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**SUICIDE PREVENTION WORK TEAM  
MINUTES**  
**Thursday, December 10, 2009, 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

San Diego County Emergency Medical Services,  
Large Conference Room  
6255 Mission Gorge Rd., San Diego, CA 92120  
(Corner of Mission Gorge & Glacier. Parking across street on  
Glacier)  
Phone 619.285.6429  
(Meetings generally held the first Thursday of the month)

**Attendees:**

- Marcia Ayers, United Behavioral Health
- Bonnie Bear, Survivors of Suicide Loss
- Jennifer Bransford-Koons, County of San Diego HHSA/AIS
- Stan Collins, Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program
- Ruth Covell, USCD
- Aron Fleck, CHIP
- Beth Ruland, CHIP
- Beth Sise, Scripps Health
- Carol Skiljan, Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program
- Alan Smith, Epidemiologist County EMS

1. Welcome / Introductions 12:30pm (All)  
All members introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Minutes 12:35pm (All)  
Minutes from the October 1<sup>st</sup> were approved.
3. County of San Diego RFP 12:40pm A Fleck  
A Fleck presented an overview of the County of San Diego Suicide Prevention Action Plan. The County provided great feedback on the proposal our work team submitted in September 2009; we are currently in final negotiations for development and implementation for the Action Plan.

Main elements of the Action Plan include:

- Increasing collaboration
- Developing and implementing service and training guidelines (including completing a county-wide needs assessment)
- Increasing awareness and decreasing stigma
- Improving data collection, surveillance and program evaluation

As the scope of work and evaluation strategies were not outlined in the RFP, these elements will be executed as outlined in our proposal. Similarly, grant money will be awarded based on milestones achieved.

The County mandates that efforts for the Action Plan be coordinated with other County PEI grants. Both the SPWT and BHWT will be active participants in the Action Plan and will facilitate partnership throughout the County. The County's role in the Action Plan has not yet been determined.

Next steps include:

- Hiring contractors and staff



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- Completing a county-wide behavioral health needs assessment
- Changing the name of the CHIP Suicide Prevention Work Team to more effectively communicate the mission of the Suicide Prevention Action Plan

The Committee noted that Action Plan efforts may afford opportunities for press recognition and publications.

A. Update Steering Committee on 2010 Work Plan

The Committee will update the Steering Committee with their 2010 work plan once the Action Plan has been finalized with the County.

4. 2009 Accomplishments 1:40 pm *A Fleck*

Please see (2009 SPWT Accomplishments.doc) for further details.

1. Announcements and Information Sharing 1:50pm

- A. CHIP End of Year Celebratory Event – Friday, December 11, 2009, 10:30 – 12:30, Sharp Spectrum County
- B. HHS/ASPE Health Strategy Agenda Presentation to CHIP Committees, Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 9:30 – 11:30, North Central Region Administration, 8965 Balboa Avenue
- C. CHIP 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – February 18, 2010, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Air & Space Museum
- D. The Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program is hosting their First Annual Benefit Concert on December 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm at the Hilton Bay Front. Please contact Stan Collins (scollins\_sdyr@yahoo.com) for event information and sponsorship opportunities.
- E. The CalWestern Law School Health Group recently completed an in-depth study on issues surrounding elder suicides. The group is tentatively scheduled to present an overview of their study on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at 3851 Rosecrans. Please contact Jennifer Bransford-Koons (jennifer.bransford@sdcounty.ca.gov) for further details.
- F. The Suicide Prevention Action Team will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month at San Diego County Emergency Medical Services (6255 Mission Gorge Rd., San Diego, CA 92120). Further meeting details are to be determined.

**Next Meeting: To Be Determined (most likely February 4, 2010 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.)**

**Thank you for your participation!**