

**Suicide Prevention Subcommittee Agenda – July 11, 2006 2:00-3:30pm, The Consortium**

**Here:** Val Merrow/KDOA; Jane Stueve and Lori Haskett/ KDHE; Bill Art/ Johnson County MHC; Marcia Epstein/Headquarters Counseling Center, National Hopeline Network, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; Charlie Griffin/K-State; Karen Beckerman/JJA; Nancy Taylor, Topeka Mayor's Council on Youth Suicide Prevention; Sheli Sweeney/ACMHCK; Jean Murphy/ Substance Abuse; Cornelia Jeffery/SRS Mental Health

**Video:** Ken Loos & Walt Hill/High Plains MHC in Hays

1. Start meeting at 2:08 with Introductions

New Member: Charlie – Kansas Rural Family Helpline and Kansas All Hazards Behavioral Health program

Sheli – announcement about County conference where she will provide information about this committee and our request for information from various communities

Val – announcement about additional assessment tool – a copy will be sent to Bill for distribution to this committee

2:22 restart meeting with video conferencing working – intro's again

2. Approve the June 13, 2006 minutes

3. Approve the treasurer's report – Susan is at Transformation Subcommittee Meeting, no change in account balance since last month

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. Report on recruitment process by Nancy Taylor's committee: Nancy has been reviewing email responses to our invitation for members, but needs to review most recent set. Mailing was sent out by various committee members requesting information about suicide prevention activities in communities across the state as well as recruiting membership for this committee. Nancy suggests we sent requests again to gather additional information and new members. Bill will send questions to Ken who will respond about the Hays community. Responses so far have been more offers of help than information about activities in their communities. Bill suggests requesting more basic info, and then request more based on those answers. Nancy would like to get more specific info about how people could help. Nancy will revise questions, and committee members will receive it again and are encouraged to send it out to other contacts.

5. Report on Nancy Taylor's Topeka youth suicide prevention psa project. Topeka TV station Ch 49 produced and will give prime time airplay during Yellow Ribbon Week and Suicide Prevention Week. Contest was promoted within Topeka middle and high schools. Committee from Ch 49 & Washburn reviewed the proposals, decided what would work, and chose the winner. Ch 49 produced the final psa, with kids having input into editing process. Morning

news featured Mayor recognizing kids who created the message. Lori asked if this can be used outside of Topeka through Kansas Association of Broadcasters. Nancy would have to request permission, as the commercial belongs to the Topeka Mayor's Council and Channel 49. Marcia mentioned need for evaluation, as currently there is no body of research about what media and messages are effective in changing behavior – such as seeking help.

6. Update on SPRC - Ramya has taken a position with the legislative branch of the federal government, working as Public Health Policy Analyst for the Congressional Research Service. Her topics will be mental health, substance abuse and behavioral health. Her role will be to provide consultation to Senators and Representatives in these topic areas when they are developing policies. And she wants to keep in contact with us. In addition, we were assigned another liaison with SPRC – David Litts, who was instrumental in the Air Force suicide prevention activities.

7. Harvard study about state suicide prevention coalitions - Marcia was interviewed about our activities. Shared email from Cathy Barber.

8. Website(s) for the Suicide Prevention Subcommittee-

Proposal: Change the KASP site and the KDHE site to one "home page" that links to the SPRC site, to make the update process easier. Currently there are three sources of info:

KASP site <http://www.kasp.org/Suicide/>

KDHE site [www.kdhe.state.ks.us/idp/state\\_suicide\\_prevention.html](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/idp/state_suicide_prevention.html)

SPRC site <http://www.sprc.org/stateinformation/statepages/kansas.asp>

We need to update information and links on the SPRC site, including our status as a subcommittee of the (Kansas) Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council; the most recent draft plan (as submitted to SAMHSA); etc.

We have also learned that SRS has information about the Governor's Council and its subcommittees on the SRS website at [www.srskansas.org/hcp/MHmain.htm](http://www.srskansas.org/hcp/MHmain.htm) Currently our subcommittee minutes from April are on that site.

Approved change to SPRC website as our primary website with links from the other pages. Marcia and Bill will be responsible for working with SPRC.

9. Report on the Transformation Committee meeting of 7-7-06. Committee is trying to define itself as well as increase participation. Confusion about some funds for travel, Cornelia will try to help clarify this.

10. Email messages: Lana Gordon offers legislative help. Andrea Charbonneau is still interested, and now named Ely. Karen Beery is now Schueler and invited Ken to participate.

11. Sheli – public hearings for Kansas Health Authority. We can submit info by email or at those meetings. FY 2007, Mental Health will be moved from SRS to the Health Authority. Now is time to submit info with hope for funding. ACMHCK and various CMHC staff are scheduled to provide testimony at each of the public hearings. ACMHCK is asking to delay Mental Health move to 2008, so they have enough time to prepare. The Authority staffing has recently changed, including people with experience in mental health administration.

12. ACMHCK conference will do full-day suicide prevention workshop on Thursday 9/21. Sheli is encouraging participation by CMHC staff.

13. Review draft brochure for subcommittee as started by Becky Rinehart. Val says brochures go on web at conference of ACMHCK. Discussed editing and content changes, as well as correct spelling and no credentials. Bill will send out email for corrections in membership list and content. We would like to add some information such as suicide prevention hotlines, key websites, and contact info for our committee leadership.

14. Ken – High Plains is preparing to do suicide prevention presentations for 20 counties.

15. SAMHSA matrix which now includes suicide prevention is important to consider in funding requests. Link to the matrix [http://www.samhsa.gov/Matrix/Matrix\\_Brochure\\_2006.pdf](http://www.samhsa.gov/Matrix/Matrix_Brochure_2006.pdf)

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- The GLS grant proposal, questions and answers. – Bill Geis not available today. Anticipate hearing in August or September

- Discussion of the state plan for Suicide prevention and funding streams – deferred for later meeting

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday August 8 2:00 – 3:30PM at ACMHCK office.