

Alliance Lethal Means Subcommittee Meeting
Agenda – March 12, 2025 **1:00pm – 2:15pm**

Member Attendees: Co-Chair Kelie McWilliams, Casey Curry, Gordon Clay, Meghan Crane

Staff: Jenn Fraga

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Meeting Purpose

Review and provide feedback on draft survey questions for youth focus groups, discuss the process for developing legislative recommendations for OHA, and plan updates to the subcommittee work plan.

Key Takeaways

- A comprehensive draft survey for 18-24 year olds was reviewed, with the group providing detailed feedback on demographics, mental health, and support questions
- The survey will use JotForm with logic to customize question flow, and will be sent to Susie for expert review by the end of March or early April
- The group agreed to thoroughly update the subcommittee work plan in April, using it as a foundation to inform OHA policy recommendations
- A timeline was discussed for providing input on the 2027 legislative session and upcoming YSIPP (Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan) initiatives

Topics

Survey Development and Review

- Kelly drafted initial survey questions targeting 18-24 year olds, acknowledging it was lengthy but comprehensive
- The group discussed the importance of specifying "Two Spirit" in indigenous identity options
- Suggestions were made to add questions on isolation/connection and more detailed inquiries about firearm access
- The group discussed adding a progress bar and estimated completion time to improve survey engagement
- Gordon Clay recommended checking the "youth.gov" website for research on youth suicide risk factors
- The survey will use JotForm to implement logic, allowing for customized question flow based on responses
- Plans were made to conduct small focus groups (10-15 people) following the survey to gather more in-depth information

Legislative Recommendations Process

- The Alliance is preparing recommendations for the 2027 legislative session
- Policy recommendations are due to OHA by September/October 2023
- Subcommittees will review previous recommendations and propose updates

- The updated work plan will be used to inform and structure policy recommendations
- Discussion of potential policy recommendations, including a Medicaid waiver for substance use disorders

Work Plan Review and Update

- The group agreed to review and update the subcommittee work plan from June 2022
- This process will involve assessing progress on previous recommendations
- The updated plan will serve as a foundation for informing OHA policy recommendations
- The review will include updating data, narrative sections, and strategic goals

YSIPP Initiative Input

- A new YSIPP (Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan) is being created for 2026-2030
- The Alliance will submit recommendations on initiatives to start, stop, or adjust
- These recommendations are due to Jill later in 2023, after the OHA policy recommendations are submitted
- This process runs parallel to the legislative recommendation process

Next Steps

- Send the survey draft to Susie for expert review by the end of March or early April
- Thoroughly review and update the subcommittee work plan at the April meeting
- Begin the process of developing comprehensive policy recommendations for OHA
- Prepare to provide detailed input on YSIPP initiatives later in 2023
- Consider including Pam's recommendations on substance use resources and recovery high schools in future discussions

Action Items

- Send survey to Susie for feedback, deadline end of March/early April - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)
- Send out subcommittee work plan to members for review before April meeting - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)
- Share Pam's email re: legislative recommendations w/ group, incl. attachments - [WATCH \(5 secs\)](#)