

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

Present: Bill Martin (SSPC), Gus Marx (JYS), Hilary Young (JYS), Ginny Hayes (private practice), Sam Trivette (self), Gayle Trivette (self).

Grant Update: The JSPC State of Alaska grant Strategic Plan is in the final editing process with the expectation it will be submitted by the end of the month and the coalition can begin implementation. At this time the coalition is expecting the grant amount to remain the same as in the past year at \$284,000.

UAS Campus Kickoff September 4, 3:00-6:00 (register by August 14): Gus will submit JSPC application to participate. He will be out of town on that day. We will ask for 2 (required number) volunteers at the Steering Committee meeting to staff our table.

2015 Juneau Preparedness Expo: September 11, 11:00-7:00, and September 12, 10:00-5:00: Gayle will check with NAMI-Juneau and JAMHI to see if we can add our info to one of their tables, rather than staff our own if they're participating.

Media Reporting: Hilary and James Galanos met with Juneau Empire Editor Charles Westmoreland on 8/5/15 to discuss the Safe Messaging Guidelines for reporting on suicide. Hilary reported some progress was made but there is room for improvement. Westmoreland is interested in another meeting and in doing a newspaper series on the subject of suicide. He mentioned a story that had been published in the Empire in 2007 that won press awards. Gayle is willing to attend a future meeting.

Suicide Prevention Week and Day, September 10 (also coincides with Recovery Month). Gus and Hilary will work with local news outlets to provide public service announcements. Gayle will write a letter to be published in the paper for Sept. 10. The committee decided to do these things rather than pursue a local version of the draft state "Governor's Proclamation" regarding Suicide Prevention Week, due to the labor intensive effort and lack of staff or volunteer time.

New Juneausuicideprevention.org site: Hilary is learning to update the site that has replaced our old one. Gus and Hilary will monitor the "contact us" area. Gayle suggested we check to be sure the "What Happens When...You go to the ER or When you call 911" narratives are up to date. Ginny will check with contacts at the hospital ER to be sure it's current. We should also have someone from JAMHI look at it, and the police department. No one was designated to do this so far.

Training Update: Bill is working with SEALASKA leadership to arrange staff suicide prevention training.

Other Business: Ginny offered to make contact with instructors at UAS so we can offer training in some classes and possibly have student volunteers for some of our initiatives.

*Walter and Hilary will present at the NAMI monthly Inside Passages Forum on December 8.

*Kevin is interested in attending a "Collective Impact Summit" in Vancouver, B.C. in September.

*Hilary announced training for adult Sources of Strength advisors, Crystal from NAMI-Juneau, Esther from AWARE, Kelly from Discovery Foundation will be August 29. Students at high schools will be September 15, 22, 23.

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

Submitted by Gayle Trivette