SPTF Suicide Prevention Task Force Meeting Minutes

December 19th, 2023

**Present:** Tara Nichols, Carole Ewald, April Anderson, Eryn Leahy, Elise Anderson, Cedric Schnitzler, Charles Weaver, Tara Nichols, Laurie Graber, Terry Rogalla, Kari Porter, Mandy Dinger

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room by Charles Weaver. Introductions.

1. Discussion related to current donations—discussion about different options. Several members had suggestions and will be looking into costs for next meeting.
   1. Examples: Pre-film movie advertisement/PSA, pamphlet, chamber of commerce, gas station pumps (Kwik Trip), Facebook Ads, signage in the community
2. Crisis Mapping—update from Carole; SAMHSA 2 ½ day policy academy in Maryland in April; collecting groups from country as a workshop to brainstorm crisis services in the community.
   1. Reach out to Carole Ewald if interested in attending. Need 8 individuals to participate.
3. Update from Events Committee—provided an update on the plans for the event in May 2024.
   1. Discussion about the gambling license and requirements.
   2. Discussion about donations and “ask letter.”
4. Update from Materials Committee—provided update on status of brochures.
   1. Discussion about how to get them out into the public/businesses.
5. Grants/Donations—brief discussion about options
6. Other topics/upcoming events:
   1. La Crosse Police Department putting on a Crisis Intervention Partner training (January 9th & 10th)
   2. ASSIST Class end of March at Ft. McCoy
   3. Working on QPR training for 2024
   4. Grand Opening at the Veterans Outreach Center
   5. Pancake Breakfast—last Monday of every month; this month 12/26/23 due to holiday.
   6. Update on Sparrow’s Nest & upcoming project
   7. Prevent Suicide Wisconsin Conference—May 1st & 2nd (virtual); seeing about doing it as a team in the County Board Room.
7. Topics for next meeting:
   1. Findings from recent nationwide prevention report
   2. Update from Events Committee
   3. Update from Materials Committee

Next Meeting Date 01/26/2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Meeting Adjourned 10:00am by Charles W.

Recorded by Tara Nichols, Monroe County Justice Programs Manager