

Meeting Minutes

Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention

Date: April 7, 2025

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, Emmy Ritter, Andrew White, Chris Burley, James Dixon

Staff in attendance: Toni Kemple, Daisy Mitchell, Alicia Temple

Members not in attendance: Vanessa Timmons, Matthew Crabtree, Andy Leonard, Jerome Sloan II, Senator Floyd Prozanski, Senator David Brock Smith, Rep Jason Kropf, Rep. 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](#)

Co-Chair Donna-Marie Drucker introduced Galli Murray, the speaker, for today's meeting. Donna-Marie also spoke about several bills currently before the Oregon Legislature. (see video time stamp 0:01:29)

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation - Video time stamp 0:04:53

PowerPoint presentation, "The Development of a Suicide Fatality Review Committee and Community Driven Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan", by Galli Murray, LCSW – the Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Clackamas County Health, Housing and Human Services.

- **The Development of a Suicide Fatality Review Committee and Community Driven Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan** (see video time stamp 0:07:17)
- **Clackamas County Suicide Fatality Review (SFR) Committee** (see video time stamp 0:07:49)
 - Created in 2021, the SFR functions as a sub-committee of the Clackamas County Coalition to Prevent Suicide
 - Goals
 - Identify specific barriers and systems issues involved with suicide deaths

- Identify risk factors and trends in suicide deaths for future prevention/intervention efforts
 - Develop strategies for increased communication and coordination of delivery of services to survivors of suicide loss
- **Members on the SFR committee** *(see video time stamp 0:09:31)*
- **Process – How does it work** *(see video time stamp 0:09:44)*
 - SFR partners with the Medical Examiners office
 - The Medical Examiners office sends out letters to the next of kin, inviting their participation in the SFR process
 - SFR reviews only those cases in which a release of information has been signed by the legal next of kin
 - Members must sign a confidentiality agreement before receiving case information via secure email and virtual meeting link.
- **SFR Process – Review** *(see video time stamp 0:17:09)*
 - Committee members take notes using a form
 - Protective Factors
 - Risk Factors
 - Notes on System Improvement
- **Analysis** *(see video time stamp 0:18:14)*
 - Taken from the 2024 SFR Annual Report
 - Risk Factors
 - Protective Factors
- **2024 suicide fatality review qualitative analysis results** *(see video time stamp 0:21:14)*
 - Protective Factors
 - Risk Factors
- **System Recommendations into Action** *(see video time stamp 0:21:46)*
 - Information is compiled into the annual report and shared with the larger Suicide Prevention Coalition of Clackamas County via the Suicide Prevention Coordinator
 - This information will help to direct the Coalition's areas of focus in a variety of areas
- **Starting an SFR – What You Need** *(see video time stamp 0:28:16)*
 - Partnership with an ME's office
 - Dedicated FTE to lead the work
 - SFR protocol and all necessary forms developed
 - Legal team review
 - Commitments from partner organizations to regularly attend SFR meetings
 - Orientation of committee members to the SFR process
 - Coalition/workgroup/advisory body to receive and, if appropriate, implement SFR recommendations

Discussion and questions regarding the fatality review. *(see video time stamp 0:33:42)*

Question and discussion about all the permissions asked for the review and the possibility of missing out on a touch point that might be important, and a brief review of the deceased's confidentiality rights were discussed. There was a question about the feedback received for the timing of receipt of the letter and was there a pattern for preference. There was a brief discussion regarding budget, expansion of the system and would this be an "easy lift" for other counties. Discussion around dissemination of information to providers and providing a tool kit/training to primary care providers and others.

- **Suicide Prevention Coalition** (*see video time stamp 1:02:44*)
- **Clackamas County Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan** (*see video time stamp 1:03:06*)
 - Plan took several years
 - 19 listening sessions across Clackamas County, representing 260 people and 70 organizations, were held
 - Key themes were identified by University of Oregon Suicide Prevention Lab
- **Needs/Barriers** (*see video time stamp 1:06:15*)
- **School Initiatives; Means Safety Initiatives; Health Care Initiatives; and Community Initiatives** (*see video time stamp 1:07:09*)
 - Used Jamboards to come up with three priority areas for the community and the Means Safety Initiatives
- **Effort required to implement and impact of the solution** (*see video time stamp 1:10:29*)
 - Ease Impact Model
- **Clackamas County Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan** (*see video time stamp 1:14:47*)
 - The Plan aligns with the following:
 - National Strategy for Suicide Prevention
 - CDC Preventing Suicide: A Technical Package of Policy, Programs and Practices
 - Oregon's Youth Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan
 - Oregon's Adult Suicide Intervention and Prevention Plan
 - Blueprint for a Healthy Clackamas County (CHIP)
 - Performance Clackamas
- **Clackamas County Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan** (*see video time stamp 1:15:44*)
 - The Plan was organized around four priority areas generated from themes
 - Youth and Young Adults
 - Means Safety (*see video time stamp 1:15:57 for example*)
 - Health Care
 - Community
- **Clackamas County Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan** (*see video time stamp 1:18:34*)
 - The Coalition created four standing action teams (committees)
 - Youth and Young Adults
 - Means Safety
 - Health Care
 - Community

- **Clackamas County Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan** (*see video time stamp 1:20:55*)
 - Looking back and ahead
 - Coalition work can be challenging
 - Community voice and data do not always align
 - Although the plan is community driven, an entity that has resources/FTE has to provide the holding tank for the container in which the work can occur
 - Creating ways to measure the success of the work is challenging
 - If you create a strategic plan, create a budget
- A time for Questions and Discussion (*see video time stamp 1:23:21*)

Discussion regarding whether suicide fatality review exists in any other county, and it was noted that the Clackamas County Commission approved the Clackamas County Strategic Plan. Although Washington County no longer does suicide fatality review, during the time it was in place they found two things: 1) that many people were going to hotels and taking their lives in hotels and 2) people were taking their very healthy pets into veterinary clinics and asking for euthanasia. Their actionable steps were to train at hotels to identify people that might be struggling and to train veterinary staff to identify individuals who might be at risk for suicide.

2. **HB 3884** - Video time stamp 1:04:53

Brief discussion and reading of the Bill.

MOTION

Motion for the Task Force to support HB 3884 and to encourage our legislators to move it forward through the session was made by Donna-Marie Drucker and seconded by Kathleen Carlson. Valerie Colas asked that it be put on the record that she would have to abstain. The motion did not pass with 6 in favor and 3 abstaining by roll call vote.

	For	Against	Abstain
Dean Sidelinger			x
Valerie Colas			x
Donna-Marie Drucker	x		
Paul Kemp	x		
Kathleen Carlson	x		
Vanessa Timmons			
Emmy Ritter	x		
Matthew Crabtree			
Andrew White	x		
Andy Leonard			
Jerome Sloan II			
Chris Burley			x
James Dixon	x		
Total	6	0	3

Chris Burley also put on record that he is not able to vote on current legislation since he represents the City of Portland. There was discussion on future voting and the co-chairs will look into this.

Task Force members are encouraged to share and submit their suggestions. Feedback from the public is also welcome. Both Task Force members and the public may submit suggestions and feedback by emailing the Task Force at community.safety@doj.oregon.gov

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/>

- PowerPoint Presentation by Galli Murray, LCSW

Next Meeting:

Date: May 5, 2025

Time: 10: 00 am to Noon

Via: ZoomGov