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### **Community Health Improvement Partners Awarded A 5-Year Grant to Continue Its Leadership of the San Diego County Suicide Prevention Council**

On September 13, 2016, Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP) was awarded a grant of over \$2 million over five years from the County of San Diego, to continue its facilitation of the San Diego County Suicide Prevention Council (SPC).

CHIP, in collaboration with the Suicide Prevention Council partners will provide an update of the Suicide Prevention Action Plan, published in 2011, including recommendations for realizing zero suicides in San Diego County. The updated Suicide Prevention Action Plan will guide the work of the Suicide Prevention Council over the next five years.

CHIP will continue to convene, administer and facilitate the highly successful, collaborative with an immediate and ongoing focus on engaging non-traditional partners, through targeted outreach, and by establishing recommendations for populations at high risk for suicide. The expanded work of the SPC will include increased opportunities for community, stakeholder and first responder training.

The Suicide Prevention Action Plan update will be facilitated by CHIP and consultants over a 6-8 month period, leveraging the existing Suicide Prevention Council infrastructure. The infrastructure consists of a Steering Committee and six subcommittees. Four of these focus on spheres of influence, including Schools, Higher Education, Media and Faith Organizations, while the remaining two are task focused, and include the Help Line Collaborative and Assessment and Evaluation. In the coming year, CHIP will add a subcommittee for At-Risk Populations to ensure a focus on Veterans, Older Adults, LGBTQ and Transition Age Youth (TAY).

“On behalf of CHIP staff and our board of directors, we are very excited and honored to have the opportunity to partner with the County of San Diego to continue collaborating on this very important public health initiative. This new grant funding supports and sustains the work that CHIP’s partners contribute to the Suicide Prevention Council’s overarching goal of achieving zero suicides in San Diego County”, said Peter Mabrey, CEO of CHIP.

To learn more about the San Diego County Suicide Prevention Council, contact Dana Richardson at (858) 609-7968 or [drichardson@sdchip.org](mailto:drichardson@sdchip.org).

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#### **About Community Health Improvement Partners**

The mission of Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP) is to advance long-term solutions to priority health needs through collaboration and community engagement. CHIP focuses on bringing partners together to tackle relevant and pressing health issues. CHIP programs include the San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative, Suicide Prevention Council, Resident Leadership Academy, Independent Living Association, Lemon Grove HEAL Zone, REACH Chula Vista and Health Literacy San Diego. For more information, visit [www.sdchip.org](http://www.sdchip.org).