

LAC Suicide Prevention Network



Schools and Youth Workgroup

Next Meeting: October 7th, 2019 (11am-1pm)

For questions email info@LASuicidepreventionnetwork.org

Notes and Action Item: September 9th, 2019

Presentation: Community Conversations to Inform Youth Suicide Prevention

Shannon Breitzman (sbreitzman@healthmanagement.com), Health Management Associates, provided a presentation (slides attached) on the Colorado Community Conversations to Inform Youth Suicide Prevention.

- Presentation slides and full report are attached to this email
- They are interested in replicating this study in Los Angeles County

Presentation: The Directing Change Program and Film Contest

Devin Saragosa Harris provided an update on Los Angeles County schools participation in the Directing Change Program.

- The PowerPoint presentation includes links to a selection of PSAS by LA students. In addition, films can also be found here: <http://www.directingchange.ca.org/films-by-county/#LosAngeles>
- For Directing Change Kits please contact Devin at: devin@directingchange.org
- We discussed the proposed mini grant program and suggestions included to offer districts the What I Wish My Parents Knew program, but not ask them to manage program administration of the school-based activities.

Discussion: School/Youth Strategic Planning (Jana Sczersputowski)

Jana Sczersputowski provided an update on the Youth/Schools workplan as part of the county-wide strategic plan for suicide prevention. As a group we discussed specific goals and activities related to prevention and early intervention.

Attendees:

- LA County Department of Mental Health – Prevention Services: Tracie Andrews, Carolyn Kaneko, Karon Austin, Nelly Arias, Aden Michael,
 - Consultants: Jana Sczersputowski, Stan Collins, Laurel Bear
- LA County Department of Education: Dotti Ysais, Jewel Forbes, Michael Shannon
- Other Attendees: Daisy Gomez, Brian McInerny (UCLA - Center of Excellence), Pat Harris DeLeva (The S Word), Rosemary Rubin, Stephanie Murray (Child/Adolescent Suicide Review Team), Lora Illig (NAMI Los Angeles), Jae O'Dougherty (LA LGBT Center), Christina Ramirez (Shields for Families), Terry Villa McDowell (LA Common Human Relations), Olga Jurtado (LAUSD)