

## **Alliance Executive Subcommittee Meeting Minutes - January 06, 2025**

**Attendees – Voting Members:** Vice-Chair Don Erickson, Aaron Townsend, Angela Perry, Craig Leets, Gordon Clay, Jill Baker, John Seeley, Karen Cellarius, Kelie McWilliams, Kirk Wolfe, Liz Schwarz, Mary Massey, Pam Pearce, Sandy Bumpus, Siche Green-Mitchell

**Attendees – Staff:** Annette Marcus, Jenn Fraga, Kris Bifulco, Lucina Armstrong Michaud

**Attendees – Guests:** Deb Darmata, Maryanne Mueller, Michelle Bangen, Roger Brubaker, Shanda Hochstetler, Taylor Chambers

### **VIEW RECORDING - 82 mins (No highlights)**

#### **Meeting Purpose**

To discuss Alliance leadership transitions, review recent OHA correspondence, update on committee activities, plan for upcoming initiatives and events, and continue dialogue on leveraging various channels for change in suicide prevention efforts.

#### **Key Takeaways**

- New AOCMHP staff joining Alliance; leadership guide updated with DOJ recommendations and public meeting law compliance
- OHA responded to Alliance funding concerns; \$1M proposed in governor's budget for youth suicide intervention (not yet guaranteed)
- Need to identify interim vice chair to support Don Erickson while Charlotte is on leave through April 2025
- Ongoing focus on leveraging various channels for change beyond direct legislative advocacy, including amplifying lived experience voices and integrating equity considerations
- Planning underway for cultural infusion assessment of Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan (YSIPP) activities through surveys and focus groups

## **Topics**

### **Alliance Leadership Updates**

- Don Erickson serving as interim chair while Charlotte on leave through April 2025
- Seeking volunteer for interim vice chair role to support Don, particularly during his planned spring travel
- Jenn Fraga returned in expanded lead staff role; Kris Bifulco and Lucina Armstrong joining from AOCMHP to support Alliance
- Kris will supervise Jenn and handle background work; Lucina to continue equity work and support schools committee

### **OHA Funding Response Letter**

- OHA acknowledged funding gaps, outlined 4 focus areas for collaboration: maximizing existing resources, pursuing federal funding opportunities, exploring public-private partnerships, and identifying efficiencies
- \$1M proposed in governor's budget for youth suicide intervention (not yet guaranteed)
- Funding aims to sustain existing initiatives like life-sustaining practices, Black Youth Suicide Prevention Coalition, and increasing Spanish-speaking trainers
- Alliance can help advocate for this funding and highlight effective programs/outcomes
- Response letter was also sent to OHA Director and the governor's office

### **Leadership Guide Review**

- Updated to reflect DOJ recommendations and bylaw changes
- Covers YSIPP framework, member expectations, public meeting laws
- Defines "monitor" and "advise" roles for Alliance in relation to OHA
- Includes guidelines on speaking about suicide in public meetings
- Provides tips on facilitating meetings and integrating lived experience perspectives

## **YSIPP Cultural Infusion Planning**

- Survey and focus groups planned to assess cultural/diversity aspects of YSIPP
- Seeking diverse participants from providers, youth/families for Jan 22 focus groups
- Will inform future YSIPP development around cultural responsiveness
- Jill Baker requested input on additional organizations/individuals to include in outreach

## **Subcommittee Updates**

- Workforce committee reviewing training paper for healthcare workforce
- Lethal Means Safety planning youth town halls on messaging/safe storage, aiming for February/March implementation
- Equity committee aiming for further integration with other subcommittees
- Transitions of Care committee: Gally Murray nominated as potential co-chair

## **Legislative Outlook and Advocacy Strategies**

- Anticipated challenging 2025 legislative session with focus on accountability for allocated funds
- Alliance to consider highlighting personal stories and successful outcomes to keep suicide prevention on legislators' radar
- Potential to identify "off-the-shelf" projects for end-of-biennium funding opportunities

## **Upcoming Events**

- AFSP Advocacy Action Day - February 10, 2025
- Oregon Suicide Prevention Conference - April 28-30, 2025 (call for proposals open)
- Roger Brubaker organizing informal group discussion on men/boys suicide prevention led by OHA

## **Next Steps**

- Identify volunteer for interim vice chair role to support Don Erickson

- Subcommittees to consider "off-the-shelf" projects for potential end-of-biennium funding
- Submit/encourage proposals for Oregon Suicide Prevention Conference
- Interested members to email Roger about joining men/boys suicide prevention discussion group
- Propose topics/speakers for March Alliance quarterly meeting to Jenn Fraga
- Alliance to review OHA response letter and consider collaborative approaches to address identified focus areas
- Continue efforts to amplify lived experience voices and integrate equity considerations across Alliance work
- Follow up on cultural infusion assessment planning, including finalizing participant lists for focus groups

### **Action Items**

- Annette will send healthcare workforce training paper to Dr. Kirk Wolfe for feedback, cc Jenn
- Jill to distribute YSIPP cultural infusion survey + focus group invites to discussed orgs/individuals
- Roger with OHA will coordinate/facilitate informal group on men/boys in suicide prevention
- Collect ideas for March quarterly meeting topics/speakers from Alliance members
- Distribute Lines for Life conference (Apr 28-30) announcement to Alliance members