

**Baraga County Suicide Prevention Coalition
Meeting Minutes June 29, 2017 at 9 a.m.
BCMh Conference Center**

Present: Pam Dove, Sherrie Larson, Tammy Hollon, Karen Harris, Carrie Rich, Wanda Seppanen

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Suicide Prevention Coalition Workgroup Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to develop a description for our suicide prevention work group including our role and tasks. Questions to consider: What are our goals as a coalition? What do we want to focus on? What are other coalitions like ours focusing on? Please submit ideas to Pam for inclusion in a first draft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam to research what other coalition roles and tasks are and compile the information for review by committee members for additional input and suggestions.
Suicide Prevention Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of walk is September 9, 2017 • Discussion whether to continue with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention OOTD Walk or coordinate our own walk. Pros and cons of staying with OOTD versus going out on own were discussed. Major con is that we can only spend funds raised through OOTD on AFSP approved programs and resources. Workgroup asked to review AFSP program and resource list (attached) to see if we will be able to utilize funds for ongoing programming through AFSP. Will continue with AFSP for this year as walk is only 3 months away. Consider fundraising on the side and keep those funds for local use. • Total funds raised through AFSP to date, \$23,000. 50% stays local. • Total funds available through AFSP to date, \$10,800 (\$700 recently used to purchase SOS for LHS). • Delta County End the Silence coordinates their own walk. Uses funds raised (along with a grant) to pay for school counselor one day a week and a high school scholarship. Advertising for the walk is their greatest expense, along with t-shirts purchased. Pam has more details of how this walk was coordinated. • Fundraisers: Walk subcommittee to discuss ideas for September walk. • Sponsor Letters: Pam to update draft. Include CTC logo on letter. Also, local fundraisers once decided upon. • Route: Stay the same with the exception of elimination of laps around track. • Village permission received for route and village police informed of need for assistance with road closure. Need to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition members to review the attached list of AFSP programs and resources and decide what we can and want to use locally. Use this information to decide if it will be beneficial to stay with AFSP for future suicide prevention walks. • Pam to send in OOTD Walk registration form. • Suicide Prevention Walk subcommittee to brainstorm fundraising ideas for this year's event. • Pam to update 2017 sponsor letter which will include CTC logo. • Obtain KBIC police assistance in closing the road for the start of the OOTD walk. • Pam to follow up with Iron Mountain VA regarding speaker for walk. • Next walk planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 13th at 9 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

	<p>follow up with Tribal police. Wanda will ask Chill to check on this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Iron Mountain VA contacted. No return call yet. Can AFSP provide funds for a speaker? Can Houghton and Baraga County coalitions split the cost of bringing a speaker in? Karen reports that Houghton has limited funds. 	
Program Plan for Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Packages: In progress • Signs of Suicide: In progress • Lending Libraries: In Progress • Suicide Prevention Walk: In Progress • Suicide Prevention Trainings: None planned at this time. Needs? • Other ideas? • Need to keep community updated on progress so they continue to support the coalition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition members to brainstorm programs, events and materials the coalition wishes to pursue over the next year. Take into consideration programs, resources, trainings available through AFSP. • Pam to create survey to allow input from coalition members and the community on future program plan.
Signs of Suicide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle school and High school programs received. Purchased with AFSP funds. • Meeting in July with Michele and Heather to discuss implementation plan at LHS this fall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam to meet with Michele and Heather in July to review SOS and develop implementation plan.
Lending Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up needed with Tim Marczak regarding students building the libraries and what supplies would be needed. • L'Anse location is Java by the Bay. Keep Nikki updated on progress. • Baraga location in near the school where there are cameras to monitor it. • Consider a lending library at each KBOCC campus as well. • Donors have approved funds being utilized on the lending library idea. • Anticipated launch date Spring 2018. Contact Chamber and local businesses for ribbon cutting. • Register library once established. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam to follow up with Mr. Marczak regarding BHS students building the lending libraries. • Pam to follow up with KBOCC re: possibility of additional lending libraries.
Care Packages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft of letter. Approved by those in attendance with addition of CTC logo and fax number. • Will also need to develop an order form so local agencies can request resources they desire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam to bring the sample packet with letter and order form to next meeting for final approval.
Support Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No attendance since November for the Survivors of Suicide Loss Support group. No class in July. Include support group information in care packages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to offer once a month. • Ask CTC Outreach/PR committee to help promote.
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalition updated on the Netflix series "13 Reasons Why". Discussion on how schools are addressing. "13 Reason Why Not" released by NPR radio (link attached below). LHS and BHS were provided a sample letter sent by school in Copper Country. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam to follow up with schools to see if they need resources for "13 Reasons Why".

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suicide prevention materials were included in KBIC Movie Night packets. Talk, They Hear You campaign materials also included. 	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please plan to attend as attendance is crucial to the success of the coalition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Date: Thursday, September 21st at 9 a.m. BCMh Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted by:
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