

November 9, 2022

FWC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair, Laura Winther

Vice-Chair, Marie Estrada

Secretary, Amanda Hanson

Treasurer, Vacant

Chair called meeting to order at 11:32 AM

In attendance: Krystel Marino (Youth), Jasmine Richardson (Fairbanks Wellness Coalition), Rachel Lebby (Fairbanks Wellness Coalition Director), Jessica Stossel (Fiscal Agent), Kathy Foley (Military/ Fairbanks Suicide Prevention Task Force), Amanda Hanson (United Way/Media), Sarah Koogle (Behavioral Health), Chuck Mays (Faith), Katrina Erick (Disability), Brenda McFarlane (Civic. Gov.), Laura Winther (Court), Julia Aikman (University of Alaska), Marie Estrada (Fairbanks Prevention Alliance), Brenna Schaaque (Business),

Absent: Bobby Dorton (Tribal), Kathy Catron (Law Enforcement), Brenda Henze-Nelson (Fairbanks Opioid Workgroup/CAP), Sierra Sommer (Careline)

Guests: Marsha Oss (Reentry Coalition), Tammy Axelsson (Reentry Coalition), Christine Schut (Fairbanks North Star Borough School District), Roscoe Britton (Housing and Homeless Coalition), Mike Patton (Military)

Chair added three new agenda items, Talk Saves Lives, discretionary funding, and purchases for the Survivors of Suicide Loss event.

Motion to approve agenda and minutes was made by Kathy F. and seconded by Sarah K.

Christine S. introduced herself to the Coalition; she is the McKinney Vento Foster Care Liaison with the Fairbanks School District. She works with students that are in OCS custody in foster care and works with students and their families who are experiencing housing insecurity

Marsha O. introduced herself to the Coalition; she is the Reentry Coalition Coordinator and prior to this position, was the Coalition Reentry Case Manager.

Tammy A. introduced herself; she is the co-chair for the Reentry Coalition and works for the Department of Corrections as the Chief Probation Officer for the Northern region.

Laura W. introduced Roscoe B who had technical issues and could not introduce himself.

Presentation: Budget Overview

Laura W. did a brief budget overview which included the number of sectors we currently have and the number of sectors we are limited to.

We have funding that covers personal services including our Youth Workers, the Suicidology Conference, Facilities, supplies, Sources of Strength grant, Be[You] grant, Resilience Conference and QPR training.

Jessica S. informed the Coalition that overall, 15% of our budget has been spent.

Old Business:

Rachel L. informed the Coalition on our new youth worker and informed the Coalition that Prevention youth workers can help with youth activities, tabling for outreach, social media posts.

Jasmine R. updated the Coalition on the Winter Expo event. They had 500 interactions the first day and a 1,000 interactions total. Over 100 Community Perception Surveys were also distributed during the Winter Expo event.

Kathy F. updated the Coalition on the previous Suicide Prevention Independent Review Committee visit. They were impressed with our community involvement and they will be writing a report which will go on a congressional panel and they will problem solve on how to fix our issues with possible funding then bringing it to Washington the Department of Defense(DoD).

New Business:

Laura W. did an overview of the Workgroups. Media is primarily using our advertising budget for things such as promotions, PSA, and Social Media. The Resilience Conference will be at the end of February this year, and the Youth Workgroup will need a lead. Workgroups are trying to get community members involved and if Coalition members don't have the capacity, but they know someone who may be interested, they are welcome to join.

Laura W. brought to discussion the grant revision for facilities. The facility is costing us more than it did last year because of being in a different building. Chair informed the Coalition that a proposal was made at the Leadership meeting. Discussion ensued.

Laura W. suggested tabling the proposal and having follow-up discussion on it. Laura W. also suggested that we get together for a round table discussion before making another proposal.

Laura W. moved on to Kindness Connects Us funds and announced the match funds from Alyeska. Activities involve youth and elders over the holiday season, and putting together Your Community Cares kits for the military on Fort Wainwright.

Laura W. proposes that we spend Kindness Connects Us funds on those three things.

Motion made by Kathy F. and seconded by Carol A. No opposing.

Laura W. put forth the leadership position descriptions and reminded the Coalition that we are currently looking for a treasurer.

Laura W. asked the Coalition to sign-up for the Holiday Marketplace.

Laura W. announced our Strategic Planning in March and that we need six members of the Coalition that are willing to give 6-12 hours of their time over two days. Amanda, Kathy, and Marsha volunteered.

Laura W. announced that we have funding for two people to attend the American Association of Suicidology Conference which is on April 19th-22nd. Jasmine will be going and one other, interested parties should contact her.

Rachel L. talked about the Media camp RFP, stating we are wanting to get the RFPs out sooner rather than later.

Laura W. asks if someone would like to make a motion to approve the RFP pending workgroup and fiscal agent approval.

Motion made by Brenda M. and seconded by Marie E. No opposing.

Laura W. polled the Coalition to either cancel the December meeting or if they would like to have a meeting with cookies, hot cocoa, etc. Coalition voted to have cookies and cocoa.

Julia A. informs the Coalition about the Polar Griz Beard Competition. UAF is having a beard competition promoting men's health. Also, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be at the University for an overview on Talk Saves Lives December 9th.

Laura W. informed the Coalition discussions have been made about moving away from QPR and moving towards Talk Saves Lives. UAF has historically partnered with FWC to conduct QPR training but now they are moving towards Talk Saves Lives as well. We will do a budget revision and include that we are wanting to collaborate with partners to do QPR, Talk Saves Lives, and Youth First Aid if there are no opposed.

Reports:

Jasmine R. informs the Coalition about Survivors of Loss by Suicide Day event November 19th.

Laura W. proposes to the Coalition on behalf of the Survivors of Suicide Loss Day event planning committee that we purchase 10 books for the Survivors event at a cost of approx. \$25.00 per book.

Amanda H. informs that the media workgroup will be meeting tomorrow to go over the bids from Rocky with iheart, Pam with KXTF, and Lori with OTT.

Laura W. announced to the Coalition that we do have an application for Sources of Strength and requests to have an RFP workgroup meet soon.

Marsha O. announces that if anyone works with Native Alaskans or Native American Indians aged 18 or older to have them reach out to her. There is a research study and there will be an incentive.

Amanda H. updated that United Way has many coats from their coat drive and if anyone is needing winter coats to give her a call or send an email.

Laura W. excused guests.

Laura W. announced that Bobby D. would like to stay in the Coalition but is requesting to move and represent the Tribal sector. Marsha O. and Tammy A. would both represent Reentry and would share one vote between them. Roscoe would represent the Housing and Homeless. Christine would represent the School District.

Motion made by Marie E. and seconded by Julia A. No opposing.

Chair closed the meeting at 12:55pm.