

ROSS COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION

January 9, 2017

MINUTES

Members in attendance: Melinda Sheets, Nina Weese-Meyer, Laura Butt, Tom McPeek, Ben Stark, Melissa Hirn-Pulliam, Jhan Corzine, Emily Schmidt, Tonnie Guagenti, Timothy Foster and Eunice Lowe

Tom McPeek started the meeting. Guest Timothy Foster and Eunice Lowe were welcomed.

Minutes for the December 2016 meeting were read. **Ben Stark made a motion to approve the minutes. Nina Weese-Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

YOUTH STRATEGIES WORKGROUP: Paint Valley and CHS need to be scheduled. They will be going to Kim Lashley's class at OUC. PVADAMH has bracelets and stickers for the new Crisis Text Line to be given out with the lanyards at the schools.

MIDDLE AGED WORKGROUP: Tom discussed numerous grant opportunities that we need to investigate to get more funds as well as volunteers for our events. Many local businesses and organizations are willing to give donations or are looking for service projects for their employees. We just need to meet the requirements or application deadlines.

ELDERLY WORKGROUP: Nina Weese-Meyer announced the theme for the 2017 Senior Breakfast: "Age out Loud". May is older American Month and this theme is about living longer, trying new things and an active lifestyle. The breakfast will be held on 5/19/17 from 8:30-11:30 at the Library Annex. They will have a panel discussion and want to incorporate a way to honor veterans.

SUPPORT SERVICES WORKGROUP: Melinda brought a sample of the booklet including the inside cover with local resources. We will get these printed and ready to go to the funeral homes and law enforcement.

Timothy Foster and Eunice Lowe spoke to the group about wanting to find out more about our support services. He lost his son to suicide last year in Franklin County and although he lives in Ross county, a group in Franklin County reached out to his family. Discussion followed on ways to incorporate some of his ideas.

Tom McPeek adjourned the meeting at 12:58pm

Next steering committee meeting is **February 6, 2017 at 1:00** – PVADAMH Board

Next coalition meeting is **January 13, 2017 at 11:30** – Ross County Service Center Classroom A.