

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

SUICIDE PROGRAMMING AD HOC COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 23, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Approved

Committee Members Present: Jennie Geltz, Jerald Helland, Meghan Cook, Jane Smith

Other Persons Present: Katie O'Connell

Office staff: Deanna Cada

1. Call to Order

Ms. Geltz called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Committee members present were Jennie Geltz, Meghan Cook, Jerald Helland, Jane Smith. Quorum was met.

2. Approval of the agenda

Mr. Helland moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Smith. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Helland noted that Ms. Emmer's name needed to be added to Call to Order. Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the 5/26/21 Suicide Programming Ad Hoc Committee as amended; seconded by Mr. Helland. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

4. Old Business

A. Community Programming

- I. Toolkit Opportunity/QR Code – Ms. Cada shared with the Committee that the Provider's Group met on June 21, 2021 and included representatives from the Sycamore Police Department, Veteran's Hospital, Northwestern Medicine, Elder Care Services, Project Seth and Suicide Prevention Services. That group endorsed the idea of physical toolkits for funeral directors, coroner office and law enforcement and of virtual toolkits available on a website for specific populations. The Providers Group liked the idea of one place for community members to access information and local resources. The Committee endorsed the idea of bringing website development suggestions to the full Board at the next Board Retreat.
- II. Current Programming from partner agencies – Ms. Cada told the Committee that the Providers Group discussed a number of programs including Safe2Help II, and The Hope Squad that engage school and school children in mental health activities. Ms. Cada asked the committee members to view the website and provide feedback on if the Board should endorse or work toward any of the programming. The Providers Group discussed specific populations and Man Therapy was discussed as another online program to review. Lastly the Providers Group discussed opportunities about education around legislative advocacy.

- B. Messaging – Communication Plan development – Ms. Cada asked if the interns could help develop and brand a Communication Plan for the Mental Health Board. The interns will work on that project.
- C. QPR Status – Ms. Cada purchased 600 slots from QPR for the Community. Ms. Cada will offer slots to the DeKalb County Department Heads at an upcoming meeting to prioritize training County Staff on QPR. Discussion ensued about engaging school districts to partner to offer QPR to students either as part of a class curriculum or as extra credit. Ms. Cada will explore options for this partnership.
- D. Community Training Opportunity – Ms. Cada confirmed that the Egyptian Theatre is available to host an event on Thursday, September 16, 2021. A working group will be put together to begin planning the event and work out logistics.
- E. Agriculture Population – Ms. Cada recommended adding this population to the Toolkit/Website special population work that is being conducted.
- F. Crisis App Discussion – Ms. Cada talked about a Crisis app and will do some investigating into this app. Discussion ensued regarding how the app could tie back to the website information and what other apps are already in existence.

5. New Business

- A. 988 Status – Ms. Cada updated the Committee on the status of 988 in Illinois. Ms. Cook noted that she is participating in 988 discussions. Ms. Cada will try to attend the open meetings of the Key Stakeholders at the state level. Ms. Cada and Ms. Cook will keep the Committee informed.

6. Date of next Suicide Programming Ad Hoc Committee meeting

The tentative next meeting will be July 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm; seconded by Mr. Helland. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Geltz, Committee Chair

Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary