

Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide
Executive Subcommittee Meeting Agenda
Minutes

May 2, 2025 * 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Voting Members in Attendance: Chair Charlette Lumby, Co-Chair Don Erickson, Aaron Townsend, Angela Perry, Craig Leets, Gordon Clay, Jill Baker, John Seeley, Karen Cellarius, Kelie McWilliams, Liz Schwarz, Mary Massey, Siche Green-Mitchell

Members not in Attendance: Kirk Wolfe, Laura Rose Misaras, Maryanne Mueller

Staff: Jenn Fraga, Kris Bifulco

Guests: Justin Potts, Ishawn Ealy, Michelle Bangen, Pam Pearce, Roger Brubaker, Shanda Hochstetler

Subcommittee Decision Making: Quorum in the Executive Subcommittee is defined as 50% plus 1 of Executive Subcommittee members, and must include an Executive Subcommittee Chair or Vice-chair. Decisions will be made by majority vote of Executive Subcommittee. Any member may submit motions for vote to the Executive Subcommittee.

As of May 2025, Quorum is 10 members.

Quick recap: The team discussed various topics including YSIPP initiative process and update and the SSPS program. They also considered the needs of the 18 to 24-year-old population in their respective areas and the potential impact of the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide and the YSIPP. The team also discussed the future of the Alliance, the potential of using the YSIPP as a tool for promoting dignity, and the need for more work to ensure the Alliance's impact.

Next steps:

- All attendees to fill out the Doodle poll for scheduling a special session to vote on the SSPS support letter.
- Jenn to finish draft and send the SSPS support letter, including member suggested additions.
- All attendees to review and add to Jill's Excel document containing feedback on Alliance goals and strategies.
- Jill to organize feedback themes and share with Dr. Joyce Chu for cultural infusion review.
- Jill to send follow-up email with discussion questions and request for additional thoughts.
- Jenn to extend the calendar invite for the June 2nd meeting from 2 to 4 PM.
- All attendees to prepare for potential homework from Dr. Joyce Chu for the June 2nd meeting.
- Subcommittee chairs to continue discussions on YSIPP initiatives within their groups.

Minutes

SSPS Program, and Quorum Discussion

In the meeting, Charlette initiated the discussion by asking everyone about their favorite desserts, which led to a fun and engaging conversation. After that, she moved on to discuss the April meeting minutes. Minutes passed without any changes. Jenn reviewed the YSIPP Initiative recommendation process

Subcommittees are currently going through. Jenn and Kris brought up an announcement regarding a letter of support for the SSPS program and asked for the group's approval. Kris provided context about the SSPS program and its potential budget cuts. The group discussed the possibility of calling more special sessions for faster responses and the need for a quorum. The conversation ended with Jenn planning to send out a doodle poll for the next special session.

Addressing Needs of 18-24 Year Olds

Jenn proposed the idea of having each subcommittee consider the 18 to 24-year-old population in their respective areas. The subcommittees would then develop initiatives or projects to address the needs of this age group. Gordon supported this idea, suggesting that the subcommittees should focus on their specific domains to avoid duplication of efforts. Liz said she would bring this to the Transitions of Care Subcommittee to see what they think. Karen raised concerns about ensuring the voices of individuals in this age group are represented in the decision-making process. She also suggested considering the needs of other subpopulations, such as veterans. Jill mentioned that the strategic planning process is already addressing the need for a lifespan approach, specifically for 18 to 24-year-olds. The group agreed to continue the conversation in the strategic planning section and to consider the needs of other subpopulations in their respective subcommittees.

Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide Discussion

Jill led a discussion about the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide and the YSIPP Planning process. She asked participants to review a document containing feedback and identify themes. The goal was to determine what members want to be true by 2030. Participants were asked to write down their themes on a separate document.

Categorizing Themes in the Document

Jill led a discussion on categorizing themes from a document. Participants were asked to identify themes they saw in the document and categorize them. The categories included the Alliance's impact, multidisciplinary and diverse membership, diverse scope, guidance or leadership, community representation, partnerships with other organizations, upstream prevention, expanding focus and funding, connection and collaboration throughout the state, and lifespan focus from 0 to end of life.

Future of Alliance and Suicide Prevention

The meeting focused on discussing the future of the Alliance and its impact on suicide prevention. The attendees emphasized the importance of diverse representation, including youth, lived experiences, and underrepresented populations. They also highlighted the need for a multidisciplinary approach, involving different professions and sectors, and the importance of addressing equity and disparities in their work. The discussion also touched on the need for networking and collaboration to achieve more, and the recognition of individuals and small groups doing suicide prevention work outside of agencies. The attendees agreed to consider these points when thinking about the role of the Alliance in 2030.

Oregon Alliance Advisory Group Discussion

Jill led a discussion about the Oregon Alliance's interest in becoming the advisory group for the ASIPP in addition to the YSIPP, but only if funding for increased staffing is attached. She expressed reluctance to dilute the YSIPP work in favor of the ASIPP. The team was asked to consider this question over the break and prepare for a follow-up discussion. Jill also encouraged team members to provide feedback through a shared spreadsheet.

Lifespan Approach to Suicide Prevention

In the meeting, Charlette emphasized the importance of considering the interconnectedness of care across the lifespan, highlighting how the well-being of older adults can impact youth. Jill agreed, noting the need to consider the family unit and community in suicide prevention. Don raised a question about the scope of lifespan strategies, to which Charlette suggested that the ASIPP could be a starting point. Karen asked about the likelihood of funding for adult attention to the alliance, while Gordon pointed out the need to address the 0 to 5 age group and the disparity between youth and adult demographics. Kelie expressed concern about the increased workload that adding adults to the scope would entail, particularly in reaching rural communities. Jill ended the conversation by highlighting the need to understand the implications of moving to a lifespan approach, the potential workload, and the recognition that adult suicide prevention would require more resources than youth prevention.

Addressing the Alliance's Impact and Challenges

The team acknowledged the challenges of limited funding but emphasized the importance of not shying away from tasks that may seem more work-intensive. The team also discussed the potential of using the YSIPP as a tool for promoting dignity and creating a positive future, especially during times of political upheaval and uncertainty. They agreed on the need for more open and upfront conversations about potential challenges and the importance of collaboration to find creative solutions.

Cultural Infusion and Legislative Advocacy

Jill discussed the upcoming meeting with Joyce to discuss cultural infusion into themed areas. She also sought feedback on how to demonstrate the Alliance's influence and impact. Craig suggested building relationships with legislators to advocate for the Alliance's interests. Justin shared his experience with legislative advocacy and emphasized the importance of understanding the impact of their

work. Charlette and Mary suggested providing more guidance and updates on the Alliance's recommendations to ensure their value is recognized. Jill asked the team to add to an Excel document with missing information and to prepare for a cultural infusion discussion with Joyce.