

Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council (SPCC)
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2021

Opening

The quarterly meeting of the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council (SPCC) was called to order at 1:03 p.m. on June 10, 2021 by Anna Gai.

Voting Members Present:

Representing	Appointed Official	Represented by
Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention	Anna Gai, Chair	
1. Florida Association of School Psychologists	Dr. Gene Cash	
2. Florida Initiative of Suicide Prevention	<i>Jackie Rosen</i>	Joel Smith
3. Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition	Steve Roggenbaum	
4. American Foundation of Suicide Prevention	Tara Sullivan Larsen	
5. Florida Behavioral Health Association	Ute Gazioch	
6. Florida Counseling Association	Dr. Carly Paro	
7. Florida Medical Association	Dr. Ryan Hall	
8. Florida Osteopathic Medical Association	Dr. Ramsey Pevsner	
9. Florida Psychological Association	Dr. Carolyn Stimel	Dr. David Kirk
10. Veterans Florida	Joe Marino	Jeremy Sinnemaki
11. Florida Association of Managing Entities	<i>Natalie Kelly</i>	Paul Bebee
12. State Surgeon General (DOH)	Dr. Scott Rivkees	Shay Chapman
13. Secretary of Health Care Administration	<i>Simone Marstiller</i>	Dr. Timothy Buehner
14. Secretary of Juvenile Justice	<i>Josefina Tamayo</i>	Dr. Tracy Shelby
15. Executive Director of Department of Veterans Affairs	<i>James Hartsell</i>	Al Carter/ Roy Clark
16. National Council for Suicide Prevention	Dr. Dan Reidenberg	
17. Florida Psychiatric Society	Dr. Daniel Castellanos	
18. Florida Department of Children and Families	Secretary Shevaun Harris	Erica Floyd-Thomas
19. Secretary of Elder Affairs	<i>Richard Prudom</i>	Gretta Jones

Note: Italicized names indicate absence with delegate attendance.

Voting Members Absent

Representing	Appointed Official	Represented by
1. Florida Sheriffs Association	Matt Dunagan	Allie Pass
2. Florida School Board Association	Karen Brill	
3. AARP Florida	Dorene Barker	
4. NAMI Florida	Cindy Foster	
5. Commissioner of Florida Department of Law Enforcement	Rick Swearingen	Matthew Walsh
6. Commissioner of Education	Richard Corcoran	Martha Rodriguez/Jesus Aviles
7. Executive Director of Department of Economic Opportunity	Dane Eagle	Derrick Elias
8. Secretary of Corrections	Mark Inch	Dr. Dean Aufderheide
9. Governor's Appointee	Donna Schulz	

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as provided: Steve Roggenbaum

Seconded: Ute Gazioch

Suicide Prevention Efforts Updates

Suicide Death Provisional Data Overview

Based on preliminary 2020 data, the months with the most suicide deaths were January, March, and July. For the most part, death counts across months stay relatively consistent for all age groups. A large jump for the 35 – 44-year-old group occurred in March when compared to February and April. As a reminder, these are death counts and not rates. It will be important to look at rates over the last year to see if there are any significant changes for our various age groups. The preliminary data were reviewed for 2021. Thus far, death counts are generally comparable to the preliminary 2020 data. An overall reduction in numbers has been observed, however, this may be due to the preliminary nature of the data. Suicide death data are reviewed on a weekly basis to assess for trends or significant changes.

9-8-8 Planning Grant Update

The Department of Children and Families (Department) was awarded \$335,000 from Vibrant Emotional Health to assist with the development of a state plan to guide the transition from the 10-digit National Suicide Lifeline Number to 9-8-8, which is scheduled to occur July 2022. The Department has successfully hired two of the three fulltime grant positions. Anna Sever is the Data Manager and Mary VanHaute has joined the Department as the Technical Writer. We are currently undergoing the HR processing for our third position. The 9-8-8 Planning Coalition has held two meetings, during which the status of Florida's National Suicide Prevention Lifeline member center network was discussed. We are continuing to discuss next steps to prepare the state for the upcoming transition. Any questions on the 9-8-8 Planning Grant can be addressed to our current 9-8-8 Planning Grant team members.

First Responders Suicide Deterrence Task Force

This year, the focus of the Task Force was to complete and submit a report to the legislature in July, at this time the report has been completed. Within the report there are four components that summarize the meetings over the last year. First, the Task Force hosted listening sessions where individuals presented best practices and the Task Force was able to determine the existing services, resources, and programs within the state of Florida that affect suicide prevention within first responder communities. Secondly, the Task Force then identified gaps and with those gaps identified the report goes on to discuss the needs assessment to fill those gaps. The needs presented align with the goals of the Florida Suicide Prevention Interagency Action Plan. The next step is to act upon those needs in the form of policy and statutory change and collaborating with national programs that can be implemented at the state level or within local communities.

Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council Special Populations Committee Update

In April, the Committee developed materials for individuals Healing After a Suicide Loss. In observance of Older Americans Month in May, the Committee collaborated with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to identify educational materials on suicide prevention in that population. The materials developed for the LGBTQ+ community for June/Pride Month were focused on building resilience through healthy coping strategies. Bryan Mingle with the Managing Entity Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) was highlighted as a dedicated Committee member. Steve Roggenbaum inquired about capturing analytics in non-social media platforms because the Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition (FSPC) has shared loss survivor graphics in the FSPC Newsletter. Amanda Regis encouraged Steve Roggenbaum to share analytics from the FSPC newsletter when materials developed by the Committee are published.

Florida Suicide Prevention Interagency Action Plan Updates

Florida Department of Education

Action item 2.1.3 By June 2021, increase the number schools who have completed youth suicide awareness and prevention training by 50 percent.

Status: In Progress. Sixty-four schools within one district have completed youth suicide awareness training, which is an increase from baseline.

Action item 3.2.2 By June 2021, increase the number of statewide trainings for school-based mental health service providers (school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors, and licensed mental health professionals employed by schools) on suicide risk assessment from zero to three.

Status: In Progress. Eighteen trainings have been completed statewide.

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Action Item 1.1.1. By June 2021, increase the number of Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council agencies that publish or post the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number on the homepage of their websites and on social media platforms from three to ten agencies.

Status DJJ added the national suicide prevention lifeline, crisis talk/chat line and LGBTQ youth crisis line to the DJJ website that may be accessed by youth and families.

<http://www.djj.state.fl.us/youth-families/for-youth> - "Hotlines and other help" tab. Information was published related to Mental Health awareness on the Interim Secretary Tamayo's newsletter.

Action Item: 2.1.2 By June 2022, ensure the completion of Mock Suicide Drill Scenarios that are provided for all staff in Department of Juvenile Justice detention centers during each shift are maintained at 100 percent compliance.

Status: In progress. From October 2020 through May 2021 all suicide mock drills were completed, and there were two facilities in the south region that had minor deficiencies for documentation errors.

Action Item 2.2.1 By June 2022, increase the number of Suicide Risk Screening Instruments that are rated as accurate within the Quarterly Technical Assistance Monitoring Tool from 89 percent to 95 percent.

Status: Completed. Current data from October 2020 through May 2021 indicates 4 SRSI deficiencies out of 90 youth case reviews, reflecting a 96% accuracy rate for administration of SRSIs.

Action Item: 3.1.1 By June 2022, increase referral of youth to a mental health clinician and initiate suicide precautions when suicide risk factors are identified from 96 percent to 100 percent in the detention facilities.

Status: Completed. Current data from October 2020 through May 2021 indicates 100% compliance was achieved out of 232 youth admissions reviewed statewide.

Action Plan Highlights

As of May 2021, nearly all action items with past or upcoming deadlines have been completed. During May, Mental Health Awareness Month, Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) launched their CALM Training Challenge and was able to train over 100 providers. The Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention (SOSP) plans to engage with Managing Entities and DCF SAMH Regional Offices through Technical Assistance to create individual suicide prevention plans for their local communities. Action Item 1.1.1 reads, "By June 2021, increase the number of Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council agencies that publish or post the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number on the homepage of their websites and on social media platforms from three to ten agencies." to assist with completing and exceeding this goal, a Call to Action was made, asking Council members to post the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Number on their agency's website and social media platforms by June 30, 2021.

Other discussions

A reminder was made for the September 2 meeting with leadership kick off for Suicide Prevention Month. Anna Gai advised that the meeting will be held in person and details on meeting location are to follow. Steve Roggenbaum inquired if a virtual option is available for the September 2nd meeting. Anna Gai advised that in-person attendance is encouraged and supplemental options such as a conference line are being explored.

Implementation of Zero Suicide at the HQ-level and ME-level is being explored at the Florida Department of Children and Families. The Zero Suicide framework is defined by a system-wide commitment to safer suicide care. The Zero Suicide Quick Start Guide explains how the Zero Suicide

Framework is implemented. The Zero Suicide Institute provides expertise, customized consultation, and training for behavioral health care systems and providers, state agencies, to launch evidence-based practices for suicide prevention, adopt continuous quality improvement efforts and implement the Zero Suicide approach. Funds will be used to purchase the training, consultation, and coordination associated with implementing this model.

Al Carter with Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) informed the Council of General Hartsell's upcoming meeting with First Lady Casey DeSantis to discuss FDVA's suicide prevention initiatives. Steve Roggenbaum with the Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition (FSPC) shared that the organization will be asking their officers and regional directors to submit a letter to the editor about various suicide prevention topics.

Quarterly Challenge: Help Spread the Facts

Anna Gai challenged all Council members to know your stats and inform others that for every suicide death, 135 people are affected.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Amanda Regis