

**NM SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION
MEETING MINUTES
11/08/06**

Present: Lou Helwig, Frieda Gonzales, Barbara Lopez, Kat Mueller, Susan Casias, Stuart Gachupin, Thunder Adams, Kay McSherry, Carlos Canpos, Jeff Williams, Susie Kimbel, Teri Winchester, Shawna Chavez, Chris O'Donnell, Pam Burgess, Elizabeth Adkins, Jennie McCraw, Darlene Edwards, Michelle Linn-Gust, Suzanne Udall, JoAnn Sartorius, Joan Murphy, Julie Morrow, David Ley, Janet Field, Phyllis Pim, Ellen Krumm, Norma Vasquez, Jeremy Jaramillo, Lewis Monette, Liz Lopez, Lisa Sutter, Margaret Barnett

Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsible Party	Due Date
Introductions and call to order	Meeting called to order at 10:10 am by Michelle Linn-Gust, NMSPC President	None	N/A	N/A
Officer Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reports provided: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary: Chris resuming duties after brief hiatus. 2. Treasurer: Darleene reported that NMSPC account balance is \$5820.14. Upcoming expenses expected include PowerPoint projector, copier, and program in November 2006 (see flyer) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborate with Suzanne Udall on duties. 2. Proceed with purchases 	<p>Chris O'Donnell</p> <p>Darleene Edwards, Suzanne Udall</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>12/31/06</p>
Changes in Board membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Michelle Linn-Gust introduced Barbara Lopez of as newest Board member at large. ▪ Michelle Linn-Gust, NMSPC President, and JoAnn Sartorius, NMSPC Vice President, are retiring in December 2006. ▪ Current Board members Joan Murphy and Shawna Chavez will be assuming the President and Vice President positions in January 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assume duties of Board member ▪ Remain engaged with NMSPC ▪ Assume duties as scheduled 	<p>Barbara Lopez</p> <p>Michelle Linn-Gust JoAnn Sartorius</p> <p>Joan Murphy Shawna</p>	<p>Immediate</p> <p>12/06</p> <p>01/07</p>
Native American involvement / outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suzanne Udall reported she recently met with Susan Casias of Dulce, NM. Ms. Casias has extensive experience with suicide prevention in Native American communities. Ms. Casias 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hold conference for Native Hope program to reach out to Native American tribes (19 plus Navajo and Apache)—see 	<p>Suzanne Udall, Susan Casias, Dr. Small</p>	<p>01/07</p>

	awarded a grant from ValueOptions to partner with Albuquerque Public Schools on QPR training.	that will educate 6 members from each school (gatekeepers) and 3 triage clinicians		
Gallup update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellen Krum, a Social Worker from the Gallup-McKinley school district, reported that in 2004-2005 school year, the district lost 14 of its 13000 students to suicide. 13 of these students were Native American. In response, the school district developed suicide prevention program that included elements of "Signs of Suicide". Program implemented in collaboration with Chapter Houses to allow forum to discuss suicide. Toache Chapter House first one to engage in program. Ms. Krum is currently developing a Navajo language brochure with signs and symptoms of suicidal risk. Last year, rate decreased to 2 suicides. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan to bring program to all 29 Chapter Houses and assist them to develop their own program based on information provided. 	Ellen Krum, others TBD	2007
Los Alamos update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georgina Williams, Prevention Specialist at Los Alamos schools reported on her community's approach to suicide prevention. Los Alamos tasked its Community Health Council with identifying gaps in local healthcare system. The CHC completed a "Community Health Profile" which identified suicide as significant problem. Community developed suicide prevention program that educated students in grades 7, 9, 11. Program also developed / distributed brochures on suicide and local resources (see attached), distributed Agora Crisis Center information at health fairs, schools, hospitals, police department, Kiwanis, and Rotary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate every employee at every school on suicide warning signs and response / resources. Initiate a suicide survivors support group Begin work on local suicide memorial quilt 	Georgina Williams Georgina Williams Georgina Williams	05/07 12/07 06/07
11/17/ conference "Bridging Into Action"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Info on conference presented (see attached). The conference will be held at the Indian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host conference 	Suzanne Udall, Board members	11/17/06

	Cultural Center—registration form distributed (see attached).			
11/18 National Suicide Survivors' Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussed AFSP Day in conjunction with the “Bridging Into Action” conference. These events will occur on 11/18/06 at the same location as the conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Host conference 	Suzanne Udall, others	11/18/06
OSAH Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Norma Vasquez, Youth Suicide Prevention Specialist, presented. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ron Reed, from OSAH, was recently hired to facilitate outreach with Native American communities. 2. Toache training on Monday for cultural competency 3. Working with Dr Small to assist 4 SAMHSA sites for suicide prevention as well as 8 Northern Pueblos 4. Working with Agora. 5. Executed contracts finalized. 6. Ms. Vasquez reported that she can be reached at 222.8678, or at normavasquez@state.nm.us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conduct training as planned ▪ Assist with suicide prevention at 4 SAMHSA sites and pueblos 	<p>Norma Vasquez</p> <p>Norma Vasquez, OSAH</p>	<p>11/06</p> <p>TBD</p>
Suicide stats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member offered website where members could locate NM suicide statistics: www.unm.edu/omi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No further action required 	N/A	N/A
Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suzanne reported that NMSPC supports Governor Richardson in continuing funding \$520,000 for youth suicide prevention work. Members signed cards of thanks and encouragement to continue funding. ▪ NMSPC is also sending out 850 e-mails to NMSPC mailing list asking for everyone to update their legislators on what has been happening with suicide prevention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mail cards to Governor ▪ E-mail those on mail list 	<p>Suzanne Udall</p> <p>Suzanne Udall</p>	<p>11/19/06</p> <p>11/19/06</p>

	www.legis.state.nm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 7 is Suicide Awareness Day at Roundhouse. NMSPC wants everyone there this year to elicit support for suicide prevention funding from the legislature. Adult monies for Native American communities: continuing funding of \$50,000 annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Suicide Awareness Day 	All members, interested parties	03/07/07
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 11:59. Next meeting scheduled for January 17 at 10:00 am, location TBD (possibly ValueOptions in Santa Fe). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate location of next meeting and report to Executive Director 	Darlene Edwards	12/06

Respectfully submitted:

Christopher O'Donnell, RN, MBA Secretary, NMSPC

Date