

## SPA Team Meeting

9/23/25

**Present:** Sarah Ceccon, Carri Ciske, Chris Wardlow, Michele Crawford, Sarah Bassing-Sutton, Lindsey DeVries, Megan Zimmerman, Sarah Danahy, Scott Radtke, Christi DeChamps, Burgundy Biletski, Nick Ross, Kayla Rodriguez

### Feedback on the Training in July

- Somewhere Over the Moon presented
- Overall increase in knowledge
- Both areas were covered in one 3hr presentation-a LOT of information
- Folks want more 101 level information on LGBTQ+
- Executive Committee will be putting together resources for this team on some of that 101 LGBTQ practical applications of suicide prevention
- Relied too heavily on outdated identity development model-could be harmful; don't need all that information to serve LGBTQ.

### CLSP Strategic Plan

- Looking at Section 3-who are your partners in the work of accomplishing the objectives and how often we should be communicating our work
  - Who is the audience to update?
  - How do we want to provide updates
    - Simple annual report for the community of this work-Strat Plan; Objectives; Progress; Timelines and ways the community can get involved.
  - Megan Z talked about hosting an event-Report to the Community (FCHC doing this to get more change and big P policy change)
  - Kayla R. Presentation to County Boards-open doors for funding and more collaborations
  - Carri C. Suicide Prevention touch base at OCPH; 2<sup>nd</sup> the idea of hosting an event like how they did their CHIP strategies-(Open House type thing 12-2)
  - Scott R-Appleton Public Library Hosts these types of events and UW-Oshkosh

### NEWS related to populations of focus

- Recommended screening for mental health US Youth is annually.
  - Lindsey's older child was screened but not younger child
- 988 "press 3" option elimination-new Bill introduced Youth Access Act of 2025-codify Press 3 Option
  - 18M Contacts since inception and 1.5M for LGBTQ services
  - Bipartisan support
- Youth and Chat GPT
  - Digital media subcommittee

- Open AI and Character AI-lawsuits
- CESA 6 is looking at developing an awareness and educational series (Prof development) around this subject; for raising parent awareness; raise youth awareness that it is not a real relationship-Roll out this school year; Christi will keep us posted as this evolves
- Brave Spaces-online resource platform
- Everywhere is Queer App already exists-local businesses and services that are ally and/or friendly
- Point of Pride-[Trans Health Survey](#)

## Subcommittees

### Youth and Caregiver and Social Media/Digital Safety Group

- Objective listed-updated version will be sent to Lindsey
- Our work fits nicely into the larger work of CHAT's initiative
- Megan Z-group will be sending letter out to school administrators/superintendents to regularly post about social media; Objective has been word smithed will send to Lindsey; Letter to SOS leaders suggesting doing a campaign around safe digital media use; Goal is to send out next week. Which schools have Sources??? Sarah Danahy has that information
- Nick- School Districts have been hard to get engaged in this-how to engage additionally; if no response by snail mail; reach out by email-top down first and then maybe to pupil services or communications individuals; Got feedback from AASD and OASD with positive feedback on priority and letter well written
- Chris W-Connection letterhead and NAMI envelope with Megan's signature-leverage NAMI relationship with schools and Chris's Pre-Action Network relationships.
- Christi will send Megan a list of schools and contacts
- AASD has a communications person and a social media person that report to the Super

### Lethal Means Safety

- Working through the list to rule out single entity/person gun retailers
- Question for the group how to spread the work to Outagamie County and Calumet County
- Eventually complete follow up to gun shops to see if there is utilization
- Community for Hope is open to carrying this goal across 3 Counties
- We will send folks to Sarah Danahy who are interested

### Peer Support

- Fact finding process looking at Community Health Improvement Plans
- State plan highlights this as a recommendation for this
- Data demonstrates that this is EFFECTIVE
- MHAP has this as an initiative for legislative work
- Clarification on the Objective-2 part-

- More peer support specialists-who will hire them???
- Fact finding discovery that this is a barrier!
  - Educating entities on the benefits and money savings of doing so
- Winn Co has 2 positions
- Trainings to get certified don't happen soon enough and often without the certification Counties won't hire. Counties can give some flexibility to complete within 6 months
- Not significant and sustainable reimbursement for peer support services
- Unformal peer supports going on-support others; support yourself-this is about degrees of intensity of support-a continuum of services
- WIPSI-does the training for Certified Peer Specialist trainings
  - Outagamie County got a grant to train folks and looking to train 25 individuals-who are already in the role of credible messenger and folks already doing the work-Diverse and Resilient and Iris Place interested

#### Handle with Care

- APD and AASD as a start for getting this into Outagamie County
- Met with Jennifer Skolaski before summer who shared tons of resources to not have to recreate the wheel
- Lots of transition within APD so engaging with them has been tricky
- Intentional meeting with an APD contact soon; loosely do Handle with Care; no formal process
- Jennifer is willing to come present if that might be helpful to give them data to support it.
- December 2025 will NOT be happening
- Do not need more help yet, but will later!
  - Objective has come out of CDRT
  - Chris did informal survey of who is doing it-lots of informal things happening
- VCR's do not connect with schools unless it is a major event that would impact the entire school
- Communication does NOT get to the right people-benefit of a formalized process-need school people and SRO's on committee to create the process; Process will look different in each school
  - GOAL is to have quicker access for kids and parents to be supported
- CAN be just subject line of an email: "Handle with Care" and body of email is the students name
- Good foundation already laid because SRO's exist-TRAINING for this program needs to be given to SRO's.
- EDUCATION about the PURPOSE of Handle with Care is going to be critical
- Christi has information to share about Social Workers per school

#### Gender Affirming Care

- Will be distributing the Healthcare Passport tool
- Education in Higher Education about LGBTQ in their counseling and social work programs based on code of ethics
- Schools are interested barrier is cost to providing the training

- Other MH counselors interested in being a part of this committee
- Gender Affirming care director at Planned Parenthood willing to present to subcommittee and larger group.
- LGBTQ+ individual BASIC NEEDS are not met! Can not Socially Connect or feel like they belong UNTIL this happens

#### Recommendations

- Working to label each with feasibility scale; and priority scale
- Lindsey will email out list

#### MYWS 2.0 Update

#### NETWORKING

- QPR Training at NAMI FV office in person and online on the 30<sup>th</sup> LOTS of folks have signed up for both-being promoted by NBC and GCFD
- CESA 6-rolling out HOW to respond to crisis guidance because school districts do not talk about what they are doing; creating a collaborative-meeting in Fall and Spring; Organized effort to get all Districts on the same page-cost may be a barrier
- NAMI Oshkosh doing CIT next month-only have 10 enrolled need to have 15 for NAMI to pay; CIP in February; Winn Co Human Services crisis is meeting with UW Osh BIT (Behavioral Intervention Team)
- TC Beh Walk in clinic-Open during m-f holidays in 2026 and expand to evenings and weekends eventually
- TC Beh- Parents support group Mondays 5-6 of folks who are using substances. Open to the public
- Social Skills group ages 8-15 at Samaritan Way Finders