

# Quarterly Coalition Meeting

## August 20, 2008

(Minutes were taken by a substitute for our Board Secretary, who was unable to attend the meeting.)

Introductions were made – 35 in attendance. (Joan, I do not have an exact count. Please correct.)

Specific introductions of Board members were made.

Sen. Pete Dominici has agreed to be an Advisory Board Member.

### **Reports and Announcements:**

Gwen Packard, our Executive Director has resigned. We are grateful for Gwen's work over the last year.

JoAnn Sartorius delivered a modified financial report indicating that our finances are stable; we have money in the bank, OSAH has again funded suicide prevention activities for this year, and Kim Severtson, Treasurer of PFLAG Santa Fe, will be our accountant.

The June 6<sup>th</sup> Albuquerque Youth Suicide Prevention Conference was a success.

The Fred Fund Event of August 9<sup>th</sup> in Taos was also a success.

Announcements were made about upcoming Suicide Prevention Week activities.  
Info and Registration: [www.kess-jones.com](http://www.kess-jones.com)

Suicide Prevention Guide for Schools: Free copies and CD Roms are available at <http://theguide.fmhi.usf.edu/>

### **Presenters:**

Laura Rowland reported on the Regis University Suicide Prevention Conference that she attended, encouraging others to attend next year. Laura also reported on the Second Wind Foundation, an organization that raises money for youth mental health services. We will look at the model to see if it may serve us.

Michelle Linn-Gust spoke about AAS programs such as School Accreditation Program, RRSR: Essential Skills for Clinicians.

There are marketing opportunities for people to market these programs in NM.

For more information go [www.suicidology.org](http://www.suicidology.org)

She also spoke about the upcoming AAS conference next April in San Francisco.

AAS is working on a National Suicide Survivor Support Line.

Deb Lockett, from NM Suicide Intervention Project, spoke about how to implement a postvention team in your community. She presented a PowerPoint outlining the steps to take to create an effective response within schools to suicide crisis. Contact Deb for information and trainings for your constituency at [nmsipedu@aol.com](mailto:nmsipedu@aol.com)

### **Updates from Participants**

Molly Brack spoke about the role of Agora and their work, including an invitation to join as a volunteer. Also spoke about their role in helping to open other hotlines around the state.

NMHU update on Alcohol and Drug survey results were presented.

Shirley Villegas spoke about the need to reach more people and gather them to events that can help them. She also spoke about her Natural Helpers group and how they are doing amazing amounts of suicide prevention education.

Norma and others talked about peer to peer programs and their effectiveness. There will be a training for sponsors of peer to peer programs sponsored by OSAH as well as other training programs.

Announcement of next meeting Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 to 12:30 at Value Options.