

**Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition (JSPC)  
Public Awareness/Training Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 4:00-5:00 pm  
Bartlett Hospital Administration Building**

**Present:** Jan Reece (JYS/JSPC), Gayle Trivette (Volunteer), Hilary Young (JYS/JSPC), Hannah-Laura Henderson (JYS/JSPC), Walter Majoros (Volunteer), Jesse Cruz (Goldbelt), Megan Gunkel (NAMI), Julie Neyhart (Volunteer), Becky Roth (ROCK Juneau), Kevin Ritchie (Volunteer)

**1. Training Plan:**

JAMHI NASW Conference: September 25 – 27. Aaron Surma will create a presentation geared toward social workers and identifying/recognizing suicidal individuals.

Valley Medical: Hilary will make contact with Valley Medical to discuss collaboration.

Means Reduction Updates: Jan shared that she has met with Moms Demand Action (MDA) in Juneau and she is collaborating with the group to support gun safety and the storing of guns for those who are struggling with mental health issues. Jan invited the JSPC to attend a march on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol building at 4:30 PM. Students involved with BeSmart, the safety part of Moms Demand Action, will be presenting Valentines Cards to legislatures along with gun locks that were provided by JSPC.

Jan discussed her contact with Colorado Reps and their efforts to support gun safety during mental health crisis as well as an article in the Durango Herald spotlighting Keith Carey, a gun shop owner and suicide prevention advocate. This article was featured in November 21, 2018, showing Keith as a spokesperson for gun safety and partnership with suicide prevention as most of the suicides in La Plata County were firearm related. Jan stated that MDA will be meeting with the Juneau Police Department on February 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss collaboration and look for a spokesperson for the means reduction agenda.

**2. Social Media:** JSPC thanked Megan for her social media take-over and insightful story.

**3. Newsletter:** Some JSPC members stated that they were unaware that the JSPC newsletter was sent for February as the subject line did not indicate “newsletter”. Hilary explained that the change was made to the subject line in order to captivate the audience with a spotlighted article.

**4. Meetings:** Jan discussed UAS creating workshops for students after an increase in students who were depressed and/or suicidal. Carrie Kline will be coordinating the groups that include: art therapy, women’s support and relationship building. Gayle stated that UAS is looking for funding for the art therapy group and Jesse stated that he believes he can help with the funding through the Goldbelt grant.

**5. Resource Distribution:** Gayle asked that JSPC cards be left at the pharmacy's in Juneau and that Jan deliver information to the mortuaries for postvention.

**6. Advertising:** A discussion was made regarding the changes to the new JSPC brochure and Hilary stated that Hannah-Laura will be sending a copy out with the minutes for editing.

Budget/spent: There is \$1,850.00 left for this quarter. The committee discussed using some of the funds to advertise for our upcoming events.

**7. Website:** Jan is working with Hannah-Laura on updating the mental health providers list on our website.

**8. Outreach:** Game Night 02/23/19 with 12 interested thus far. Jan will be distributing posters. "The "S" Word Movie will be shown on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and is free to the public with donations accepted to cover the costs. It will cost approximately \$500.00 for the rental of the theater and the rights to the movie.

**9. Other:** JSPC would like to see an update Sudden Loss Brochure in the near future. Attached is the brochure for review.