

# **Suicide Prevention Action Team – Large Group Meeting**

## **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Attendees:** Lindsey DeVries, Carri Ciske, Chris Wardlow, Burgundy Biletski, Christi DeChamps, Megan Zimmerman, Sarah Ceccon, Robyn Van Bogart, Marissa Stapelfeldt, Sarah Danahy, Renee Kasuboski, Michele Crawford

### **I. 2025 Reflections**

- a. Large group met 7x
- b. Established group values
- c. 5 objectives & 6 subcommittees formed
- d. Group training on LGBTQIA+ & adolescents
- e. Completed section 2 of the Community Led Suicide Prevention Framework
- f. Opportunities:
  - i. Youth involvement
  - ii. Further trainings
  - iii. Zero Suicide for healthcare systems
  - iv. Advancing objectives & death review recommendations
- g. Feedback from SPA members:
  - i. Objectives are partially clear, some easier to understand than others
  - ii. Happy with current meeting structure

### **II. Website Updates (CHECK IT OUT!)**

- a. Under “Initiatives,” “Project Zero” → Suicide Prevention Action Team

### **III. 2026 Meeting Content**

- a. Large group meetings will include an education topic that will be opened up to the child and adult death review teams to attend
- b. Proposed education topics:
  - i. Sleep (Marissa has a contact)
  - ii. Culturally informed prevention
  - iii. Cannabis risks for adolescents (Michele can find speaker)
  - iv. Traumatic brain injuries
- c. February: Subcommittees Meet
- d. March 17<sup>th</sup>: Large Group Meeting w/ Education Topic
- e. April: Subcommittees Meet
- f. May 19<sup>th</sup>: Large Group Meeting w/ Education Topic
- g. June: Subcommittees Meet
- h. July 21<sup>st</sup>: Large Group Meeting w/ Education Topic
- i. August: Subcommittees Meet
- j. September 15<sup>th</sup>: Open House
- k. October: Subcommittees Meet
- l. November 17<sup>th</sup>: Large Group Meeting w/ Education Topic
- m. December: Subcommittees Meet

#### IV. SPA Open House

- a. September (Suicide Awareness Month)
- b. Opportunity to share work that each subcommittee is doing
- c. Planning committee → **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
- d. Central location? Food? Giveaways?
- e. Lindsey can try to find funds to cover any costs, if needed!

#### V. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Digital Media Safety: Youth & Caregivers Subcommittee
  - i. Letters were mailed to contacts
  - ii. Toolkit of resources for schools is being created
  - iii. Met with Menasha School District, looking to begin a campaign in Spring 2026
  - iv. Follow-up contacts will be made via email
  - v. ThedaCare SYNC initiative → potential partnership? (see attachment in email for more information!)
- b. Gender Affirming Care Subcommittee
  - i. Established SMARTIE goals
  - ii. Made connections with local universities & began conversations with counseling programs to ask about LGBTQ+ curriculum in counseling programs (if any)
  - iii. Drafted letter, code of ethics/obligation
  - iv. Working with Milwaukee D&R office for copies of Passport to Health tool to distribute in tri-county area
  - v. Vetted list of providers → potential project
- c. Handle With Care Subcommittee
  - i. Proceeding with Outagamie County Sheriff's Office schools (Shiocton, Seymour, Freedom, Kimberly)
  - ii. Initial meeting scheduled for the end of the month to get the conversation going
  - iii. Strong support from Oshkosh, who is already doing it (and is doing well there)
- d. Lethal Means Safety Subcommittee
  - i. Gained access to list of firearm sellers in the tri-county
  - ii. Working through list to rule out individual sellers vs stores
  - iii. Began contacting gun stores
  - iv. Opportunity: adapting goal to include education on safe gun storage
  - v. Project Safe Guard is now the ONLY group working in this realm
- e. Peer Support/Community Gatekeeper Subcommittee
  - i. Audit of current peer support roles & support groups available in tri-county area
  - ii. Looked for alignment in other community initiatives
  - iii. Looking at advocacy/education on benefits of peer support
  - iv. Proposed to table this subcommittee due to capacity/priority
- f. Recommendations Subcommittee
  - i. Looking to add additional committee members!
  - ii. Updated list of adult suicide & child death review lists

- iii. Reached out to local organizations/community members to fact find what work is currently being done on recommendations in the community already
- iv. Identified potential future partners for some recommendations
- v. Sample of recommendations published on website and in a separate Project Zero report

## **VI. Networking**

- a. Community for Hope has a 6-week suicide loss survivor support group starting March 6<sup>th</sup>; a meal is provided and it is FREE!
- b. NAMI Fox Valley is partnering with Kaukauna High School to run the very first Go Lime Green: Mental Health Matters campaign. Go Lime Green is a week-long mental health awareness campaign that culminates in a varsity sporting event with a “lime green out” theme to show both school and community support for mental health. Each day of the week leading up to the big game, NAMI FV is also going into the school to run a mental health-related activity with the students (i.e. creative coping...coloring, journaling, fidgets, etc.). The big game is on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>...the Kaukauna vs Neenah Boys Basketball. Join us!