



**Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition  
Minutes for Public Awareness/Training Committee  
Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Bartlett Hospital Administration Building**

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**Present:** Don Habeger (Juneau Re-entry Coalition), Ginny Hayes (THC), Hilary Young (JYS), Gareth Hummel (JYS), Kevin Ritchie (After School Coalition), Gus Marx (JYS), April Rezendes (JPHC), Bill Martin (SSPC), Gayle Trivette (self)

**1. Grant Update: Strategic Plan**

Gus is updating and compiling the final documents. The plan is likely to be sent to the State for approval by the end of the week.

**2. Hiring new Public Awareness Staff Position Gareth Hummel**

Introductions and welcome.

**3. Media Reporting: Survivors Day (newspaper, KINY), Gallery Walk (KINY)**

Gallery Walk this month featured a youth art show with the theme 'Inspirations.' This was sponsored by JYS and included art that was based on the eight Sources of Strength. Ads for "Survivors Day" were in the Juneau Empire, on the radio on KINY and Mix KSUP, posted on Facebook, and included on the JSPC website.

**4. Training Update**

NAMI Forum Inside Passages— Walter and Hilary will present tonight, 12-08-15. The title is: Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition: Past, Present, Future.

\*Ginny Hayes will be leading the Parent Forum at JDHS regarding "The Stressed Student", including suicide prevention information tonight 12-08-15.

**5. Other Business**

\*JSPC Resource Card updates—Gareth agreed to call all numbers listed on the card and check to see if the QR code works. Group suggestions for updates were noted on an existing card by Kevin and given to Gareth for implementation and group review before new cards are ordered.

\*The Mental Health Trust Authority is funding a project to reduce recidivism rates. Don is working for the Juneau Re-entry Coalition to survey community resources that can be used to aid in this. Hilary agreed to meet with him to answer questions about the JSPC role.

**6. Partner Reports**

**Ginny**—has seen 50-60 students at the JDHS Teen Health Center at least once, with some having repeat visits.

**April**—There will be a statewide meeting for all Public Health Center staff in April 2016. Currently many PH clinics are not trained to screen for suicidality, nor know

about available resources. April indicates there is a need for this type of training and will look into if this training is an option for the statewide meeting. If so, what format it would be i.e. breakout or keynote.

\*There will be a Heroin Panel Discussion this Sunday (12/13) at the New Valley Library to coordinate individual efforts occurring around Juneau.

\*Public Health Center will hold an open house 12-18-15 from, 3-6 p.m. Cookies and free flu shoots will be offered.

**Kevin** - recently attended the Collective Impact training with Jordan Nigro in BC. There will be a meeting on 12-09-15 at 9 a.m. to discuss the Collective Impact initiative for Juneau.

\*The "Community of Compassion" will gather Saturday at KTOO 12/12/15, 3:00-7:00 p.m. for a listening circle and potluck.

**Bill**—The Statewide Suicide Prevention Council will meet January 11-13. Suicide rates haven't gone down. One reason may be that reporting is getting better, generating higher rates in Alaska as well as Lower 48. The SSPC lacks enough funding to hold the bi-annual statewide "Casting the Net" summit.

\*Bill met with Governor Walker, Lt. Governor Mallott, H & SS Commissioner Davidson and others to discuss suicide prevention concerns and was very encouraged by their response. The governor indicated suicide is a "Legacy" issue and plans to create a Suicide Prevention Task Force.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 3:30 p.m. at Bartlett Hospital Admin. Bldg.**

After the meeting this article came to our attention – please read if you have some free time!

<http://www.adn.com/article/20151205/rural-alaska-new-approach-fighting-suicide-emerges>