

Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting

Friday, May 17, 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

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

Stephanie Shapiro, OFRT Coordinator, Behavioral Health Services, FCHD

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

Lindsay Barnhart, States Attorney Office

Alexandra Baker, Director of Mobile Crisis, Sheppard Pratt

Amy Coldren, Director of Veteran & Military Services, Frederick Community College

Christian Isanogle, Alcohol and Drug Counselor, The Ranch

Kitty Devilbiss, Director of Home & Community Connections, Division of Aging & Independence

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

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

Heidi Penix, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Gun Violence Solutions

Elaine Scott, Sheppard Pratt

Timothy Grove, Frederick County Sheriff's Office

Sandra Wastler, Senior Services Advisory Board

Christine Anyanwu, Research Assistant, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Gun Violence Solutions

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

Ramiyah Barbour, Office of Suicide Prevention, MDH, Behavioral Health Administration

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

Kaili Van Waveren, Executive Director, Thorpewood

Patti Buckmaster, Nursing Director of Behavioral Health, FHH

Jamel Freeman, Suicide Loss Survivor

Emily Tex, Coordinator of Psychological Services, Frederick County Public School

Agenda

1. Introductions (Name, Agency, How your role intersects death by suicide)
2. Review/Approval of Minutes
3. Announcements
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

Andrea Walker convened the meeting and introductions of meeting attendees occurred.

2. Review/Approval of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Stephanie Shapiro provided the first motion to approve the minutes and Officer Timothy Grove seconded the motion.

3. Announcements

- a. Andrea Walker introduced Heidi Penix from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Gun Violence Solutions. Heidi Penix provided information regarding focus groups that will be conducted. The focus groups will be focused around ERPO. The focus groups will be 4-6 people each

(with a maximum of 8) and are able to be held virtually or in-person. If you are interested in participating in a focus group or assisting with coordinating a focus group, contact hpenix1@jh.edu and canyanw6@jh.edu.

- b. Amanda Adams announced the kick-off meeting for the PSA creation with Channel Communications will be scheduled for July. If you are interested in being part of the PSA creation process, email akadams@frederickcountymd.gov.
- c. Andrea Walker provided information on the NSSF Safe Storage Initiative (June 1st – June 7th), shared by Bill Kelly with The Gun Center. For further information about the initiative, visit <https://gunstoragecheck.org/>
- d. Amanda Adams announced the current meeting link will be deleted and a new meeting link for the 6/21 coalition meeting and meetings moving forward.

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*: Andrea Walker provided the report out. The group has been working to get more clarification on the liability and protections for safe storage facilities. Andrea Walker and Jay Hessler met with Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions to discuss the topic more. Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions will be doing further research regarding the topic and meeting again to provide further information.
- b. *Education/Outreach*: Stephanie Shapiro provided the report out. The group began discussing their interest and participation in the Out of the Darkness Walk that occurs at Baker Park in September-October. Discussion was held around the need for materials/handouts for the event, to include information from other agencies/community partners. The group hopes to have more participation in the event this year from the coalition members. Further information about the event will be forthcoming. Contact sshapiro@frederickcountymd.gov regarding participation or materials/handouts for the event. The group also discussed suicide prevention efforts within their perspective roles.
- c. *Postvention/Support Services following completed/attempted suicide*: Kaili Van Waveren provided the report out. The group discussed will be resuming email blast efforts and the email blast will be sent out by the end of May for Mental Health Awareness Month. The email blast will include an attachment with in-person postvention services in Frederick County. The attachment will also be shared with the coalition.
- d. *Veterans*: Amanda Adams provided the report out. The group reviewed the CIM report for Frederick County. Trainings regarding military culture competency and other topics were discussed. Amanda Adams shared being in contact with Psych Armor regarding a possible virtual training on military culture, lethal means safety and suicide prevention. More information will be forthcoming. The group will review the CIM report more in-detail and continue to discuss at subsequent meetings.

6. Announcements from BHA Office of Suicide Prevention

- a. Ramiyah Barbour made announcements on behalf of the Office of Suicide Prevention.
- b. Go Green Campaign, see link below for more information:
- c. <https://linktr.ee/mdhsuicideprevention>
- d. June is Pride month!
 - Care Out Loud with Trevor Project
 - ALLY training: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-trevor-project-ally-training-tickets-706739084627?aff=oddtcreator>
 - CARE Training: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-trevor-project-care-training-tickets-689624554607?aff=oddtcreator>

Next meeting – 6/21/2024

7. Adjourn

