

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

**SUICIDE PROGRAMMING AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**September 23, 2020**

Approved

**Committee Members Present:** Laurie Emmer, Jennie Geltz, Jerry Helland, Jane Smith

**Other Persons Present:**

**Office staff:** Deanna Cada, Kathy Ostdick, Sarah Beste-Intern

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Agenda Approval**

*Mr. Helland moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Geltz. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.*

**3. Determination of Committee Chairperson**

Ms. Geltz volunteered to be Chairperson and the committee accepted.

**4. New Business**

**A. Defining the issue/Suicide in DeKalb County**

1. Suicide statistics – Ms. Cada gave the Committee statistics that she had gotten from the County. So far this year there have been 7 completed suicides. In 2019 there were 16 completed and in 2018 there were 15 completed. Ms. Cada did not have the attempted suicide numbers.
2. Current programming – Ms. Cada discussed the QPR program with the Committee

**B. Purpose of Committee**

Some suggestions from the Committee were fliers, brochures, training. Mr. Helland asked how we were going to measure success of the Committee. Ms. Emmer described to the Committee what the VFW does in their Suicide Campaign. The Committee thought there were some good ideas in their process.

**5. Date of next Suicide Programming Ad Hoc Committee meeting**

To be determined.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennie Geltz, Committee Chair

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Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary