

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

SUICIDE PROGRAMMING AD HOC COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 21, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Approved

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

Other Persons Present:

Office staff: Deanna Cada, Kathy Ostidick, Kate James

1. Call to Order

Ms. Geltz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Committee members present were Jennie Geltz, Laurie Emmer. Quorum was met.

2. Approval of the agenda

Ms. Emmer moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Geltz. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Emmer moved to approve the minutes of the 6/23/21 Suicide Programming Ad Hoc Committee; seconded by Ms. Geltz. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

4. Old Business

A. Priority Conversation – Homework Review

I. Community Programming –

The Committee had discussed a Community Training in September as the kick off. Ms. Geltz thought that may not be enough time so the target date will be October or November. Ms. Emmer shared that she thought the priorities should be communication, training, QPR, and getting tools out. Ms. Geltz said priorities should be training, QPR, and communication.

1. Website Creation – Toolkit Opportunities/QR Code –

Ms. Cada is working on this.

2. Update Partner Agencies –

Ms. Cada shared with the Committee that she needs to talk to partner agencies about how to get men to go to therapy. Ms. Cada also discussed the Hope Squad, which is a school club that tries to get kids to talk to other kids about suicide and who they should tell if someone has a problem.

II. Messaging – Communication Plan Development

Kate James, our intern, is putting together a plan.

III. QPR Status

1. DeKalb County Departments –
At the County Department Head meeting, Ms. Cada offered training to all department heads and there were no takers.
2. School/ROE Partnership Opportunities –
Ms. Cada has not talked to ROE yet.

IV. Community Training Opportunity

1. Planning Committee Interest –
This planning Committee will be working on laying out the plan.

- V. Crisis App Discussion –
This was discussed earlier.

- VI. 988 Status –
Ms. Cada shared that the State of Illinois is not moving very quickly on 988.

5. New Business

Ms. Cada informed the Committee that once they decide on a direction, the Committee can be disbanded.

6. Date of next Suicide Programming Ad Hoc Committee meeting

The next meeting will be August 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm, possibly an in-person meeting.

7. Adjournment

Ms. Emmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm; seconded by Ms. Geltz. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Geltz, Committee Chair

Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary

