

Suicide Prevention Taskforce meeting minutes:

5/24/24 at 9 a.m. in Assembly Room

Attendees: Charles Weaver, Eric Weihe, Tina Osterberg, Tom Graber, Eryn Leahy, Mandy Dinger

Notes from AAR of Mental Wellness Fair:

- Attendees and vendors liked Mueller Square as location for event – how can we expand?
 - Want to keep event at this location and have other events in Tomah
- Need for more organized effort for donations – asking non-county employees to request
- More intentional outreach: county employees give flyers to local businesses, design a mass mailing, yard signs around popular roads in town, Evans newspaper, food banks
 - Need a more coordinated tracking of outreach and encouraging entire taskforce to help
- Assign one contact for each role: vendors, radio (live remote), newspaper
- More specific activities for kids: face paint, bounce house
- Ideas of other activities to add: continue BP checks, add massages
- Purchase for future: SPTF stickers, tablecloth
 - Need to do more to show SPTF off at event space

Banner Discussion:

- September Suicide awareness banner quote at around \$600
- Will have designs at next meeting to show group for approval

September Walk Updates:

- Rescheduling for September 7 to avoid conflict with Oktoberfest and Cranfest
- Looking for location in Tomah to hold each year – potentially Tomah Recreation Trail
- Upcoming events committee meetings: 6/12 at 9 am, 6/25 at 8:30 am, 7/9 at 2 pm, 7/23 at 2 pm. moving forward every other Tuesday at 2 pm via Teams. Ask Eryn or Tara for Teams link.

Other events to outreach/be present at:

- Dairy Breakfast, Butterfest, County Fair, National Night Out, ADRC open house
- Need people to volunteer to attend or organizations already attending to put up SPTF materials

Next meeting: June 28th at 9 a.m. in Assembly Room