

Connecticut Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative (CYSPI)
Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services

Meeting Day/Date:	Tuesday, October 20, 2009	
Location:	United Way, Rocky Hill	
Participants:	Andrea Duarte (DMHAS), Amy James (UCHC), Ashley Murphy (DMHAS), Judith Stonger (Wheeler Clinic/CT Clearinghouse), Bill Turek (Education Consultant), Faith Vos Winkle (Office of Child Advocate)	
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION
CMHS Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Garrett Lee Smith Initiative is “flat-funded” at SAMHSA and only has funds when cohorts expire/grants end - No RFA next 2010 – Next to be released early 2011 - Looking at SPF Process for suicide prevention- it will offer more opportunities for communities - AFSP has chapter in CT – Southern part, and may come to whole state - Looking at CMHS block grant for suicide prevention – Al Bidorini asked for suicide trends from past years for CMHS meeting 	<p>-Sustainment and expansion: Idea of statewide coalition effort for suicide prevention *Woodstock Academy interested in being youth voice * AFSP Chapter interested in potentially co-chairing</p> <p>-Andrea will speak with DeAnna and Margie regarding next steps.</p>
Power Up Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baseball coach from Ohio, Doug Merrill, and friend created mental and physical health promotion foundation called “Power Up” www.powerupfoundation.com - Goal to raise awareness between physical and mental health, raise funds to support mini-grant opportunities - He is a survivor of 8 friends who completed suicide - Coach is running from October to beginning of April down the east coast, Boston to FL Keys, raising awareness along the way via various events and fundraisers. - “Power Up” is contacting Legislators in the east coast states to help get support and gain access into the high schools. - Senator McLachlan’s office requested that DMHAS provide funding to support speaking engagement at Danbury Public School, if available. 	<p>-Concern that the staff is unfamiliar with current suicide prevention efforts and resources; referred them to SPRC and GLS grantees along east coast.</p> <p>-Andrea will investigate further and work with Danbury Public Schools and Power Up staff to determine next step.</p>
No Cost Extension/Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Report has been on the web since August – Homepage, under “What’s New” 	<p>-Final Report is due August 2010, but Executive Summary and findings will be shared at Event on March 31, 2010.</p>
Wheeler Clinic Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - March CYSPI Event is being planned - Plan to issue preliminary results and distribute them on a disc. - Before contract ends, there might be money to support the kick off of the state suicide prevention coalition. 	<p>-Wheeler Contract has been on hold since May 2009 due to state budget issues. Andrea will work with DMHAS contract staff to get the contract approved as soon as possible.</p>

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QPR/ASIST Follow up	- Survey is in process of getting ready	- Anticipate release once Wheeler contract goes through as it supports the incentive component
GLS and AAS Abstracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Amy submitted 3 different abstracts for grantee meeting (HS, Middle School Pilot, and College) -Poster submitted for middle school piece for AAS conference -Rob submitted SOS piece for AAS conference 	- Andrea will assist SPRC in review of submitted abstracts from other states. Approved abstracts will be announced 12/18/09.
Next meeting(s)	<p>Dates: Tuesdays 12/15/09, 2/16/09, 4/27/09, 6/15/09</p> <p>Time: 9:00- 10:30 AM at United Way of CT, Rocky Hill.</p>	N/A