

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

Present: Pam Dove, Wanda Seppanen, Ann Marie Amsler, Waba Alakayak, Terry Derocher Lerma, Linda Pakkila, Tim Marczak

Topic	Discussion	Follow-Up
Out of the Darkness Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expect to start planning for next year's event in early spring. • Need to decide on next year's OOTD walk speaker. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please submit ideas for guest speaker to Pam ASAP.
Healing Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group was emailed information on "lending library" house for resource info in it. Group liked the idea, however, don't want to let go of bench idea completely. Will need to talk to donors to see if they wish to have plaques on the "lending library" or wait for a bench. Discussion regarding the best location of the "lending library" in L'Anse as the main sidewalk area of the downtown park. In Baraga, a suitable spot may be on school grounds where there are cameras to monitor. Mr. Marczak mentions that students in the building trades and or woodworking classes may be able to build the lending libraries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam to contact L'Anse Village regarding desire to place "lending library" in park, and also to update on bench status. • Pam to provide photos/dimensions of lending library to Mr. Marczak. • Pam to keep donors informed once decision made.
Middle School/High School Prevention Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs of Suicide Middle and High school programs requested from AFSP for LHS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Await word from AFSP.
College Prevention Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry provides update on survey conducted at KBOCC and reports a 57% response rate. Survey will be open for 1-2 more weeks. Greatest coping skills indicated on survey so far are alcohol and marijuana. The survey will provide valuable data which may help with bringing behavioral health services to KBOCC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KBOCC to let Pam know of any suicide prevention programs/materials they may be interested in.
Postvention Efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No attendance since November for the Survivors of Suicide Loss Support group. Cancelled this month due to weather. Need more advertising. Ann Marie updating flyer. Has been in KBIC newsletter. • No update available at this time from Kim Hendrickson regarding the Critical Incident Stress Management team meeting in Houghton county that was held in January. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam to submit information to Sentinel for support group. • Pam to distribute updated support group flyer/info to physicians/clinics. • Need to develop radio PSA's. • Terry to post group info to KBOCC Facebook page. Also, to post at KBOCC campuses. Ann Marie provide. • Pam to follow up with Kim re: Houghton county CISM team meeting.
Community wide resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List was developed and reviewed by coalition members where to distribute packets. • List of materials to be included in packets were also reviewed and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated distribution list attached. Coalition members can make requests for additions to the current list as needed.

	<p>approved. Plan to have sample packet put together for next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will need to develop process for keeping packets updated and stocked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once materials received from AFSP, Pam to work on putting together a sample packet for approval at next committee meeting.
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Marczak expressed interest in bringing Jeff Olsen to Baraga County for a school and community presentation. Unsure if there is a fee. • No updates on the American Indian Lifeskills Curriculum per Waba due to current negotiations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam to follow up with Olsen family regarding possibility of presenting in Baraga County.
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, April 13, 2017 at 9 a.m. BCMh Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted by:
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