

## Meeting Minutes

### Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention

Date: January 6, 2025

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Virtual via ZoomGov

Call to Order, Roll Call

#### Attendees

Members in attendance: Dean Sidelinger, Donna-Marie Drucker, Paul Kemp, Kathleen Carlson, Emmy Ritter, Matthew Crabtree, Andrew White, Jerome Sloan II, James Dixon, Senator Floyd Prozanski, Representative Jason Kropf, Representative Rick Lewis

Staff in attendance: Toni Kemple, Daisy Mitchell

Members not in attendance: Valerie Colas, Vanessa Timmons, Andy Leonard, Chris Burley, Senator David Brock Smith

#### **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:**

**1. OHA Presentation - Video time stamp 0:02:24**

PowerPoint presentation by OHA – Community Violence and Safety Task Force Presentation

- Meet the Team
  - Ashwaq Omar, Community Resilience Coordinator;
  - Molly Taylor, HB 4045 Community Violence Prevention & Intervention Analyst;
  - Megan Crane, Zero Suicide in Health Systems Coordinator; and
  - Catherine Bennett, Injury & Violence Prevention Programs Manager
- Integrated Primary Prevention (*see video time stamp 0:07:18*)
  - Integrated Primary Prevention – Shared Risk and Protective Factor

Some of the next items may be challenging to hear. (*see video time stamp 0:08:16*)

- Oregon Assault-related Deaths (*see video time stamp 0:09:45*)
  - Fatal Injury Rate in Oregon
    - Injury Type: Assault
  - Age-specific rate of homicide, Oregon, 2018-2022 (*see video time stamp 0:10:25*)

- Age-adjusted Homicide Rate by Race and Ethnicity, Oregon, 2018-2022 (*see video time stamp 0:10:45*)
- Select Circumstances of Homicide Deaths, Oregon, 2013-2022 (*see video time stamp 0:11:26*)
- Hospitalization and ED (since 2018 forward) (*see video time stamp 0:12:04*)
  - Hospital Injury Rate in Oregon
    - Injury Type: Assault
- 2022 Oregon House Bill 4045 (*see video time stamp 0:12:38*)
  - Overview (*see video time stamp 0:12:49*)
  - Support for hospital-based violence prevention programs
    - Portland Opportunities Industrializations Center (POIC)
  - Medicaid Billing Update (*see video time stamp 0:14:24*)
  - Funding to further hospital-based violence prevention programs (*see video time stamp 0:17:48*)
  - HVIP Expansion Update (*see video time stamp 0:18:24*)
- Extreme Risk Protection Orders (*see video time stamp 0:21:27*)
  - Threats Cited in ERPO Petitions
- Other Examples of OHA Related Violence Prevention and Resilience Building Efforts (*see video time stamp 0:22:25*)
  - CDC Rape Prevention and Education Grant
  - Home Visiting
  - Life-sustaining Practices Fellowship Pilot Project
- Resources and a time for Q & A (*see video time stamp 0:24:25*)

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Review Survey Results *Video time stamp 0:32:36***

A survey was sent out to the Task Force members and Community Partners in December and six responses were received. The survey will be resent to the Task Force members and Community Partners.

- Community Partners Survey – (*see video time stamp 0:35:50*)
  - What resources do you need from the taskforce?
  - What resources do you want to share with the taskforce?
  - What else matters to you in doing this work?
- Ranking of Priority Areas for Task Force (*see video time stamp 0:38:07*)

Co-chair, Donna-Marie Drucker share with the Task Force that Michael Kron, the staff member for the Task Force has left his position and a new staff member should be appointed soon.

**Work Plan [Video time stamp 0:43:32](#)**

- **Workplan overview** (*see video time stamp 0:43:49*)

Based on the survey, when asked what was ranked most importantly for the Task Force to be addressing, the top three were a) supporting youth with suicidal ideation, b) supporting rural Oregonians experiencing suicidal ideation, and c) barriers to suicide prevention support. There were six (6) responses to the survey.

Discussion regarding current community safety protocol across the state including at hospitals and behavioral health facilities and recommendations for inclusion of the protocols. (*see video time stamp 0:44:43*)

Task Force member Chris Burley suggested that having statistical data to tell us “where are we missing and what do we need” would be beneficial. Task Force member Michael Crabtree offered to reach out to admin to see what information might be available. (*see video time stamp 1:02:02*)

Discussion regarding hospital violence intervention programs and suicide intervention programs. There are model systems where hospitals have a bedside community partner come in and address the person that’s experienced violence and also another program where the community partner comes in and addresses someone at risk of suicide and then attaches them to wrap around services in the community. (*see video time stamp 1:05:58*)

Discussion regarding fatality review committees. Every county is required to have a child fatality review committee which is for youth under age 18. Suicide fatality review is not required. (*see video time stamp 1:15:13*)

Possible policy recommendation regarding postvention protocol discussed. Suggestion that the policy come with funding. (*see video time stamp 1:17:03*)

Recommendations for potential speakers: Jeffrey Sung, Canada Taylor Parker, someone that has expertise and data on domestic violence as well as the co-occurrence of suicide (Task Force members Emmy Ritter and Chris Burley offered to research and reach out to possible speakers on this issue).

Task Force member James Dixon offered information on the website [Get Trained to Help – MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS](#) (*see video time stamp 1:30:50*)

**DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO:**

**The following documents were discussed at the meeting and are available on request by emailing [community.safety@doj.oregon.gov](mailto: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/>**

- Survey Results
- [Get Trained to Help – MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS](#)

**Next Meeting:**

**Date:** March 3, 2025

**Time:** 10: 00 am to Noon

**Via:** ZoomGov

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