

Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting

Friday, June 16, 2022 – 1:00pm to 2:30pm via Microsoft Teams

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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.

[Suicide Prevention Coalition website](#)

Attendance

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

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

Lindsay Barnhart, States Attorney Office

Jason Barth, Executive Director, The Ranch

Suzy Boisclair, Supervisor of Victim Services, Frederick Police Department

Suzi Borg, Director of Crisis Services, Mental Health Association

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

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

Mary Lynn Hinde, Trauma Responsive Frederick

Marigny Rusk, Frederick County Department of Social Services

Sandra Wastler, Senior Services Advisory Board

Rachel Mandel, MD, Trauma Responsive Frederick, Veteran

Reed Preece, Frederick Police Department

Erika Bishop, Army Substance Abuse Program, Suicide Prevention Program, Fort Detrick

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

Priscilla Nalubula, Office of Suicide Prevention, MDH, Intern

Gerald Rooth, Director of Counseling Services, Mount St. Mary's University

Matthew Lynch, Captain, Brunswick Police Department

Jamel Freeman, Suicide Loss Survivor

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

Amanda Adams 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. Andrea Walker reviewed the [Circumstances of Suicide Deaths in Maryland: MVDRS](#) report.
- b. Mrs. Walker discussed a possible change in time/date for future coalition meetings to better accommodate schedules and attendance. A doodle poll will be sent to the coalition for follow up.
- c. Mrs. Walker announced Dr. Holly Wilcox from Johns Hopkins School, Bloomberg School of Health may be speaking at the July coalition meeting.
- d. Mrs. Adams announced a kick-off meeting will be organized for the upcoming work on the Suicide Prevention PSA. Any interested parties should email Amanda Adams, akadams@frederickcountymd.gov

4. Veterans Subcommittee Report Out

- a. Mrs. Adams provided the report out. The Veterans subcommittee met on 6/12/2023. The subcommittee continues to work on the Ask the Question campaign and implementation within Frederick County. Robert Brown, Harford County's Commission on Veteran Affairs spoke to the group regarding the ATQ rack card created in Harford County and utilization of the rack card. The rack card was provided to the subcommittee for review.

5. Breakouts by Subcommittee

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

6. Subcommittee Report Out

- a. *Responsible Gun Ownership*: Matthew Lynch provided the report out. The subcommittee identified wanting to make PSAs a priority. The subcommittee would like for these PSAs to include videos, short classes, flyers, etc. The subcommittee would want these PSAs to review what responsible gun ownership means, loading/unloading of firearms and safe storage; then later branch out to more specific training courses.
- b. *Education/Outreach*: Monica Kirkpatrick provided the report out. The subcommittee reviewed the action plan. The subcommittee discussed creating a shared location for their action plan. The subcommittee also discussed the pros and cons of have a separate committee meeting. The subcommittee plans to review what other jurisdictions are working on in the education/outreach area.
- c. *Postvention/Support Services following completed/attempted suicide*: Marigny Rusk provided the report out. The subcommittee spoke with Betsy Doud regarding the recent Postvention Summit.

7. Announcements from BHA Office of Suicide Prevention

- a. Betsy Doud provided the following updates:
- b. [Jaelynn's Law](#)
- c. The L.O.S.S Team Postvention Summit occurred this past Wednesday in Cecil County. Over six jurisdictions were represented at the summit. The Summit covered postvention, how to implement L.O.S.S teams in the community and first responders from Anne Arundel County and Cecil County spoke with attendees.
- d. The UMD Extension Farm Stress Management is offering Mental Health First Aid classes for entire agencies: [Click here to register](#)
- e. In partnership with the Black Mental Health Alliance: The Mental Health of Black men and Boys Summit is upcoming: [Click here to register](#)
- f. To keep up-to-date with the Office of Suicide Prevention, sign up for the monthly newsletter, The Scoop

8. Adjourn

- a. *Next meeting – 7/21/2023, 1-2:30pm*