

Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 2, 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, Donna-Marie Drucker, Paul Kemp, Kathleen Carlson, Vanessa Timmons, Emmy Ritter, Andrew White, Jerome Sloan II, Chris Burley, James Dixon, Senator Floyd Prozanski, Representative Jason Kropf

Staff in attendance: Michael Kron, Toni Kemple, Daisy Mitchell

Members not in attendance: Matthew Crabtree, Andy Leonard, Senator David Brock Smith, Representative Rick Lewis

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](#)

PRESENTATIONS:

Research Plan Update

The Task Force voted to split the research funds so that OHSU and University of Oregon could both participate in research. *(see video time stamp 0:02:53)* Both OHSU and UO presented revised proposals. The Suicide Prevention Lab of the University of Oregon was asked to focus on suicide prevention, and OHSU was asked to focus on community safety and firearm violence reduction.

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 0:05:58)*

1. OHSU Presentation - Video time stamp 0:06:20

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

- Community Safety Threats *(see video time stamp 0:07:18)*
 - Current community safety protocols, including at hospitals and behavioral health facilities, with recommendations for improvement.
 - Key locations and events frequently targeted in community safety threats.

- Efficacy of Extreme Risk Protection Orders and challenges to voluntary firearm surrender protocols. *(see video time stamp 0:08:30)*
- Domestic violence as a risk factor for community safety and suicide threats. *(see video time stamp 0:09:50)*
- Risks faced by first responders. *(see video time stamp 0:09:50)*
- Barriers to implementing community safety best practices. *(see video time stamp 0:10:24)*
- Suggested Timeline. *(see video time stamp 0:10:46)*

2. University of Oregon Presentation - Video time stamp 0:14:58

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

- University of Oregon Suicide Prevention Lab *(see video time stamp 0:15:56)*
 - Cross-disciplinary research and evaluation lab.
 - Centering community knowledge and lived experience.
 - Successful community-academic partnerships.
- Our Team *(see video time stamp 0:16:21)*
 - Dr. John Seely
 - Dr. Mavis Gallo
 - Dr. Kurt Michael
 - Dr. Mark Hammond
 - Steph Luther, MS
- Proposed Activities *(see video time stamp 0:16:38)*
 - Phase 1: Co-design
 - Phase 2: Leveraging Connections
 - Mapping Taskforce Priorities with Current UOSPL Partnerships & Work *(see video time stamp 0:18:02)*
 - Phase 3: Novel Research
 - Phase 4: Reporting

MOTION

A motion to approve both proposals as presented by University of Oregon and OHSU, \$100,000 each to provide research for this Task Force was made by Donna-Marie Drucker and seconded by Chris Burley. The motion carried with 10 in favor by roll call vote. *(see video time stamp 0:21:50)*

	For	Against	Abstain
Dean Sidelinger	x		
Valerie Colas	x		
Donna-Marie Drucker	x		
Paul Kemp	x		

Kathleen Carlson	Recused		
Vanessa Timmons	x		
Emmy Ritter	x		
Matthew Crabtree			
Andrew White	x		
Andy Leonard			
Jerome Sloan II	x		
Chris Burley	x		
James Dixon	x		
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DISCUSSION

How the two groups will collaborate is still on the table and the timeline for funding was discussed. *(see video time stamp 0:24:32)*

OHA and Oregon Alliance for Suicide Prevention Presentation

Two presentations by the State, one from the Oregon Health Authority and one from the Oregon Alliance for Suicide Prevention focusing on suicide prevention.

1. OHA Presentation - Video time stamp 0:27:25

PowerPoint presentation by Meghan Crane, MPH and Debra Darmata, M.S.

- Hopes for out time together. *(see video time stamp 0:27:53)*
- OHA Suicide Prevention Infrastructure *(see video time stamp 0:28:22)*
- Links to YSIPP and ASIPP *(see video time stamp 0:30:31)*
- Age-specific rate of suicide, Oregon 2018-2022 *(see video time stamp 0:31:29)*
- Suicide Trends in Disproportionately Affected Populations *(see video time stamp 0:33:47)*
- Mechanism of Suicide Deaths: by age group and sex: Oregon 2018-2021 *(see video time stamp 0:35:19)*
- Percent mechanism of suicide by sex ages 10-17, 2017-2021 *(see video time stamp 0:36:41)*
- Your Suicide Prevention Programing Available at low or no cost *(see video time stamp 0:38:00)*
- Clinical Workforce Trainings *(see video time stamp 0:40:32)*
- Firearm Specific Trainings *(see video time stamp 0:44:28)*
- Suicide Safer Care Clinical Interventions *(see video time stamp 0:45:38)*
- Policy & environmental interventions designed to reduce or slow access to lethal means: Extreme Risk Protection Orders *(see video time stamp 0:48)*
- Policy & environmental interventions designed to reduce or slow access to lethal means *(see video time stamp 0:49:53)*

- Success Story *(see video time stamp 0:51:52)*
- Desired Improvement *(see video time stamp 0:54:05)*
- Resources *(see video time stamp 0:56:42)*
- The characteristics of suicides in rural counties vs. urban counties, Oregon 2021 – 2022 *(see video time stamp 0:57:16)*

2. **Oregon Alliance for Suicide Prevention Presentation - Video time stamp 1:11:39**

PowerPoint presentation by Annette Marcus, Suicide Prevention Policy Manager

- Introduction to Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide *(see video time stamp 1:11:52)*
- Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide – brief history *(see video time stamp 1:13:21)*
- A Research Practice Partnership *(see video time stamp 1:14:56)*
- Our Vision / Our Mission *(see video time stamp 1:15:01)*
- Psychological Theory of Suicide *(see video time stamp 1:15:56)*
- Community Risk Factors *(see video time stamp 1:17:28)*
- Alliance Focus *(see video time stamp 1:18:19)*
- Policy Success *(see video time stamp 1:19:38)*
- Getting It Right Takes time: Example Postvention Legislation *(see video time stamp 1:22:26)*
- Policy Priorities – 2024 *(see video time stamp 1:23:09)*
- By-Laws – Responsibilities of the Alliance *(see video time stamp 1:24:29)*
- Subcommittees *(see video time stamp 1:24:39)*
- Quarterly Meetings *(see video time stamp 1:26:06)*
- Subcommittee Focus Areas *(see video time stamp 1:26:14)*
- Key Recommendations from the Lethal Means Safety Subcommittee *(see video time stamp 1:28:54)*
- Lethal Means Safety Recommendations *(see video time stamp 1:30:47)*
- Subcommittees Focus Areas (continued) *(see video time stamp 1:32:15)*
- Resources: The Magic that Makes It Work *(see video time stamp 1:33:25)*
- Let's Connect *(see video time stamp 1:34:19)*

Workplan Review Video time stamp 1:41:24

Quick review of the elements of the workplan. There is one more mandatory report due on September 15, 2025, and research funding is available only through July 1, 2025.

- Work Plan Timeline *(see video time stamp 1:41:33)*
- Workplan overview *(see video time stamp 1:43:53)*

Community Partner Updates Video time stamp 1:47:58

For planning purposes, it was suggested that a survey be sent to both members and community partners. Discussion of possible survey questions followed.

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/>

- University of Oregon Revised Proposal
- OHSU Revised Proposal
- YSIPP

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/SAFELIVING/SUICIDEPREVENTION/Documents/21-25-youth-suicide-prevention-plan.pdf>

- ASIPP **<https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le130274.pdf>**
- Work Plan Timeline

Next Meeting:

Date: January 6, 2025

Time: 10: 00 am to Noon

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