



**Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition  
Minutes for Public Awareness/Training Committee  
Tuesday, 11-10-2015, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Bartlett Hospital Administration Building**

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**Present:** April Rezendes (JPHC), Sam Trivette (self), Ginny Hayes (private practice), Bill Martin (SSPC), Kevin Ritchie (After school coalition), Becky Roth (self), Gayle Trivette (self).

**1. Grant Update:** Kevin reported he, Julie Neyhart and Alice Rarig are working on drafts of the final steps to submit to Walter for review with the intention to have it ready to present to the entire coalition at the Stakeholder Meeting 11-18-15 and submit to DBH immediately after approval from the group.

**2. Hiring new Public Awareness Staff Position:** Kevin participated in the interview process and is impressed with the person who was selected. It's unclear when the start date will be since the new hire is finishing at his previous job.

**3. Media Reporting:** Hilary wrote a letter published in the Juneau Empire listing resources and hopeful information for suicide prevention following statewide publicity and commentary about recent suicides in Alaska. James Gallanos was arranging a Safe Messaging webinar with NAMI N.H. for Alaska reporters. Gayle had contact with the Juneau Empire editor who said he's working on getting his staff educated on Safe Messaging.

**4. Training Update:** Bill trained 12 people at the ANB meeting on 11-7-15. Ginny will participate on a panel sponsored by the JDHS parent group regarding helping students cope with increased stress. She will include suicide prevention information. Becky presented the concept of a two to three day "Wellness Academy" to build on the work started at the ACEs Conference last June. The academy could include classes for continuing education credits for professionals in a variety of disciplines as well as helpful information for families, students and interested community members with opportunities for "cross pollination" conversations interspersed with the classes. She has begun exploring interest from different parts of the community.

**5. Other Business:** It was noted that new participants in JSPC need a "floorplan" for places to engage. Currently Public Awareness/Training is the only active working group, besides the group working on the requirements for completing the DBH grant.

**6. Partner Reports:** April reported the Front Street Clinic has a permanent full time nurse practitioner and is operating in the black with one grant in place and another in application process to get more staff. Public Health MAP group is meeting to determine their next direction.

Ginny is contracted to work 9 hours/week at the JDHS Teen Health Center. She has seen at least 40 first visit students and needs to keep appointments to a half hour to accommodate the volume.

Bill expressed concern for the jump in suicides statewide and the decreased budget for the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 3:30 p.m. at Bartlett Hospital Admin. Bldg.**