm Stress Management through the University of Maryland Extension, farm families can receive six free therapy sessions

8. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting – 3/17/2023, 1-2:30pm*