SPTF Suicide Prevention Task Force Meeting Minutes

August 25th, 2023

**Present:** Charles Weaver Eric Weihe, Amanda Falkers, Laurie Graber, Tara Nichols, Mandy Dinger, Adrian Lockington, Cedric Schnitzler, Eryn Leahy, Alicia Darling, Terry Rogalla, Ally Schwarz, Pam Weber, Carole Ewald, Katie Beck

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room by Charles Weaver. Completed Introductions of individuals present.

1. Presentation from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention—cancelled; will hopefully reschedule to a later date. Charles Weaver will notify us of the new date.
2. Charles Weaver provided an update to the group; discussion about crisis lines and resources.
3. Review June 2023 meeting notes—approved.
4. Review Tasks and Progress
	1. **Website**
		1. Facebook pages—proposal to combine with Mental Health Coalition and other appropriate pages so that there is one page to go for all info.
			1. Approved by group
		2. Compass Now—survey of surrounding counties; a community health assessment. Will review this data and how to make sure we’re not duplicating effort and what can we implement.
		3. Create an ongoing agenda item for each task force meeting for “upcoming posts”
		4. Continued discussion about using the Health Department Website as our website; Eryn Leahy will send the link to Charles Weaver.
	2. **Events**
		1. Continued about group focusing on two events:
			1. September Out of the Darkness Walk—will be 2024 event
			2. May Mental Health Month in conjunction with Mental Health Coalition—3rd Thursday of Every May; alternate between Sparta and Tomah
				1. May 16th, 2024 at Mueller Square Sparta, WI
		2. Upcoming events:
			1. Overdose Awareness event 08/31/2023 from 3-6pm (locations in Sparta (Courthouse) & Tomah (Gillette Park))
			2. Crisis Intercept Mapping in Sparta—08/28/2023 9am at Gospel Baptist Church; if you can’t attend fill out the gathering tool
			3. La Crosse Area Suicide Prevention September 21st, 2023
			4. **\*\*SEND ANY EVENTS INFORMATION TO CHARLES WEAVER BY 09/15/2023**
		3. **Materials:**
			1. Brochure: discussions and changes to make; Eric Weihe gathered the information and will make the changes.
				1. Will send it to the group and have someone print for the 08/31 event and give to Charles Weaver.
				2. Eric Weihe will verify all phone numbers work & are accurate
				3. Once final copy, this will get translated into Spanish; Eryn Leahy will send the graphic in Spanish
5. Updates/Further Discussion:
	1. Eryn Leahy starting work toward postvention services; contact her with any questions or updates
	2. International Suicide Awareness Month—Charles Weaver will work on proclamation
6. Next month meeting agenda items:
	1. Presentation from Gena Orlando—American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
	2. International Suicide Awareness Day/Month
	3. Ministerial Associations to see if they could host in the future
	4. Calendar for events for 2023 and 2024

Next Meeting Date 09/22/2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Meeting Adjourned at 10:17 am by Charles W.

Recorded by Tara Nichols, Monroe County Justice Programs Manager