



## South Shore Community Partners in Prevention

**South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (CHNA 23)  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
9:00AM – 10:15AM  
MINUTES**

Meeting recording available on SSCPP's [YouTube page](#).

In attendance: Elizabeth Torrant, Health Imperatives; Kelly Macomber, Plymouth Public Schools; Cheryl Kramer, Student Wellness Case Manager, Cape Cod Community College; Laura Rosentahl, Plymouth Suicide Prevention Coalition; Sue Giovanetti, Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless; Karen Peterson, BID-Plymouth; Jessica Parson Supportive Housing Specialist Old Colony Elder Services, Sandra Wright. Plymouth County Suicide Coalition; Jennie Babcock, Co-Chair- Plymouth County Suicide Prevention Coalition; Brittainy Lindsey, LMHC - Quality Improvement at Healthcentric Advisors; Karyn, BID Plymouth ACCESS program; Kim Scotland, United Way & SSCPP Coordinator; Sheila Flaherty - NAMI Plymouth Area; Debbie Raymond, ForHealth Consulting at UMass Chan Medical School; Susan West BID-Plymouth- Family Education; Lindsay Reik, Social/Outreach Worker, Town of Plymouth Center for Active Living; Nancy McIver, Cape&Islands Suicide Prevention; Sean Halpin, Plymouth Public Schools; Elizabeth Norton, Plymouth Pediatric Assoc; Cristina Wilson Old Colony YMCA Plymouth; Judy Duarte and Ace Madrigale, PCIS; Gillian Norton, Social Worker at Spaulding Rehab Cape Cod; Jenn Hoadley, regional manager for Southeastern MA, Alzheimer's Association; Oonagh Brault, Plymouth Suicide Coalition; Dora Teague; Mike Jackman, SSCPP Chair/Congressman Keating's Office

Mike Jackman, SSCPP Chair kicked off at 8:58 am. All provided self-introductions in the chat.

All voted to approve the February general meeting minutes. Mike shared SSCPP will host its Annual Meeting and Health Literacy Awards Ceremony in person on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mini Grant Outcomes Report: Health Imperatives Survivors of Violence Social Marketing Initiative**

Presented by: Elizabeth Torrant, Chief Program Officer

- Elizabeth shared an overview of Health Imperatives. All services they provide are trauma informed and free or low-cost. The grant was for the New Day Sexual Assault Program.

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- Created several multimedia marketing materials- bus flyers, social posts, digital mobile ads, radio ad on WPLM-FM and more in several different languages. Reached 5,912 people on social media. Also shared some client success stories from folks who utilized the 24/7 hotline.

## **Major Topic: Mental Health (Part 1 / 2)**

*Judy Duarte, Nurse Educator at Plymouth Community Intermediate School (PCIS), Yellow Tulip Program and student, Ace*

- Judy is also a pediatric nurse practitioner. She was joined by Ace, 7<sup>th</sup> grader and ambassador of the Yellow Tulip Project.
- Judy shared the project is nationwide and youth driven. Its main goal is to eliminate mental health stigma particularly for youth and to have them speak up to spread hope.
- PCIS started their chapter two years ago. The project originates in Maine. Judy was the first person to bring this program to the middle school level. PCIS has a team of 8 kids that are ambassadors and create hope gardens. Last year, they planted 500 tulip bulbs and this year they expanded to plant 300 at the Plymouth Library. Plymouth North and Plymouth South middle schools now have chapters also.
- Ace shared she lost her father to suicide. This March, PCIS is hosting an event to collect donations of blankets, stuffed animals, etc. for the Franciscan Children's Hospital. Can see the impact the tulips have on the school and the town community. The tulips bring people together and "smash the stigma". Ambassadors meet once a week and in the fall plant all the bulbs and get the gardens ready. Also offer activities for all the students such as the Hope Day walk and yoga afternoons. This year they are having a walk in the community on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Paul Gabriele, Suicide Prevention Trainer, Plymouth County Suicide Prevention Coalition*

- SSCPP provided a grant to the ASIST program (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training). Took a little time to launch due to covid and held first session in Hanover recently. Eight SSCPP members received scholarships to attend the training at no cost.
- Paul provided an overview of the coalition. They are heading into their 9<sup>th</sup> year and began in Plymouth (serve all of Plymouth County now). Have a lot of great partners. Jennie and Laura serve as co-chairs and Paul helped to found the group.
- Have gotten into schools in most of the towns in Plymouth County. Have trained over 400 police officers, firefighters, and EMTs.
- Programs offered include: Mental Health First Aid Classes, Suicide Prevention Classes, Talk Saves Lives, QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer, and ASIST- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills.
- All trainings are evidence based. QPR Institute, Mental Health First Aid, and ASIST and are usually offered FREE. The coalition is also available for crisis situations in the community also. Jennie works with a veterans group and is on the radio often as well to talk about mental health and resources. Can also offer sessions at workplaces and in schools.
- Always looking for new partners. Now offer CEUs for mental health first aid classes and ASIST for social workers and are working on for teachers and other professions also.

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- Suicide crisis line is now 988 effective July 16, 2022. There are five call centers in MA.  
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**Upcoming Regional Community Health Worker Forum:** SSCPP is working with the Brockton CHNA and the Massachusetts Association for Community Health Workers for a convening of CHWs in our region for April 28th. There are 10 core competencies, and they are working on an 11<sup>th</sup> which is mental health.

**Upcoming Grant Writing Sessions with BID Plymouth:** SSCPP finances are not allowing as many grants to be awarded and so are excited to have grant writing trainings in partnership with BID. There will be ASL trainers at all sessions. More info [here](#).

**Upcoming SSCPP Health Literacy Awards on June 14<sup>th</sup>:** Now Accepting Nominations! Please see nomination form on SSCPP [website](#).

The floor was opened for membership announcements.

Adjourned at 10:15am.

Next Meeting: April 12<sup>th</sup>

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