

## Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting

Friday, June 21, 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

Jennifer Kelley, Community Engagement & Partnership Coordinator, Martinsburg VA Med. Center

Michaela Brown, Coordinator of Veterans Advisory Council of Frederick County

Caitlyn Wilson, Social Worker, Frederick County Department of Social Services

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

Alexandra Baker, Director of Mobile Crisis, Sheppard Pratt

Dr. Rachel Mandel, Community Advocate, TRF, Veteran

Jason Marshall, Regional Manager, Serving Together

Stephanie Shapiro, OFRT Coordinator, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

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

Kaili Van Waveren, Executive Director, Thorpewood

Patti Buckmaster, Nursing Director of Behavioral Health, FHH

Summer McClellan, Mental Health Workgroup Coordinator, Healthier Frederick

Suzi Borg, Director of Crisis Services, MHA

Jason Barth, Executive Director, The Ranch

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

Kitty Devilbiss, Division of Aging and Independence

Hillary Gross, Epidemiologist, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

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

Aliesha Morris, Office of Suicide Prevention and Problem Gambling, MDH, Behavioral Health Administration

Barbara van der Vossen, Kids Like Us Program Supervisor, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

**Agenda**

1. Introductions (Name, Agency, How your role intersects death by suicide)
2. Review/Approval of Minutes
3. Announcements
  - a. MVDRS data on suicide
  - b. Academic Detailing Update
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**

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. Hillary Gross reviewed new MVDRS data: [Characteristics and Circumstances of Male Suicide Descendants in Construction and Extraction Occupations in Maryland, 2020-2021](#) and [Circumstances of Suicide Among Older Adults in Maryland](#)
- b. Jay Hessler provided information on the Academic Detailing program in Behavioral Health Services at FCHD. Nate Smith is providing information about 988, responsible gun ownership and other behavioral health supports to

physicians in the community.

#### **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 continued discussion on firearm safe storage in Frederick County. Through research, the group has identified limited protections in liability for firearm dealers participating in safe storage of firearms. The group plans to continue the conversations and expand conversations locally and regionally with retailers and other surrounding jurisdictions.
- b. *Education/Outreach*: Stephanie Shapiro provided the report out. The group discussed how to provide outreach to at-risk populations to include, seniors and individuals in the construction industry. The group discussed holding a focus group with seniors to help identify areas that would be helpful and barriers.
- c. *Postvention/Support Services following completed/attempted suicide*: Kaili Van Waveren provided the report out. The group discussed focusing on the creation of a Postvention document, as the landscape analysis completed determined most places/groups do not have identified postvention strategies or procedures identified or in place.
- d. *Veterans*: Jennifer Kelley provided the report out. The group continued discussion on holding trainings. The Psych Armor training is pending at this time. The group discussed holding the VA SAVE training during the month of September, which is Suicide Prevention Month and Military Mental Health First Aid Training in October (dates pending).

#### **6. Announcements from BHA Office of Suicide Prevention**

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

- a. *Governor Moore Announces Launch of First-in-the-Nation Trevor Train the Trainer Pilot Program to Uplift LGBTQIA+ Youth*: The Office of Suicide Prevention is also happy to announce that it will continue the partnership with the Trevor Project and expand its training efforts into Train the Trainer training. This will be a pilot program and the first in the nation to train 25 to 30 individuals. In order to apply to be a trainer, you need to have taken both the CARE and Ally training within the last two years.  
<https://health.maryland.gov/bha/suicideprevention/Pages/home.aspx>
- b. <https://linktr.ee/mdhsuicideprevention>
- c. Help, Healing and Hope Summit 2024 – Making Connections that Matter: Anne Arundel County Health Department - <https://www.aahealth.org/events/help-healing-and-hope>

***Next meeting – 7/19/2024***

#### **7. Adjourn**