

**Curry County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council**

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 5:30-7:30pm

**Virtual Meeting Minutes**

<b>Members Attending:</b> Katrina Upton, Beth Barker-Hidalgo, Connie Hunter, Tim Wilson, Tara Modugno, Pat Piper	
Chair/Facilitator	Katrina Upton
Secretary/Minutes	Katrina Upton
BOC Liaison	Court Boice
Absent Members	Jordan White, Emma Gorski, Kelly Schellong
Guests	Founding Director Emeritus Gordon Clay, Will Wasson former VA Suicide Prevention Coordinator (SPC) and Ariana Ryzebol the new VA SPC

**Called to order:** Chair Katrina Upton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1: Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Katrina Upton**

**Agenda Item 2: Welcome & Roll Call – Katrina Upton**

Roll Call was completed. Quorum met.

**Agenda Item 3: Amendment/Approval of Agenda – Katrina Upton**

**Discussion Summary:**

**Conclusions:** Beth made a motion to approve the agenda. Tara seconded. Motion carries.

Vote: 6 Yea: Hunter, Wilson, Upton, Barker-Hidalgo, Piper, Modugno 0 Nay: 0

**March 3, 2021 agenda is approved.**

**Agenda Item 4: Approval of Minutes – Katrina Upton**

**Discussion Summary:** There were no corrections to the February 3, 2021 minutes .

**Conclusions:** Beth made a motion to approve the February 3, 2021 minutes. Pat seconded. Motion carries.

Vote: 6 Yea: Hunter, Willson, Upton, Barker-Hidalgo, Piper, Modugno 0 Nay: 0

**February 3, 2021 minutes are approved.**

**Agenda Item 5: Public Comment - Connie Hunter**

**Discussion Summary:** Connie Hunter introduced two guests for the Veterans group., Will Wasson, former VA Suicide Prevention Coordinator (SPC) and Ariana Ryzebol the new VA SPC for Lane, Coos, Curry & Del Norte Counties. Will discussed many initiatives and programs

including Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI). Ariana introduced herself and offered her assistance, participation and resources for any VA needs we might have.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Discussion Items**

**Discussion Summary:** Connie has volunteered to fill the secretary vacancy. Beth asked if Connie could be the information manager for the council. Connie suggested more concise email messaging, perhaps a round up once a week.

**Conclusions:** Pat made a motion to approve Connie Hunter as the secretary. Tim seconded. Motion carries. Vote: 6 Yea: Hunter, Willson, Upton, Barker-Hidalgo, Piper, Modugno 0 Nay: 0  
**Connie Hunter is the secretary.**

**Discussion Summary:** Tim has worked with Gordon, John Huttle and others to draft council guidelines.

**Conclusions:** Tim made a motion to approve the council guidelines as presented. Tara seconded. Motion carries.

Vote: 6 Yea: Hunter, Willson, Upton, Barker-Hidalgo, Piper, Modugno 0 Nay: 0

**Guidelines were approved.**

**Let's Talk:** Gordon discussed outreach content and deadlines. He talked about the impact of personal experiences/stories and asked for others to participate in awareness and prevention outreach by sharing their stories.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Stakeholder/Sub Committee Reports**

**Discussion Summary:**

- Substance Abuse/Recovery - Beth Barker-Hidalgo

Beth continues to support the unsheltered community with referral and navigation services. Curry Homeless Coalition (CHC) has funding available for 8 more people to participate in the Rogue Retreat Peer Support Specialist training. CHC has an agreement for more than a year with [HIV Alliance](#) to provide naloxone. Beth also discussed data issues such as the Oregon state dashboard showing zero opioid overdoses in Curry.

- Veterans Services - Connie Hunter

Connie shared some upcoming training. Connie shared the opportunity to include a suicide prevention insert inside the quarterly ODVA magazine.

- Youth Ambassador - Emma Gorski
- Public Safety - Jordan White
- Media - Kelly Shellong

- Mental/Medical Health - Tara Modugno

Tara shared the upcoming Crisis Intervention Team ([CIT](#)) virtual training for law enforcement scheduled for April 29, May 7, May 13 and May 20, 2021. Tara is the civil commitment examiner for Curry county and gave information on how the process works. The [ASIST](#) trainer training was delayed due to COVID-19. Gordon expressed his concerns with HB3168 that a therapist can report a youth without their consent, and the rights of age of consent is 14 and up.

- Youth Educator - Tim Wilson

Tim received a [Lines for Life](#) mini-grant for \$1500 and is considering using the funds to purchase Sign for Suicide (SOS), a suicide prevention program that educates students about the relationship between suicide and depression. Tim advocated creating additional suicide resource packet available to students, such as a thumb drive with multiple resources inside. Tim is also actively recruiting a youth educator to fill his position after he retires.

- Tribal Community - Katrina Upton

Discussed the epidemic of Data Genocied in Tribal Communities.

#### **Agenda Item 7: Open Discussion**

##### **Discussion Summary:**

- Pat agreed to assist in writing outreach material and legislative testimony.
- Gordon suggested that we skip the April meeting, and use the time to develop goals and possible Council projects for moving forward. Tim made a motion to cancel the April 7 meeting in lieu of a two hour commitment to bring back strategies per workgroup to the May 5 Council meeting . Connie seconded. Motion carries.  
Vote: 5 Yea: Hunter, Wilson, Upton, Piper, Modugno 0 Nay: 0

**Guidelines were approved.**

**Tara made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

##### **Resources or handouts provided:**

- Agenda
- March 3rd, 2021 minutes

##### **Future Agenda Items:**

**Next meeting date: May 5, 2021**

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