

## CT Suicide Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, June 13, 2019

**Location:** Armed Forces Reserve Center  
Middletown, CT

**Present:** Angela Ahern (Madison Youth & Family Services), Gillian Anderson (My Friend Abby), Meagan Bell (Health 360), Wendy Caruso (United Way CT 2-1-1), Heather Clinger (Wheeler Clinic), Thomas Cordier (New England Center for CBT), Rob Cubilla (CTARNG), Gabrielle Cyr (CHR), Andrea Duarte (DMHAS), Bill Dunn, Marisa Giarnella Porco (Jordan Porco Foundation), Paul Hammer (Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health), Robert Harrison (Westerly Hospital), Celeste Jorge (DPH), Jake Kochin (CCMC), Walter Krauss (DMHAS), Linda Kwong (My Friend Abby), April Lange (CCMC), Geralyn Laut (AMPLIFY), Valerie Lepoutre (NAMI-CT), Susan Logan (DPH), Jessica Loss (VA Hospital), Jodi Lott (Gaggle), Steve MacHattie (Mercy Housing and Shelter), Debra Macht (ECHN), Tim Marshall (DCF), Alexis May (Wesleyan University), Susan McLaughlin (DMHAS), Orlando “Lonny” Mo (Scouts BSA, CT Rivers Council), Allyson Nadeau (Beacon Health Options), Scott Newgass (SDE), John Panicek (Scouts BSA, CT Rivers Council), Hayley Paquette (OCA), Simone Powell (CHR), Jennifer Roberts (OCME), Steven Rogers (CCMC), Michael Ruggiero (Wesleyan University), Gregory Simpson (Beacon Health Options), Heather Spada (United Way CT), Jennifer Sussman (UCHC CPES), Arnold Trasente (DCF), Faith Vos Winkel (Office of Child Advocate), Sara Wakai (UCHC), and Abby Wood (Wheeler Clinic).

AGENDA ITEM/TOPIC	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION /RESPONSIBLE
<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>	Andrea Duarte and Tim Marshall welcomed the group and initiated introductions. Reminder to sign in and out and complete an evaluation in order to receive CECs	
<b>II. Presentation</b>  <i>Ensuring Student Safety in School Digital Learning Environments</i>  Jodi Lott Gaggle <a href="mailto:jodi@gaggle.net">jodi@gaggle.net</a> <a href="http://www.gaggle.net">www.gaggle.net</a>	Gaggle provides safety solutions to schools K-12 and reviews the digital environments provided by schools to their students, such as Google, Canvas, Microsoft. Everything goes through an algorithm—documents, photos, videos, slideshows, calendar invites, etc. Potentially harmful content and images in school-issued email and online file storage accounts are flagged for expert review. Gaggle intercepts harmful content and alerts administrators based on severity. Rapid response is essential in imminent situations and school-appointed contacts are notified immediately, even after standard business hours.  Currently, Gaggle works with 1400 schools (approximately five million students). The most common incident types are violence; suicide and self-harm; profanity and vulgar language; nudity and sexual content; drugs and alcohol; and harassment. In the 2017-2018 school year, 542 lives were saved from suicide  <b>View the presentation at this link:</b> <a href="https://www.ctclearinghouse.org/Customer-Content/www/files/PDFs/Gaggle_CTSAB_Presentation.pdf">https://www.ctclearinghouse.org/Customer-Content/www/files/PDFs/Gaggle_CTSAB_Presentation.pdf</a>	
<b>III. State Plan 2025 Discussion</b>  Andrea Duarte Tim Marshall Alexis May	The “State Plan 2025 Discussion” agenda was as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do we have state plans?</li> <li>• What is the history of our state plan?</li> <li>• What has our state plan been used for?</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What’s in our current state plan?</li> <li>• Why are we revising the plan?</li> <li>• What is the plan for Plan 2025?</li> <li>• What is the timeline for the process?</li> <li>• Feedback questions</li> </ul> <p><b>View the presentation at this link:</b>  <a href="https://www.ctclearinghouse.org/Content/www/files/PDFs/061319_CTSAB_State_Plan_Pres.pdf">https://www.ctclearinghouse.org/Content/www/files/PDFs/061319_CTSAB_State_Plan_Pres.pdf</a></p>	
<b>IV. Review of Minutes</b>	April and May minutes were approved	
<b>V. Member Updates</b>	<p>- Karen Hanley shared that CHR conducted two depression screenings at Manchester Community College. The most recent had the highest number of screenings.</p> <p>-Marisa Giarnella Porco shared that the Jordan Porco Foundation’s “4 What’s Next” program is able to provide mini-grants throughout the country thanks to a grant from the Benny Fund. Scooper Sunday is August 4 at the Yard Goats game.  <a href="https://www.rememberingjordan.org/">https://www.rememberingjordan.org/</a></p> <p>-Paul Hammer shared that the New England Mental Health Technology Transfer Center’s suicide prevention symposium is June 17, 2019, at Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts.</p> <p>-The Young Adult Grief Support Group is now offering hikes twice a month. For more information, contact Valerie Lepoutre at <a href="mailto:youngadultcoordinator@namict.org">youngadultcoordinator@namict.org</a></p> <p>-Jodi Lott volunteered at the 1 Word, 1 Voice 1 Life suicide prevention table at the May 19 Yard Goats game.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 11:05 am</p>	
<b>VI. 2018-2019 Meeting Schedule</b>	Contact Andrea Duarte with suggestions for meeting presenters/topics, <a href="mailto:andrea.duarte@ct.gov">andrea.duarte@ct.gov</a>	
Meetings are the second Thursday of the month, 9:00am—11:00am	<p><b>2019 Dates:</b> 7/11, 8/8, 9/12(Nat’l SP Week), 10/10, 11/14, 12/12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7/11/19: Marisa Porco, Jordan Porco Foundation, <i>4 What’s Next</i></li> <li>- 8/8/19: Dr. Jeffrey Shelton, Middlesex Hospital, <i>LGBTQ Persons and Suicide</i></li> </ul>	

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<p>MG Maurice Rose Armed Forces Reserve Center 375 Smith Street Middletown, CT 06457</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10/10/19: Susan McLaughlin, DMHAS Problem Gambling Services, <i>Gambling and Suicide</i></li> <li>- 11/14/19: Amy Hanoian-Fontana, CT Poison Control Center, <i>Saint Francis and EMS Pilot Project</i></li> <li>- 12/12/19: Tentative- John P. Halligan and Emily B. Dickson, Book: <i>Ryan's Story: A Father's Hard-Earned Lessons about Cyberbullying and Suicide</i></li> </ul> <p><b>2020 Dates:</b> 1/9, 2/13, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10 (Nat'l SP Wk-State Conference), 10/8, 11/12, 12/10</p> <p><b>Subcommittee meetings are listed in the monthly meeting announcement sent on the CTSAB listserv.</b></p>	