

**CSI (Community Suicide Intervention)
Task Force of Lafayette County
Minutes
March 28, 2007**

In Attendance: Debbie Siegenthaler, Tom MacDonald, Larry Hakes, Jessie Potterton, Brenda Jennings, Janet West, Andy Palzkill (D'ton School Guidance), Cathy Durnford (Hospital SW), and Pam Gould (Hospital RN)

Absent: Carol Benson, Troy Whiteman, & Mary Paisley

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UPDATES:

YRSB survey... We did locally conduct a survey in Sept 2005 but we want to conduct the YRBS survey to our schools.

- i. Tom attended the recent student pupil services meeting and assessed schools' willingness to do this.
- ii. Schools are willing but it is too late to accomplish this yet this school year so it will be done in the Fall (which is ok with Brenda). No cost to schools.
- iii. Survey to be done to the 9-12th grades on line (which provides some challenge to schools).
- iv. Tom shared a DRAFT letter to schools re the survey and its benefit as well as what is involved. Tom will send this letter.**
- v. Janet West will additionally email all the schools to reiterate that the survey will indeed be conducted this Fall and that a letter will be forthcoming from Tom.**

TRAINING...

- * **QPR (Question, Persuade, Respond)** audience=community, school personnel.
- * **Elimination of Barriers** – reduce stigma with suicide.
- * **DPI training** – mental health toolkit, suicide prevention

--- The group decided we have **three needs for training:**

1. gatekeeper & Troy's needs re the certification at HS
Tom will write an invite letter
- 2. School focused training (DPI) w/ teams of schools (including youth and adults). DONE in Feb 2007 @ First Banking Center, with good attendance. F/U – Will offer the SOS curriculum to all Lafayette County schools. (*Motion by Debbie, 2nd by Jesse to move forward with using grant \$\$ to purchase the HS version of SOS for each interested school- approx \$300 each-**

including all Lafayette Co schools+ Mineral Point + Cuba City, motion passed)

3. Community wide training – QPR may be good for this sort of open community forum.

New member present at our March meeting who shared powerful personal stories. Discussion as to how to use this experience to help others.

Grant Workplan: The group reviewed our grant action plan.

- ✓ **2007 News release/Public Awareness Calendar** – reviewed/ updated.
- ✓ **Budget update:** Tom reported that they are behind in spending the grant money. Discussion re putting a coordinator in place. *Motion by Debbie to appropriate up to \$2400 (12-15 hours per week for 8 weeks at roughly \$20 per hour) for use until end of May 2007, for Tom's use in putting a coordinator in place, 2nd by Jessie, Motion carried. Tom will proceed.*
- ✓ **Brenda** shared DPI newsletter being sent to all school adm quarterly.
- ✓ Tom will email a **suicide video clip** assembled in Kenosha for use in Movie theaters. Maybe we could do locally?
- ✓ **Debbie** shared recent County health ranking report and burden of injury data which confirms the problem of suicide.

Recorder: D. Sieg

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: April 24, 2007 @ 10am
HEALTH DEPT CONF ROOM

AGENDA ITEMS:

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| Review the following.... | 2007 Workplan * grant goals & progress |
| | - YRBS survey in Fall 2007 |
| | - Grant Coordinator Update |
| | - Budget Update |
| | - Public Awareness Calendar |