



"Saving Lives in Tennessee"

**Higher Education Task Force Meeting
Friday, February 9, 2018
TSPN Central Office
446 Metroplex Drive, Suite A-224
Nashville, TN 37211
10:00 AM Central**

Minutes

Task Members Present

Sandra Perley, EdD, MSN, RN, Columbia State Community College, Co-chair
Scott Ridgway, MS, Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, Co-chair
Leslie Reed Brietenmoser, PhD, MSN, RN, Austin Peay State University
Cynthia Polk-Johnson, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Travis Loveday, MA, Pellissippi State Community College
Christina Mick, EdD, Tennessee Tech University
Byron Pickens, PhD, Argosy University
Caryn Schmitz, MA, NCC, LPC-MHSP, Baptist College of Health
Denise Walker, MS, LPC, Northeast State Community College
John'Na Webster, MSW, University of Tennessee at Martin
Katy Wilson, APRN, MSN, MBA, Belmont University

TSPN Staff

Joanne Perley, MPH, TSPN Staff, Middle TN Regional Coordinator

Task Members Absent

Jennifer Catlett, LCSW, Carson-Newman University
Susan Elswick, EdD, University of Memphis
Lou Hanemann, Tennessee Higher Education Commission
Tricia Henderson, LPC-MHSP, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Mani Hull, EdD, Retired, TN Campus Compact
Heidi Leming, Tennessee Board of Regents
Andrea Mills, Med, LPC-MHSP, Lipscomb University
Theresa Okwumabua, PhD, LeMoyne-Owens
Janet Turner, PhD, LPC-MHSP, NCC, ACS, MPA, Lindsey Wilson College

Welcome and Introductions

- Co-chair Dr. Perley welcomed all to the meeting at 10:19am and thanked them all for their attendance.
- Co-chair Dr. Perley asked those present to introduce themselves with their name, institution they represent, and role within their institution.

- **Co-chair Dr. Perley asked for review of the minutes from the December meeting. Mick motioned to approve the minutes, with Wilson seconding. Minutes approved.**

TSPN Report

Co-chair Ridgway provided information on statistics requested as well as TSPN updates:

- The task force had a moment of silence for the student lost to suicide recently at TN Tech. TSPN and others provided a debriefing for RAs and staff at Tennessee Tech University following the loss of a student at that university.
- Registration for the Spring 2018 TSPN Symposium “**Hearts and Minds: Making the Connection**” is still open, featuring Dr. Joiner as the Keynote Speaker April 11th and the “S” word a sit down dinner will be served during the presentation of the documentary the night before April 10th , 200 people have signed up, for more information <https://tspn2018springsymposium.eventbrite.com>
- TSPN Advisory Council Meeting will be meeting on February 14 at a new location-Madison Police Station. Committees will meet 10:30-11:30 am - Commissioner William’s will address the group at noon and TSPN Business meeting will meet after.
- Status of Suicide Report will be going to the printer to be released soon.
- A Tennessee team, including Ridgway, will be in Honduras the week of 2/19-2/23 and training Law Enforcement in Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR).
- TSPN introduced the “Suicide Mortality Review and Prevention Act of 2018” House Bill 1961 [Ramsey](#) (part of Maryville) and Senate Bill 1949 [Crowe](#) (Washington, Unicoi and Carter Counties).
- TSPN is working with the Middle TN Time and Temperature number, 615-259-2222, highlighting the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number when people call the number. A PSA reaching the Middle TN area concerning this collaboration will be released early this month. The number has already reached more than 6,300 individuals in the area.

Committee Meetings

Those present in each Task Force Committee met to discuss goals, action items, and progress made since the December meeting with a focus on what would like to be accomplished prior to the May meeting.

Committee Reports

Advocacy and Sustainability Committee

- Loveday thanked Hanemann for all of his work with this committee and the draft resolution for the task force.
- Co-chair Ridgway gave testimony January 30th to the Joint Committee of the House Education and Administration & Planning committee about the need for the support for suicide Prevention in Higher Education.
- On 2/4/18 the TSPN Executive Committee approved the resolution which will be presented to the full Advisory Council February 14th for approval.

- The committee introduced the propose budget amendment to be considered under the resolution for one-time money, stipulating one suicide prevention (QPR) trainer in each higher education institution in Tennessee. The budget will recommend each Higher education institutions give \$100 towards the \$500 charge associated with suicide prevention train the trainer; this funding will go towards the higher education fund for materials, etc. Each trainers (associate) will be required to train 250 participants in a one-year period following the training for trainers. If trainers do not train 250 first year, they will be asked to surrender the train the trainer materials. A letter that will go out from this Task Force and the Advisory Council to Presidents of institutions with the goal of imbedding a trainer in each institution, asking for their support and input to determine the staff or faculty member appointed. This staff or faculty person must be full time at the institution. Though institutions without imbedded trainers will be the focus, Presidents with existing trainers will be informed of this initiative and asked to support other institutions in this effort.
- **Loveday motioned to propose the budget amendment of a one-time \$60,000 to be added to the resolution of the Higher Education Suicide Prevention Task Force. Walker seconded.**
 - *Action Items:* The committee will draft the letter to presidents with this information as well as work on language for the budget amendment.

Protocol Committee

- Schmitz reported that the Crisis Text Line is no longer affordable as the Text Line has added a cost to receive statewide data. Henderson, not present at the meeting, is going to reach out to them concerning possibly acquiring statewide data at no cost.
- The Prevention/Intervention/Postvention survey was distributed to task members present to receive more information on what is happening at the represented institutions.
- Henderson will have a Graduate Assistant work on a synopsis of the JED Framework, as discussed at the previous conference call.
- Polk-Johnson reported progress of the Student Death Postvention Response Team at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; there plan and framework will soon be available for distribution to the task force and others.
- Belmont, Emergency Guide book, tab for student concerns, has everything in one place, will share with campuses.
 - *Action Items:* The committee will compile survey data as well as the Framework synopsis to plan movements forwards towards creating a template for the state.

Outreach Committee

- Mick reported that the committee reviewed information they had compiled since the last conference call.
- Challenges in curriculum infusion within various institutions as well as the addition of recommendation were discussed.
- J. Perley presented at TBR SGA President leadership meeting, January 26th, discussing suicide risk factors specific to college students as well as resources/trainings available across the state.

- **Action Items:** Condense what was provided to the task force as well as brainstorm on how to provide information to institutions.

Timeline for Goals

- Co-chair Dr. Perley provided a synopsis of committee reports with motion moving forward for the task force.
- Co-chair Ridgway announced the resignation of Polk-Johnson, leaving the university and moving to Memphis, will stay involved with TSPN. She is going to talk with Dean to see if she will fill her position. Co-chair Ridgway thanked her for her work on this task force and her efforts with TSPN.
- J. Perley will send out minutes to all Task Force members as well as an additional email to each committee with information, action items to be completed in each committee moving forward, and doodle poll to schedule committee meetings in March via conference call.

Goals for Next Meeting

- For each committee to report action items with a continued focus on the resolution, draft protocol for institutions, and best practice outreach methods.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 11th, 2018, 10am-2pm at TSPN Central Office