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**Higher Education Task Force Meeting
Thursday, August 2, 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
Mary Kaye G. Anderson, Psy.D.-HSP, Middle Tennessee State University
Susan Elswick, EdD, University of Memphis
Lou Hanemann, Tennessee Higher Education Commission
Cheryl Hyland, Ed.D., Motlow State Community College
Christian Lockhart, Pellissippi State Community College
Kelly Rubin, LPC, MAC, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Caryn Schmitz, MA, NCC, LPC-MHSP, Baptist College of Health
Janet Turner, PhD, LPC-MHSP, NCC, ACS, Lindsey Wilson College
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, Director of Statewide Initiatives and Development

Task Members Absent

Jennifer Catlett, LCSW, Carson-Newman University
Tricia Henderson, LPC-MHSP, UT Chattanooga
Christina Mick, EdD, TN Tech University
Andrea Mills, Med, LPC-MHSP, Lipscomb University
Byron Pickens, PhD, Argosy University
Leslie Reed Brietenmoser, PhD, MSN, RN, Austin Peay State University
Kristina Waymire, Tennessee Board of Regents

Welcome and Introductions

- Co-chair Dr. Perley welcomed all to the meeting at 10:08am and thanked 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 May meeting. Schmitz motioned to approve the minutes, Turner with seconding. Minutes approved.**

Matt Scoggins: General Counsel, University of Tennessee System

Scoggins responded to a list of questions, gathered from Task Force members prior to the meeting. A PowerPoint was also provided and distributed to all Task Force members. The questions provided were addressed below:

- Are there any legal precedents being set in other states regarding FERPA and students in crisis? There are none, to his knowledge, in terms of FERPA specifically. In terms of what we should do, the Dept of Education has provided guidance.
- What role would the campus FERPA representative play when a student is at-risk for harm to self or others and a family member is notified? Legally no requirement, but to educate about FERPA and those regulations.
- Are universities in support of curriculum infusion or do they feel this model of education puts them legally at risk? If we do global curriculum infusion, would that make them legally at risk because they were referred by a student or someone who is not a professional? Being clear with students/faculty what resources are appropriate, such as counseling centers or resource lines, etc.
- There have been times when I've asked college administrators about starting suicide prevention activities on campus. More than once I've been told by college leadership "we don't want to ask students if they are suicidal because if they die their parents might sue us." Can you please address this? Is it a misconception? It is not a misconception concerning death and suing the institution; people can sue you over anything. But we can't let that fear limit us. The need for policies and protocols for this is key and following them.
- I would like to know about the ethical issues vs. FERPA on when and under what circumstances is it okay to contact a student's emergency contact if the college is concerned the student is an imminent danger to self and/or made an attempt and EMS was called to transport to the hospital. At what point do we notify the parent/guardian/emergency contact? Health of safety emergency, observational, or dependent exceptions can all be utilized in various cases.
- What is the status of legislation in Tennessee? Hanemann, noted that the Tennessee General Assembly often does not address FERPA.

TSPN Report

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

- Co-chair Ridgway noted that TSPN is closing out the 17/18 Fiscal Year, with all areas of reporting showing an increase from the previous Fiscal Year:

- 24,284 total people reached through TSPN presentations and training sessions overall.
- 618 trainings, which include QPR, A&D, TIP 50, THESPN, LGBT, ASIST, AMSR, safeTalk, suicide2Hope, or YMHFA with 16,138 total participants
- 134 radio, television, newspaper and/or online profiles, appearances, and/or references with reaching over 11,335,849 people.
- 193 booths/displays statewide, serving an estimated 189,618.
- TSPN has a new Southeast Regional Director, Kelli Craig, MA, MHC, who will be based out of Chattanooga. Kelli is an alum of Medaille College where she received her Masters in Mental Health Counseling. She has most recently worked as the Regional Director of Outpatient Services for Camelot Care Centers.
- September is right around the corner. The Proclamation document to be signed is attached here, and can also be found on our TSPN website at this link, or by following the slider on the home page: <http://tspn.org/september-2018>. At this link you will also find the Media Article Collection and various calendars for the month.
- TSPN sent out the announcement about Gubernatorial Candidates stand on suicide, you may find on our website, on the Media page for Press Releases, their responses to questions on how they will address suicide if elected.
- New page on the website called “Get Involved”: <http://tspn.org/donate-to-tspn>. This page is intended to engage potential volunteers across the state towards TSPN efforts.
- TSPN is proud to announce the receipt of funding for a grant from the Clarksville Community Foundation.
- License plate reservations, requiring 1,000 reservations to get the license plate. Follow the link here to reserve your plate today: <https://tspn2018licenseplate.eventbrite.com>.
- Suicide: The Ripple Effect, TSPN has purchased this licensure, working with institutions across the state to show the screening, engaging people in the community, provide materials, trainings, etc. For more information contact your Regional Director.

Committee Meetings

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

Committee Reports

- Co-chair Dr. Perley noted the Outreach Committee document was approved and praised by the Advisory Council.
- Co-chair Ridgway noted that Dr. Hull is no longer on Task Force as she is Middle TN Regional Director for TSPN.
- Co-chair Ridgway also reported that a representative from Bethel University has been invited to this Task Force.

Advocacy and Sustainability Committee

- Hanemann noted several areas discussed at the last meeting, such as edits to resolution updated with latest stats, and working on an op ed piece with a letter to Presidents.
 - **Action Items:** Fine tuning resolution through shaping the context of messaging as well as rethinking the budget ask and what we want to accomplish, to be informed

by the other committees with the protocol and outreach efforts. Also, to compose a letter of support and recognition for all institutions to sign towards the Task Force efforts.

Protocol Committee

- Elswick asked that institutions present send document samples to J. Perley by next Wednesday to be used by the committee for their document as samples, for prevention/intervention/postvention.
- First revisions of the Protocol document are to be submitted to J. Perley two weeks from today for combining.
- The Protocol Committee, with pending changes prior to September 7th, motion to accept the Protocol Document. The motion was heard, Walker seconded.
 - *Action Items*: Have toolkit, covering prevention/intervention/postvention draft prepared prior to September 7th.

Outreach Committee

- Webster noted the redrafting of an invitation to institutions across the state for September Ripple Effect and Travel Outreach Projects.
- The Travel Outreach Project was discussed, the have posters hanging at campuses in addition to mortar boards/tassels with lanterns.
- In conjunction with the mortar boards/tassels, all were asked to donate to this effort to make a part of the bigger project.
- Anderson will reach out to the College of the Canyons to get guidance on how they moved forward with a similar project.
 - *Action Items*: Redrafting of an invitation to institutions across the state for September Ripple Effect and Travel Outreach Projects in addition to work on the Travel Outreach Project.

Timeline for Goals

- 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 the coming months via conference call.

Goals for Next Meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm by Co-chair Dr. Perley.

Next Meeting: TBD