

Overview of October 2017 Alliance Meeting

The meeting included reports from each of the committees, a presentation on the development of a new resource for schools known as the Cairn School Toolkit, an overview of the Zero Suicide and CALM, and a summary of the CONNECTS pilots initiative evaluation. Cherryl Ramirez announced that Annette will take over coordination of the Alliance and committee meetings after the October meeting. Fortunately, Cherryl plans to continue attending the Alliance as a member and will be participating in the Evaluation and Data Committee.

October Alliance Action Items:

Members agreed upon a new governance structure and provided input on a draft of proposed by-laws for the Alliance. The Policy and Legislative Committee was disbanded. Policy will now be addressed through the Executive Committee while all other committees will be tasked with attending to legislation relevant to their work. The Ad Hoc Committee was also disbanded. Future work in support of Populations at High Risk of Suicide will be addressed both within the other committees and through focused projects or workgroups.

1. Annette will mail out draft by-laws to members by October 10th. **Members send any further edits to the by-laws to Annette by Friday, October 24th.** The executive committee will review the changes and submit a final version at the January meeting.
 - o Committee meetings will be scheduled throughout the month of November. Look for Doodle polls in your email within the next week.
2. Dwight Holton announced the Suicide Prevention Summit will be occurring in March 2018. If you, or a member of your organization, is interested in helping to organize the summit, contact Donna Libemday at Lines for Life
3.)Members will have an opportunity to provide some feedback on the CAIRNS toolkit for schools before it is finalized for distribution. Meghan Crane will be sending us some feedback questions in the next week and I'll forward those out to you after that.
4. 4)Alliance Committees will meet in November., Evaluation and Data, Continuity of Care, Outreach and Awareness, Workforce Development and the newly formed Schools committee. A list of current committee membership is attached for your reference.