

Connecticut Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative (CYSPI)
Advisory Sub-Committee

UPDATE
October 16, 2008

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Discussion of Recent Events - Updates

- Campus GLS Funding Announcement previously distributed on Connecticut Clearinghouse listserv forwarded to Mike Meotti and David Carter at the Department of Higher Education and Board of Trustees for Connecticut State Universities. Statewide Healthy Campus Initiative has also received via listserv; second summary announcement with schedule of grant conference calls to be disseminated in-person at October 12 SHCI meeting.
- Year Two CMHS Annual Program and Financial Status Reports submitted in August
- SDE-DMHAS-DCF-DPH Conference - Suicide Prevention in Connecticut - targeting school administrators and educators held September 29 at Crowne Plaza in Cromwell
- School Health Profile Prevention Task Force - CYSPI and Mental Health Transformation staff from DMHAS continue to working with colleagues at DPH and SDE to add questions to 2010 surveys completed by school administrators and lead health educators on youth suicide prevention, mental/emotional health, and HIV/STD curriculum utilization and staff training needs – last meeting September 3; next TBA
- YSAB is interested in looking at full spectrum of suicide prevention trainings offered statewide across agencies and target audiences to identify areas of overlap and need/service gaps – last meeting September 9; AAS School Suicide Prevention Accreditation Program launched in June
- Periodic conference calls with CMHS GPO, SPRC and Macro continue. Held August 4 and October 6. Next = November 17

High School Component

- Chris Brown (administrator) has left his position at Trumbull and has not been replaced; Bill Mecca who coordinated and delivered SOS program last year remains
- Amy reported this component is in very good shape. She has communicated with all schools participating in the evaluation and has pre-tests scheduled for all but 2 in October. She has encouraged program only schools to complete SOS as early in the school year as feasible.

Saint Francis Hospital-Quirk Middle School Pilot

- Allison attended ADAPSA August 21, Faith and Amy also participated as did Margie Hudson. Amy and Faith attended September 18 meeting where timeliness and accuracy of data entry were addressed. Uncertain of October meeting date or attendance.
- Allison and Carol meeting with Dr. Schichor and staff October 29. Agenda currently includes review of revised budget, enrollment numbers, timeliness of data entry and discussion of carry-forward and no-cost extension requests. Sub-contractor payments are on hold as these issues are being resolved.

College Component

- Diane Tarricone has been named acting director of Counseling at ECSU
- Amy has prompted schools for Counseling Center Utilization and NDSD activity data
- Allison will follow-up and request summary of QPR and SOS activities since annual reports were submitted in June
- Next meeting – Dec 5

AMSR Training

- Barry Feldman – contracted through Wheeler – delivered October 14 – the third of four trainings scheduled. SDE staff not able to participate as expected. The most interactive and engaged group to date per Janet Hayes.
- Fourth and final training set for January 21, 2009 in conjunction with SDE
- AMSR ToT funded through Mental Health Transformation offered October 29 – 31, 2008 at Wheeler. Only six of twenty Connecticut applicants accepted. SPRC screening very rigorous; concern EMPS-other targets for Spring may not be approved.
- AMSR Training of Trainers (funded through CYSPI) is scheduled for April 20-22, 2009.

ASIST Training

- Susan Moores delivered October 14 and 15. Next scheduled for December 9 and 10.
- Get 2009 dates
- ASIST Training of Trainers is scheduled for April 13-17, 2009.

Statewide Awareness Campaign

- New grantee meeting held September 9
- Check on outstanding Amity HS report and Integrated Wellness Group extension

Evaluation

- Allison and Amy completed Products and Services Inventory for cross-site evaluation on October 15
- Two additional Training Utilization and Penetration Surveys must be conducted by June 2009. Consents collected at May 2008 ASIST training could not be matched to Training Exit Surveys.

GLS Memorial Act Reauthorization

- No update from SAMHSA re GLS Reauthorization. Additional state and tribal awards announced October 6. New Hampshire's Frameworks Initiative was not refunded.

Other

- SAMHSA Grantee Meeting in Phoenix, AZ: January 5-8, 2009
- AAS Meeting in San Francisco, CA: April 15-18, 2009

Upcoming Meetings

December 16 from 9:00 – 10:30 at United Way

- Proposed 2009 dates = February 17, April 21, and June 16

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