

**Ross Suicide Prevention Coalition**  
**March 12, 2007**

Co-chairs, Barbara Mahaffey and Vicki McFadden called meeting to order.

Connie Mulder addressed members about a job application for “Suicide Prevention Coordinator” at the Chillicothe VA. If anyone is interested, Cindy has copies of the information for you.

**February 12, 2007, Minutes approved by:**

**Sara Kleon**

**Kim Dement- Seconded**

**Motion Carried**

B. Mahaffey stated that if you are not in a workgroup/committee please be sure to sign up for at least one.

B. Mahaffey indicated that the individual workgroups of Planning and Awareness will now be combined as the Planning/Awareness Workgroup.

B. Mahaffey attended a meeting at OSU regarding a grant for suicide prevention/intervention strategies for the coming year. She indicated no due date was given on applying for this grant, but she will investigate further.

Youth Strategies Workgroup Report

The following suicide programs are being reviewed for Ross county schools:

Middle Schools-	Yellow Ribbon Screening
High School-	Yellow Ribbon Screening SOS

Adena and Smith Middle schools will be pilot sites and hopefully all programs will be implemented by start of '07-'08 school year.

A discussion regarding having another training (on what the Suicide Prevention Coalition is all about) for Ross county residents. Vicki McFadden and another person could be the speakers. Possible 2 sessions. This subject will be sent to the Planning/Awareness Workgroup for further discussion.

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Elderly Strategies Workgroup Report

Of the elderly who are age 65 and older have one of the highest suicide rates.

The Ohio Department of Area on Aging hopes to implement a “Death Review Team” in the near future.

Data Workgroup Report

Andy Solovey reported that the mental health system sees people in treatment, therefore is not a good source for tracking data on suicide attempts/completion.

However, around 8% of the Crisis Center calls are threats of suicide.

Mr. Solovey will check with Adena hospital to see if they can match data to include the Scioto Paint Valley M.H. Centers data.

Financial Workgroup Report

Jim Butt reminded members that the \$10,000 awarded to Ross County Suicide Prevention Coalition needs to be spent or appropriated by June 30, 2007.

A suggestion was given that each Workgroup discuss how they can best utilize the money.

Planning/Awareness Workgroup Report

Jim Butt talked with the Ohio Department of Suicide Prevention on the subject of Ross County using their logo. We can use the words on the logo but not art work.

A discussion followed on having a contest opened to the Art Community on creating art work for the Ross County Suicide Prevention Coalition logo. Guidelines will need to be established. Vicki McFadden indicated that we can get free public awareness ads. An award of \$100.00 gift certificate to WalMart will be given to the winner. All art work will be submitted to Paint Valley ADAMH Board and a committee will be developed to determine winners.

Other Business

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There were two people from the Ross County Suicide Prevention Coalition that applied to attend the American Association of Suicidology Annual Conference. This conference has many opportunities that could benefit our coalition and community. **The Paint Valley ADAMH has agreed to send both applicants if the Ross SPC will participate in the expense by committing at least \$500.**

**The disbursements of these monies were approved by:**

**Andy Solovey**  
**Susan Glandon-Seconded**  
**Motion Carried**

Break out sessions for all workgroups followed to discuss the dollar amounts they would like to use for implementing their ideas.

After the sessions, 3 workgroups requested the following funds.

<b>Planning/Awareness-</b>	<b>\$1,100</b>
<b>Elderly Strategies-</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Youth Strategies-</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>

**The disbursements of these monies were approved by:**

**Jim Butt**  
**Mattie Richardson-Seconded**  
**Motion Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 1:08pm

Next meeting - April 9, 2007

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

May is "Mental Health Month"