



**Alliance**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
February 3, 2025  
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

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Committee Members and Affiliates: Interim Chair Don Erickson, Interim Vice-Chair Craig Leets, Aaron Townsend, Angela Perry, Gordon Clay, Jill Baker, John Seeley, Kirk Wolfe, Laura Rose Misaras, Mary Massey, Maryanne Mueller, Pam Pearce, Siche Green-Mitchell

Committee Members not in Attendance: Karen Cellarius, Kelie McWilliams, Liz Schwarz, Pam Pearce

Staff: Jenn Fraga, Kris Bifulco

Guests: Deb Darmata, Galli Murray, Justin Potts, Roger Brubaker, Shanda Hochstetler, Taylor Chambers

Time	Agenda Item	What / Update
2:30	<b>Welcome, Announcements</b> Don Erickson	<p>Approval of Minutes Updates and Announcements</p> <p>John Seeley – move to approve minutes            Craig Leets – second for approval</p> <p><b>Announcements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">AFSP Advocacy Day Feb 10 (link to register)</a></li> <li>• Lane Co. tragedy/crisis response network is getting restarted</li> <li>• <a href="#">Dashboard update – preliminary suicide data for 2024 newly released</a> (“manner” dashboard)</li> </ul> <p>Alliance email updates re: subcommittees &amp; staffing sent out – let us know if you don’t have</p>
2:40	<b>Pause, Reflect</b>	<p>Members took time to acknowledge the potential impact of recent political moves through the lens of suicide prevention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Want to give some time to acknowledge the state of the world, as reflected in uncertainty of folks in attending AFSP Advocacy Action Day. We show up as full humans and there is a lot of fear and harm right now.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ LR: headlines have been pretty scary, trying to limit exposure but need to remain aware. PeerGalaxy is starting a weekly online community meeting to address fear and uncertainty. Reminder that this isn’t the first time we’ve lived through extremely difficult times- there is literature from even centuries ago that help to cope and feel prepared for now. Weekly event is live on PeerGalaxy website.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Open invitation for members to email additional concerns, advisement re: what the Alliance can/should do to meet the moment</li> <li>• GM: appreciate the acknowledgement &amp; creating the space. Actions at the federal level impact the work we do and we need this space to do the work we do and support our communities.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DE: pleased with the speed of safety recommendations and action from the state level. We can share that out if its helpful.</li> <li>• AP (in chat): AFSP had their leadership conference over the weekend and the message from the leadership team was to triple down on the importance of DEI in suicide prevention and reiterating that suicide does not discriminate and AFSP will not either. 😊 They will be continuing to add resources to folks as needed as they are removed from other locations.</li> </ul>
2:55	<p><b>Interim Alliance Vice-Chair</b></p> <p>Don Erickson</p>	<p>Nomination: Craig Leets</p> <p>John Seeley: Motion to accept nomination</p> <p>Angela Perry: second</p> <p>Vote: 7 yea; 3 abstain; 0 nay</p> <p><b>Vote passes – Craig Leets interim vice-chair through April 2025.</b></p>
3:05	<p><b>YSIPP '26-'30</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">survey out now</a> re: cultural considerations in suicide prevention. <b>Closes Feb 14</b></li> <li>• focus groups taking place in February – same that were supposed to happen in January but got taken over by bots</li> <li>• U of O eval team will analyze and create themes from survey and focus group findings, provide to CCPA to inform additional roundtable discussions, cultural infusion, cultural risk &amp; protective factors, etc. Map out meetings with YSIPP initiative leaders.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 spots carved out for Alliance – Equity Subcommittee &amp; Executive Subcommittee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Q: considerations on person-first vs identity-first language – will this be part of the upcoming planning and discussions? In the interest of being inclusive of additional cultures; e.g. deaf culture, blind culture, neurodivergent, etc             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A: this is the kind of feedback we need <a href="#">in the survey</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Roundtable conversations – Wednesdays at 9am starting March going through June. Can request roundtable during our usual meeting time.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DE: Support for roundtables, would like to see representation from exec.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>3:15</p>	<p><b>Membership Discussion</b></p> <p>Don Erickson, Jenn Fraga</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Application process opening; who should it be opened up to?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What do we want outreach/recruitment to look like?</li> <li>○ Consideration: size of membership &amp; quorum</li> <li>○ Reminder: workday training requirement by end of June 2025</li> <li>○ Thinking – targeted recruitment to meet Alliance equity goals</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Q: voting members = 1 per organization, as per bylaws?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A: yes, will need to address this organization-by-organization, ask org to identify person who can attend</li> <li>○ Follow-up: are proxies allowed? No! Orgs should keep this in mind when designating person to attend/</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Q: support for folks who struggle with technology re: workday trainings?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A: help available through OHA, Tamara has offered 1:1 support</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Q: Exception clause around attendance requirements for members? Hoping to carve out in bylaws, was expecting through email. → <b>update by March Quarterly</b></li> <li>● Q: And the tribal partners having a spot on the executive -- that's a piece that we said we'd come back to the full group by March's meeting → <b>update by March Quarterly</b></li> <li>● <b>No opposition to recruitment plan</b>; outreach for new members will come from Alliance Staff, co-chairs.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Identified gaps:</b> youth &amp; young adults, healthcare/insurance, [will update with full list]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>3:25</p>	<p><b>Workforce Subcommittee Paper</b></p> <p>Angela Perry</p>	<p>Workforce recommendations paper: Feedback? Will be sent to graphic designer.</p> <p>This paper to be shared with community partners to share with their stakeholders.</p> <p>Process: interviews with healthcare providers; findings on training,</p>

		<p>legislation, and healthcare systems change needed to increase healthcare provider confidence/competence with suicide prevention.</p> <p>-healthcare gets recommendations on SP training, not requirements.</p> <p>-LR: Alternatives to Suicide, VCVC model (validation, curiosity, vulnerability, community) -&gt; important to have a human touch in suicide prevention, incl. language used and how to have these conversations with people. Western Massachusetts Recovery Learning Community</p> <p>Q: how many hours for required training?          A: not yet discussed. Previous win was 3 hours every 2 years for BH providers.</p> <p>Discuss: I think 2 hours every 2 years is reasonable, easier to sell -different licensing boards have different time periods to retain licensure, so the requirement will need to accommodate. Time &amp; cost have been biggest hindrances for training. 16 states working on similar legislation, found most success if focusing on one item/licensing board at a time, even if all introduced in the same session. Additionally, firearm legislation is making good moves working through veteran's committees even though it is applicable to more people than just veterans. We should get creative about which committees are pursued for support. Breaking this down into simple, step-by-step pieces will help.</p> <p><b>Additional thoughts &amp; concerns:</b></p> <p>-need to be really specific for numbers of hours required in ultimate recommendations for operationalizing; goal of this set of recommendations is to share findings directly from interviews</p> <p>-p.10: CALM (online) is sponsored by ZeroSuicide, not OHA          -development of OCALM Conversations          -Rural Firearm Safety course needs to be added</p> <p>Craig Leets: Motion to send recommendations to OHA          John Seeley: Seconds motion</p>
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3:40	<b>March Quarterly Meeting Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review Alliance staffing changes</li> <li>- By-law update</li> <li>- AFSP Advocacy Action Day overview, <a href="#">legislation to watch</a></li> <li>- Hold space for current events                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-YSIPP 26-30 updates</li> <li>-how to stay legislatively engaged</li> </ul> </li> <li>- family behavioral health unit recommendations from September group feedback (15-30 minutes)</li> </ul>
4:00	<b>Adjourn</b>	