

Meeting Minutes

Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention

Date: November 4, 2024

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Virtual via ZoomGov

Call to Order, Roll Call

Attendees

Members in attendance: Dean Sidelinger, Valerie Colas, Paul Kemp, Kathleen Carlson, Vanessa Timmons, Emmy Ritter, Matthew Crabtree, Andrew White, Andy Leonard, Chris Burley, James Dixon Senator Floyd Prozanski, Representative Jason Kropf, Representative Rick Lewis

Staff in attendance: Michael Kron, Toni Kemple

Members not in attendance: Donna-Marie Drucker, Jerome Sloan II, Senator David Brock Smith

Members were asked to introduce themselves as roll was called.

- Senator Floyd Prozanski (*see video time stamp 0:01:18*)
- Representative Jason Kropf (*see video time stamp 0:01:47*)
- Representative Rick Lewis (*see video time stamp 0:01:57*)
- Dean Sidelinger (*see video time stamp 0:02:11*)
- Valerie Colas (*see video time stamp 0:02:24*)
- Kathleen Carlson (*see video time stamp 0:02:42*)
- Vanessa Timmons (*see video time stamp 0:03:08*)
- Emmy Ritter (*see video time stamp 0:03:23*)
- Andrew White (*see video time stamp 0:03:41*)
- Matthew Crabtree (*see video time stamp 0:04:14*)
- Chris Burley (*see video time stamp 0:04:40*)
- Paul Kemp (*see video time stamp 0:05:12*)
- James R. Dixon (*see video time stamp 0:07:33*)

SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS:

The meeting was recorded in full and is available online at the Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention website: [Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention - Oregon Department of Justice](#)

MOTION

Chair Andrew White moved to approve the minutes for the October 2, 2024, Task Force meeting. Chris Burley seconded the motion. Hearing no objections or concerns, the minutes for October 2, 2024, were approved. (*see video time stamp 0:09:06*)

MOTION

Motion to Ratify the September 15, 2024, Task Force Report as amended and with the additional change of the contact information at the end of the report, using Michael Kron's email in place of Kimberly McCullough's email, was made by Andrew White and seconded by Vanessa Timmons. Motion was passed by voice vote with no objections. *(see video time stamp 0:10:22)*

INTRODUCTIONS

Coordination Partners are a group of people representing organizations that the Oregon Legislature asked this Task Force to coordinate and work with. Coordination Partners attending the meeting were asked to introduce themselves. *(see video time stamp 0:12:05)*

- Bud Amundson, Executive Director
Youth 71Five Ministries *(see video time stamp 0:13:45)*
- Tim Svenson, Executive Director
Oregon State Sheriff's Association *(see video time stamp 0:14:06)*
- Lorena Ambriz, Administrative Specialist/Public Policy Associate
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon *(see video time stamp 0:15:03)*
- Meghan Crane, MPH
Oregon Health Authority *(see video time stamp 0:15:28)*
- Joshua Graves
Catholic Community Services *(see video time stamp 0:16:08)*
- Brandi Hatcher, Treasurer
Klamath Tribes *(see video time stamp 0:16:46)*
- Ali Hamade, Deputy State Epidemiologist
Oregon Health Authority *(see video time stamp 0:16:46)*
- Annette Marcus
Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide *(see video time stamp 0:18:29)*
- Teresa Tonini
Youth 71Five Ministries *(see video time stamp 0:19:31)*

PRESENTATIONS:

A request for research project proposals was sent to some Oregon Universities. The Task Force was allocated \$250,000 to spend on research for the biennium ending in June 2025. Two responses were received, one from OHSU and one from University of Oregon.

Due to a conflict of interest, since her group is one of the applicants, Kathleen Carlson recused herself from the discussion and vote. *(see video time stamp 0:22:08)*

1. OHSU presentation - Video time stamp 0:24:04

PowerPoint presentation by Susan DeFrancesco for OSHU Gun Violence Prevention Research Center.

- Charge to the Task Force *(see video time stamp 0:25:44)*
 - Public health practices to reduce gun violence and firearm suicide
- SB 1503 asks the Task Force to Study *(see video time stamp 0:26:31)*
 - Specific to Suicide Prevention
 - Specific to Community Safety
 - Factors in Community Safety and Suicide Prevention

- Specific to Suicide Prevention (*see video time stamp 0:26:56*)
 - How to better support youth and rural Oregonians experiencing suicidal ideation
 - How to reduce the stigma of suicidal ideation
 - Barriers to implementing best practices
- Specific to Community Safety (*see video time stamp 0:28:34*)
 - Protocols currently used by hospitals and behavioral health facilities and recommendations for improvement
 - Locations/events most targeted in community safety threats
 - Current barriers to implementing best practices
- Factors in Community Safety and Suicide Prevention (*see video time stamp 0:30:25*)
 - How domestic violence is a risk factor for community safety threats and suicide
 - Risks to first responders
 - Rates of Success for ERPO orders and barriers to implementation
 - Police stations'/other entities' capacity to implement voluntary surrender or holding of firearms
- OHSU Gun Violence Prevention Research Center Team (*see video time stamp 0:32:03*)
- Deliverables (*see video time stamp 0:33:55*)
 - Monthly Presentations for Task Force meetings
 - Annotated bibliography
 - Interview guides
 - Research briefs
 - Oregon map
 - Assistance with Task Force report due September 2025
- Suggested Timeline (*see video time stamp 0:34:44*)

The presentation was opened up for discussion/questions. (*see video time stamp 0:36:00*)

2. University of Oregon Presentation - Video time stamp 0:39:58

PowerPoint presentation by Mavis Gallo, PhD and John Seeley, PhD for the University of Oregon.

