



"Saving Lives in Tennessee"

**TSPN Emeritus Group
Conference Call Meeting
Friday, December 16, 2016
9 AM Central / 10 AM Eastern
Call-in number: (641) 715-0861
Access code: 403540#**

Minutes

Members Present

Jodi Bartlett, Ed.S, LPC-MHSP, Community Advocate (Upper Cumberland Regional Chair, Emeritus / Past Emeritus Chair)
Carol Burroughs, Lexington County Schools (Rural West Regional Chair, Emeritus)
Clark Flatt, President/CEO, the Jason Foundation, Inc. (Advisory Council Member, Emeritus)
Jennifer Harris, St. Thomas Hickman Hospital (Advisory Council Chair, Emeritus)
Anna Shugart, Director, Emotional Health & Recovery Center, Blount Memorial Hospital (Blount County Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Alliance Chair, Emeritus / Emeritus Chair)
Madge Tullis, Co-Founder and Past Advisory Council Chair, TSPN (Advisory Council Chair, Emeritus)

TSPN Staff Present

Scott Ridgway, MS, Executive Director

Proceedings

- Shugart called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without objection.

TSPN Update

- Ridgway announced that TSPN is planning a symposium for the spring focused on safety planning and violence prevention. "Steps Toward a Safer Tennessee" is set for Wednesday, April 19, at Trevecca Community Church, located at 335 Murfreesboro Pike in Nashville, ZIP 37210.
 - The keynote speaker will be Sue Klebold, mother of one of the students involved in the Columbine High School massacre and author of *A Mother's Reckoning: Living in the Aftermath of Tragedy*. In the years since the incident, Mrs. Klebold has emerged as a powerful advocate for mental health and suicide prevention.
 - Breakout sessions on safety planning and violence prevention are also planned.
 - Ridgway expects this symposium to be TSPN's largest ever, even bigger than the one in 2015, with approximately 400 people in attendance.

- The Governor, Tennessee's congressional delegation, and commissioners of key state departments will be invited to speak.
- Emeritus members are asked to let the office know if we see anything in the communication about the Symposium that might be a red flag as discussed in the last Advisory Council meeting.
- Meanwhile, TSPN is attempting to close out the calendar year by uploading and finalizing training evaluation form data uploaded to its SnapSurvey system. All staff are currently committing time to this project.

Emeritus Mentor Role

- Shugart initiated a discussion about the role of the Emeritus mentorship project. She recapped the goal of reaching out to new members by following their appointment to welcome them to the group, answer any immediate questions, and tell them about the forthcoming orientation. This will help engage newly appointed members and ensure their active status within the Council.
- Several members agreed that they were ready and comfortable to start this part of the mentorship.
- Ridgway suggested we poll all the current Emeritus members to see who is ready to do this. The TSPN central office will take care of this process after the first of the year.
- Central office staff will match Emeritus members with new appointees; ideally both will be within the same region.
- No new members have been appointed since the last Council meeting in September.

Binder Review Project

- Burroughs reviewed the suggestions for the organization of the binder. She and Arnell took charge of this project, changing up the sections slightly, leaving all current information in the binder but adding a few items.
- There was considerable discussion about edits to Sections 2, 3, and 4, specifically the creation of a separate section from the Advisory Council for the Regions and regional team projects and separating out the minutes in a section.
- The following is the recommended structure of the revised binder:

Section 1

1. *Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention*

Section 2:

1. *TSPN Advisory Council Members and Terms*
2. *Roles, Structure, Operations and Selection Process*
3. *2016 AC Committee rosters and current objectives*

Section 3

1. *TSPN regions and current chairs*
2. *Summary of ongoing projects in each region*

Section 4:

1. *Minutes from the last few Council meetings*

Section 5:

1. *History of TSPN: Timeline and Narrative*
2. *TSPN Background and History*

Section 6:

1. *Most current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline call volumes*
2. *Zero Suicide: Purpose/Background/Implementation/Current Task Force*
3. *Zero Suicide concept outline as provided by the National Action Alliance on Suicide Prevention (NAASP)*

Section 7:

1. *Information about “Love Never Dies” Memorial Quilt*
2. *Program from last Suicide Prevention Awareness Day observance*
3. *Current brochures and flyers*
4. *Latest editions of TSPN newsletters*
5. *Overview of TSPN website*

New Orientation for New Council Members

- Bartlett and Harris worked on prioritizing the Binder topics for the face-to-face orientation of new Advisory Council members.
- Harris brought up the point that the order of orientation topics is not in the same order as the Binder. The Group took no issue with the discrepancy.
- Bartlett reviewed the outline they drafted with the team

1. *History and Background*
2. *Advisory Council*
 - a. *Roles, Structure, Operations and Selection Process*
 - b. *Members and Terms*
 - c. *Minutes*
 - d. *Committees and their current objectives*
3. *Regional Information*
 - a. *Regions and current chairs*
 - b. *Ongoing projects/focuses*
4. *Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention*
5. *Projects and Resources*
 - a. *Zero Suicide: NAASP description, purpose, implementation, role with TSPN*
 - b. *Lifeline call volumes*
 - c. *Website overview*
 - d. *“Love Never Dies” Memorial Quilts*
 - e. *Current brochures and flyers, along with the Materials Distribution Form*
 - f. *TSPN newsletters*
 - g. *Suicide Prevention Awareness Day Program*

- The Group approved the outline Harris presented.
- Shugart suggested that Group members divide up the orientation topics and work on developing talking points to go with each topic. Due to the fact that there may be different people providing the orientation, she recommended having more detail to maintain consistency. She also suggested we might want to consider a PowerPoint presentation to accompany the orientation.
- The following Group members volunteered to begin work on specific orientation topics:
 - Bartlett: History & Background (with M. Tullis in an advisory capacity)
 - Harris: Projects & Resources
 - Shugart: Tennessee Strategy for Suicide Prevention
- A progress report will be made at the January meeting, although it is not expected that final projects be ready by that time.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

- After review of schedules, Group members agreed on another conference call for 9 AM Central / 10 AM Eastern on Friday, January 20, using the current number and access code.
- There being no further business, Shugart wished everyone a happy and safe Holiday and Happy New Year. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.