

**Alliance
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

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Committee Members and Affiliates: Chair Galli Murray, Co-Chair Charlette Lumby, Claire Kille, Gordon Clay, John Seeley, Justin Potts, Kirk Wolfe, Meghan Crane, Pam Pearce, Taylor Chambers

Committee Members not in Attendance: Angela Perry, Craig Leets, Deb Darmata, Don Erickson, Jill Baker, Karen Cellarius, Kelie McWilliams, Laura Rose Misaras, Liz Schwarz, Sandy Bumpus, Shanda Hochstetler,

Staff in Attendance: Annette Marcus (Alliance), Jennifer Fraga (Alliance)

Guests: None

Our Mission

The Alliance advocates and works to inform and strengthen Oregon's suicide prevention, intervention and postvention policies, services and supports to prevent youth and young adults from dying by suicide.

Our Vision

In Oregon all young people have hope, feel safe asking for help, can find access to the right help at the right time to prevent suicide, and live in communities that foster healing, connection, and wellness.

Equity Statement

To achieve our vision, we acknowledge the impact of white supremacy, institutionalized racism, and all forms of oppression. The Alliance endeavors to make Oregon a place where suicide reduction and prevention is achieved for people of all ages, races, ethnicities, abilities, gender identities, sexual orientations, socioeconomic status, nationalities and geographic locations.

Time	Agenda Item	What / Update
2:30	<p>Welcome, Announcements, Consent Agenda Galli Murray</p>	<p>Updated tracker with this calendar year initiatives entered is on the Alliance website here.</p> <p>Justin shared this article that was recently released: CDC Provisional Data: Gun Suicides Reach All-time High in 2022, Gun Homicides Down Slightly from 2021</p> <p>Justin made a motion to approve August Executive Committee minutes with a suggestion to update those who are listed as members for the committee and the absentee list. Gordon seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.</p>
2:40	<p>Reflect on Current Suicide Trends in US and OHA Call-to-Action</p>	<p>Small groups: How should the Alliance address this? Are there specific implications for your committee or area of interest?</p> <p>US News Article</p> <p>Trust for America’s Health Article</p> <div data-bbox="651 1136 703 1199" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Call to Action - Elem, Middle and High Sch</p> <p>Thoughts from the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charlette – from the hospital world, we have wondered if we were going to see an increase, especially during COVID. I wonder if we haven’t been doing all of the work that we’ve been doing, could these numbers have been even worse? - Justin – question about the data, did OHA change how they collected data / their methodology or is that jump really that large? - Charlette – in her experience with her work at the hospitals and data she was looking at, she did see that large spike in hospital visits for suicidal ideation and behaviors - Kirk – the more we can focus on our most recent data, the better we can focus our efforts because things are very different now than they were pre-COVID

		<p>Annette asked what we should do as an Alliance in response to the headlines of the articles that were shared. Galli thought it would be a good idea to share a press release for this month’s suicide prevention month.</p> <p>Pam wonders how many of the suicide deaths are connected to substances. She thinks that substances play a big role in this increase in deaths, especially in Oregon.</p> <p>Justin said that, if we did a press release, highlight things that we know that work and what we need to advocate for moving forward.</p> <p>Annette will write up a press release and send it out to this committee for feedback before it goes out.</p>
<p>2:55</p>	<p>Review Executive Nominations and Processes for Quarterly (Voting in nominees and Committee Reports)</p>	<p>By-law change from 3 members to ‘up to 4 members with lived experience.’ John motions to approve this change, Justin seconded the motion. Passed with one abstention.</p> <p>Proposed changes to by-laws will be voted on by full Alliance membership during upcoming quarterly.</p> <p>Current nominees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At large - Mary Massey and Craig Leets - Youth / Young Adult - Aditi Khanna, Tanvi Vemulapalli, and Aaron Townsend - Lived Experience - Siche Green-Mitchell
<p>3:15</p>	<p>Review Youth Focus Groups (High level themes)</p>	<p>How themes relate to committees and the Alliance’s work.</p> <p>Jenn reviewed high level themes from the two focus groups. This can be found in the attached meeting materials.</p> <p>The group talked about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to follow-up with schools about the feedback. Students left their school names for us to reach out to and provide materials. Jenn can draft a letter that we can send to schools for this committee (and maybe the schools committee) to review). - Looping back with youth to tell them how their feedback was used.

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		- Moving forward with focus groups and how these can be used for the Alliance as a whole and our individual committees.
	Equity Screen Overview	Due to time, this was not discussed today. Equity screen can be found on the Alliance website here .
4:00	Adjourn	

