

Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting

Friday, July 19th, 2024 – 11:00am to 12:30pm via Microsoft Teams

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.

[Suicide Prevention Coalition website](#)

Attendance

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

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

Jay Hessler, Assistant Director, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

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

Dr. Rachel Mandel, Community Advocate, TRF, Veteran

Stephanie Shapiro, OFRT Coordinator, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

Kaili Van Waveren, Executive Director, Thorpewood

Patti Buckmaster, Nursing Director of Behavioral Health, FHH

Summer McClellan, Mental Health Workgroup Coordinator, Healthier Frederick

Shannon Heath Parkin, Peer Recovery Specialist, On Our Own Frederick, Suicide Attempt Survivor

Anne Claggett, Office of Suicide Prevention and Problem Gambling, MDH, Behavioral Health Administration

Enjoli Gomez, Office of Suicide Prevention and Problem Gambling, MDH, Behavioral Health Administration

Jamel Freeman, Suicide Loss Survivor and Advocate

Danielle Haskin, Director, Equity Office, Frederick County Health Department

Karim Martin, Coordinator of Special Programs, Equity Office, Frederick County Health Department

Reed Preece, Frederick Police Department

Elaine Scott, Sheppard Pratt

Agenda

1. Introductions (Name, Agency, How your role intersects death by suicide)
2. Review/Approval of Minutes
3. Announcements
 - a. Community Health Needs Assessment
4. Breakouts by Subcommittee
 - a. Responsible Gun Ownership
 - b. Education/Outreach
 - c. Postvention/Support Services
 - d. Veterans
5. Subcommittee Report Out
6. Announcements from BHA Office of Suicide Prevention
7. 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. Summer McClellan introduced the current Community Health Needs assessment survey and described its role in the overall Community Health Needs Assessment process. Summer reported the following data from the survey thus far:
 1. 1,900 responses as of today.
 2. The majority of respondents are Caucasian (1,360).
 3. 400 respondents were between the ages of 40-49.
 4. Early results indicate a need for a greater diversity in respondents.

4. Breakouts by Subcommittee

- a. *Responsible Gun Ownership*
- b. *Education/Outreach*
- c. *Postvention/Support Services following death by suicide*
- d. *Veterans*

5. Subcommittee Report Out

- a. *Responsible Gun Ownership*: Dr. Mandel provided the report out. The group further explored the PSA that is about to begin. The group is gathering ideas for points of emphasis and considering what the call to action is. The group reviewed data gained from the locally produced PSA that ran in theaters and subsequent feedback. The group continues to look into safe storage facility information and viability.
- b. *Education/Outreach*: Stephanie Shapiro provided the report out. Stephanie secured a no cost vendor table for the “Out of the Darkness” walk which will be held in Baker Park 10/12/24. Stephanie will create a Sign-Up Genius for SPC members to sign-up for working the table at the event. Shannon Parkin volunteered to speak at the event (looking into it with organizers). The group is exploring having focus groups in senior centers in Frederick. Need to narrow down the questions: How does the geriatric population want to receive information and resources. Tone to be positive and reduce stigma.
- c. *Postvention/Support Services following completed/attempted suicide*: Kaili Van Waveren provided the report out. The group wants to spend time creating postvention protocol. Summer McClellan created a Teams channel to work in and review resources. Group intends to compile resources over the next weeks. Summer will draft an outline to workshop in next month’s meeting.
- d. *Veterans*: Amanda Adams provided the report out. The group reviewed plans for community trainings about serving veterans and their family members. The group is using a Teams channel to have planning documents available to all. Will get more input next month on what to address next from the Crisis Intercept Map. Amanda reminded all that there is a Veterans event tomorrow at the Prospect Center on Himes Avenue from 10am-2pm.

6. Announcements from BHA Office of Suicide Prevention

Anne Claggett made announcements on behalf of the Office of Suicide Prevention:

- Caring Out Loud Campaign - The office of suicide prevention partnered with the Trevor Project, a leading suicide prevention organization for LGBTQIA+ young people.
- Keygan and Kyle are the only trainers for the Trevor Project in the entire nation to provide training. We decided to create the First-in-the-Nation Trevor Train the Trainer Pilot Program to grow the amount of trainers we have in the nation! [Train-the-Trainer Press Release](#)
- July 26th - Ally - How to be an Ally
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-trevor-project-ally-training-tickets-706739084627?aff=oddtcreator>
- Apply here: <https://health.maryland.gov/bha/suicideprevention/Pages/home.aspx>

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7. Adjourn

