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**Curry County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Council**

June 2, 2021 5:30-7:30pm

**Virtual Meeting Minutes**

<b>Members Attending:</b> Katrina Upton, Beth Barker-Hidalgo, Jordan White	
Chair/Facilitator	Katrina Upton
Secretary	Katrina Upton
BOC Liaison	Court Boice
Absent Members	Kelly Shellong, Tara Modugno, Connie Hunter, Emma Gorski
Guests	Founding Director Emeritus Gordon Clay, Mike Lancaster, Nancy Porter

**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 NOT met. Meeting will continue for discussion only. Pat Piper has officially resigned from Council. Connie Hunter has resigned from the Secretary position, but remains a general council member. Mike Lancaster joined as a guest. Gordon encouraged Mike to apply for a position on the council. Nancy Porter from Curry Community Health also joined as a guest.

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

**Discussion Summary:** Gordon added membership to the agenda.

**Conclusions:**

**Agenda Item 3: Approval of Minutes – Katrina Upton**

**Discussion Summary:** No minutes were brought forward.

**Conclusions:**

**Agenda Item 4: Public Comment**

**Discussion Summary:** The Brown Act requires that the public be allowed to address a deliberative body of a public Council prior to action on any item on the agenda. General public comments should come at the beginning of the meeting

- none

**Agenda Item 5: Discussion/Action Items**

**Discussion Summary:**

- Gordon reminded everyone about upcoming awareness campaigns during June is PTSD, July is bereaved, August is Overdose, September is Suicide Awareness, October is Bullying, November is Tolerance and December is reflection. He asked for letters, stories and speeches in support of the monthly campaign by the 15th of each month.
- Katrina asked if there was a suicide policy at the county level? at the state level aside from the State Health Improvement Plan? Gordon said there was not currently one at the county level. Oregon state utilizes [Addies Act](#) (SB52) which requires 197 Oregon School Districts to develop comprehensive Student Suicide Prevention Plans. Gordon indicated that most school districts did not meet the July 1, 2020 implementation deadline. Katrina suggested the council create a county suicide plan, Beth agreed that it would be a good idea to create a framework for a county suicide plan and present it to the BOC.
- Gordon also expressed concern with the crisis hotline during the upcoming acquisition of Curry Public Health by Oregon Health Authority. Nancy indicated that OHA is actively working with CCH to provide crisis lines and mental health.
- Council discussed moving the “Table of Hope” forward for future events and adjusting the proposed budget. The cost of a high quality wrap around tent with a custom logo would be closer to \$1500 which would use our entire United Way grant funded budget. Council agreed to do a little more price shopping and submit a revised/updated budget.
- Gordon recommended that the council talk to county legal to see about moving the youth ambassador position to a July 1 to June 30 (school year) to be more inclusive of student schedules. Katrina asked if students other than those enrolled in public school were eligible to apply. Jordan would like to see high school students get credit for participation on the council. Beth suggested an exit interview with students. Gordon also reminded everyone that Tim Wilson has retired and that the Youth Educator position is open.

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

**Discussion Summary:**

- Substance Abuse/Recovery

Beth Barker-Hidalgo

Beth is meeting with Taylor Chambers from [AFSP](#) about collaborating on an annual “[Out of the Darkness Walk](#)” event in September. Beth is having continued conversations with community leaders about the possibility of developing a [National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster \(National VOAD\)](#) forum where local organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle—preparation, response and recovery—to help disaster survivors in our community. Curry

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Homeless Coalition is in line to receive a Vista volunteer (1,700 hours) to help develop a volunteer program. Gordon and Beth discussed the legalities and the processes of the council doing fundraising.

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| • Veterans Services | Connie Hunter |
| • Youth Ambassador  | Emma Gorski   |
| • Public Safety     | Jordan White  |

Jordan reported several struggles and successes in local law enforcement, ultimately he said things are starting to look a little better, there has been a significant reduction in self harm etc. Our local law enforcement staff are committed to progress and public safety. Jordan spoke with representatives at Oasis Shelter and they will soon reintroduce services in Curry. Beth asked Jordan about the position goals of [Community Resource Officer](#) Ray Branion.

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| • Media                 | Kelly Shellong |
| • Mental/Medical Health | Tara Modugno   |
| • Youth Educator        |                |
| • Tribal Community      | Katrina Upton  |

**Agenda Item 7: Open Discussion**

**Discussion Summary:**

- Guest Nancy Porter from Curry Community Health reported that they recently graduated 8 professionals from [CIT](#) training and also worked with Advance Health to provide lodging for [CCIS training](#) for Sargent Thein.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Resources or handouts provided:**

- [6-2-21 Agenda](#)
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**Future Agenda Items:**

- Jordan will follow up with youth ambassador position

**Next meeting date: July 7, 2021**