- Agenda (*see video time stamp 0:41:07*)
 - Suicide Prevention Lab
 - UO Team
 - Our Approach
 - Proposed Activities
 - Summary
 - Questions
- University of Oregon Suicide Prevention Lab (USOSPL) (*see video time stamp 0:41:28*)
 - Cross-disciplinary research and evaluation lab
 - Centering community knowledge and lived experience
 - Successful community-academic partnerships

- Our Team (*see video time stamp 0:42:29*)
 - Dr. John Seeley
 - Dr. Mavis Gallo
 - Dr. Mark Hammond
 - Dr. Kurt Michael
- Approach (*see video time stamp 0:45:23*)
 - Implementation Science
 - Co-design Process
 - Leveraging Existing CAPs and Partnerships
- Proposed Activities (*see video time stamp 0:46:40*)
 - Phase 1: Exploration
 - Phase 2: Development
 - Phase 3: Novel Research
 - Phase 4: Reporting
- Mapping Taskforce Priorities with Current UOSPL Partnerships & Work (*see video time stamp 0:47:45*)
- Summary (*see video time stamp 0:48:39*)
 - Experienced team of researchers who specialize in suicide prevention
 - Utilize co-design process for increased effectiveness and sustainability
 - History of successful partnerships; alignment with current Task Force priorities
 - Deliverables: briefs, progress reports, scans/lit review, presentations with current partners, network mapping

The presentation was opened up for discussion/questions. Dr. John Seeley asked the Task Force about possible opportunities for U of O and OHSU collaboration. (*see video time stamp 0:49:18*)

DISCUSSION

1. Budgeting issues and options. Video time stamp 0:50:40

Discussion regarding how the \$250,000 can be allocated. The Task Force does have flexibility on how it spends the funds. The appropriation ends the end of June 2025.

A suggestion was made to have the two proposal providers show how they could work together, what a blended proposal would look like and the budget. Also holding back a portion of the funds for other experts, consults and smaller tasks was discussed. Both OHSU and University of Oregon responded to the suggestion of working together. (*see video time stamp 0:56:00*)

MOTION

A motion to reduce the amount spent on research from \$250,000 to \$200,000 and hold back \$50,000 for experts, consults and smaller tasks, was made by Valerie Colas and seconded by Andrew White. The motion carried with 10 in favor by roll call vote. (*see video time stamp 1:08:00*)

Voting members	For	Against	Abstain
Dean Sidelinger	X		
Valerie Colas	x		

Donna-Marie Drucker			
Paul Kemp	x		
Kathleen Carlson	Recused		
Vanessa Timmons	x		
Emmy Ritter	x		
Matthew Crabtree	x		
Andrew White	x		
Andy Leonard	x		
Jerome Sloan II			
Chris Burley	x		
James Dixon	x		
Total	10	0	0

2. Discussion regarding funds budgeting and moving forward with research proposals.

Video time stamp 1:24:34

Co-Chair Andrew White summarized the three options based on the discussion, 1) create a subcommittee, 2) send a directive to the co-chairs to meet with the two entities and report back to the Task Force in December, and 3) pend discussion until December.

MOTION

A motion to authorize the co-chairs to have discussions with the two proposers and to come back to this group with a proposal about funding moving forward, whether that’s one, the other, or both, or some combination was made by Dean Sidelinger and seconded by Valerie Colas. The motion carried with 10 in favor by roll call vote. (see video time stamp 1:36:15)

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Dean Sidelinger	x		
Valerie Colas	x		
Donna-Marie Drucker			
Paul Kemp	x		
Kathleen Carlson	Recused		
Vanessa Timmons	x		
Emmy Ritter	x		
Matthew Crabtree	x		
Andrew White	x		
Andy Leonard	x		
Jerome Sloan II			
Chris Burley	x		
James Dixon	x		
Total	10	0	0

3. Handling press inquiries. Video time stamp 1:40:07

Michael Kron presented the ways the Task Force could address press inquiries and discussion followed.

4. Work Plan. Video time stamp 1:40:07

The work plan will be moved to the December agenda.

The meeting was opened for comment. There was discussion regarding how coordination partners will provide input to the Task Force. (*see video time stamp 1:36:15*)

Reminder: Task Force meeting will be held the first Monday of each month from 10:00 am to noon.

DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO:

The following documents were discussed at the meeting and are available on request by emailing community.safety@doj.oregon.gov or visiting the website at:

<https://www.doj.state.or.us/oregon-department-of-justice/office-of-the-attorney-general/task-force-on-community-safety-and-firearm-suicide/>

- Amended 9-25-2024 Report – Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention
- Policy Ideas
- Potential Speakers
- Email Solicitation of Research Proposals for SB 1503 Task Force
- OHSU – Task Force Proposal
- U of O – Task Force Proposal

Next Meeting:

Date: December 2, 2024

Time: 10:am to Noon

Via: ZoomGov