

Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide
Equity Subcommittee
February (2/24/25) Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Members – Maryanne Mueller Co-Chair, Michelle Bangen Co-Chair, Craig Leets, Jill Baker, Shanda Hochstetler, Siche Green-Mitchell, Roger Brubaker, Rachel Howard, Dishanta Kim-Smith

Staff – Lucina Armstrong Michaud

Guests – N/A

- Check In - Name, Pronouns, Organization.
 - If you were a flavor of ice cream, what would you be and why?
- Vote on January Minutes (if we have a quorum of voting members)
 - Maryanne motions to approve
 - Craig seconds
 - 3 Yes, 1 Abstain
- Discussion/Vote on Interim Co-Chair (We need an interim co-chair for the March Meeting)
 - Will just skip one month without the second co-chair and then skip April.
- Update from Jill re: focus groups & consulting with Community Connections Psychological Associates (CCPA)
 - 2nd round of attempts to get focus groups for cultural considerations
 - Provider focus groups went well. Jill attended the first one and then stepped out of second to ensure freedom to speak. Lots of great feedback

- Youth and Family group – efforts to unbot it did not work. Only one actual human online and then lots of bots. All through text and the real humans couldn't get in. 30 minutes in and Dr. Hoeflein closed the focus group and said they would reach out to folks to do individual interviews, or they could fill out the survey. 15 total and 5 and all 5 were the same answers in the same house (not in country). And a few good interviews with real humans.
- Intern with Hatfield grant got over 500 responses for a Child and Family BH activity, and that info was also shared with Dr. Chu. It was not exactly the questions but still BH related and had some cultural infusion questions.
- Survey closed last week. Surveys are being qualitatively coded by U of O. Will be done March 18th.
- We will see what comes from the survey and then decide if another round is needed.
- Goal for overall work is to take all this data and then Dr. Chu's team will integrate and then move into the roundtable discussions with teams.
 - Equity Subcommittee can have
 - YSIPP 5 year equity goals, this subcommittee's 5 year goals, and/or do we want them to take a look at the tool the group made. Orientation process? Honey bees idea?
 - Add to the agenda discussing how we want to use this time with CCPA
 - Survey group to see what priorities and thoughts are before discussion next month.
- April meeting & OSPC
 - Informal social gathering? Are folks interested?
 - Add to the survey – breakfast or lunch

- Alliance AI Policy Update- Pending
- Membership and voting members
 - Appointed members must have anti-harassment trainings completed in order to retain their membership. Please check with Tamara Bavaro at tamara.bavaro2@oha.oregon.gov to see if you are not sure if you have done this.
 - Applications for new member swill open in March. Contact Jen for more info jfraga@aocmhp.org
- Discussion:
 - Navigating the current landscape
 - Ask to OHA – what are tangible things we as this subcommittee can do in this moment?
 - OHA has not waived – once we see what these federal changes will actually mean when they play out. *So far no new direct things that impact our work.
 - OHA Federal Response Team – see pdf – Email will Email
 - <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/pages/federal-changes.aspx>
 - Actively saying thank you to those who are staying strong in our State government and agencies. Can the Alliance send an official thank you?
 - Will bring this to the executive committee.
 - chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/OHP/Tools/CP-Talking-Points-EN-1224.pdf
 - Can we pay attention in the chaos to specific points and keep the Alliance informed.

- Is the national suicide prevention strategy still posted and does it still include the Health Equity objective? *In this moment – YES
 - <https://www.hhs.gov/programs/prevention-and-wellness/mental-health-substance-abuse/national-strategy-suicide-prevention/index.html>
- Data sources
 - YouthRiskBehaviorSurvey (national) is up and has a disgusting disclaimer on the page –
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/yrbs/index.html>
 - What do we need to keep eyes on?
- Report that is coming out:
 - Youth suicides in Oregon – the racial disparities are becoming more evident.
 - Focus on increasing diversity of trainers is happening. 2x as many Tribal trainers and significant increase in Spanish-speaking trainers.
- Helping Alliance decide on what and how to respond to current events? Wanting the Equity Subcommittee to be involved in this process.
 - Asking Executive Committee to think about how they can engage this group.
- Facilitating re-engagement (structuring?) Orientation? Honey Bees? Who are we?
 - Inviting folks to join the group at the March quarterly meeting.

- Strategizing on how to get folks to join and working with CCPA to determine focus.