



Belmont County Prevention Coalition
March 2nd, 2022 @ 10am
Meeting is HYBRID
In-person: ESC office (67400 Betty Lee Wy, St Clairsville)
Zoom Meeting: Access via Meeting ID 3449046061

The Mission of the Belmont County Suicide Prevention Coalition (BCSPC) shall be to promote suicide prevention as a public health issue and advance evidence-based awareness, intervention and methodology strategies which will support suicide prevention efforts.

Our Vision is to provide suicide prevention information and resources, raise awareness, eliminate stigma, and increase help-seeking behavior for all citizens of Belmont County.

Call to Order

- Introductions were made by all Attendees: Wendy Ware, Catherine Lanham, Emily Williamson, Yuki Comstock, Candi Greathouse, Julie Gomez, Lorissa Dunfee, Marissa Ruble, Jennifer Doty, Bree Piper, Leann Cline, Tina McGill, Courtney McCutcheon, Jenine Zackey, Linda Mehl, Stacy Stephen, Anrea Lewis, Nicole Gallagher, Jim Casebolt
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting made by Jenine Zackey, Andrea seconded the motion. minutes approved as submitted.

Coalition Updates

- Linda Mehl provided an update from the Health Department. She shared the latest data regarding overdoses in Belmont County. February 2023 was the highest number of overdoses on record. There was discussion around possible causes. Linda shared that the Health Department submitted a Harm Reduction grant but has not heard if it has been awarded. It would provide HIV/Hep C screenings starting in October. They will be distributing naloxone boxes to OUE and Belmont College. She recently provided naloxone training at Olney Friends schools, the first at that location. There was discussion regarding setting up a “drive-thru” training, possibly at the mall. Linda said she will follow up with Candi regarding this. Linda shared that they are present at the Salvation Army during food distribution times and at the Martins Ferry Rec Center.
- Social Media goal reached! 351 likes and 375 Followers (goal is 350 for FY22).
 - Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/BCPartnersinPrev>) posts will be made by Chad and Nicole in March and Catherine, Tina and Emily will cover April. There was some discussion around negative or inappropriate comments on the coalition's facebook page. Members shared ways to handle this if it should occur (do nothing or provide a “social work” response, redirecting the comment to the positive).
- Southeast Postvention Pilot Program provided by Amy Zell will be on March 18th- There is a link to the registration on the agenda. Space is limited.
- Catherine provided a problem gambling update. She said that calls to the Helpline have tripled since the legalization of sports betting. The Pause Before You Play/ Sports Betting Campaign is under way to bring awareness to the problem. Leann met with Derrick Longmire from PGNO for the podcast she hosts. Julie questioned if any of the 988 information has been shared at the Casino. It has not, but will be made available.
- Catherine and Tina provided a 988 Grant update. Materials are here and ready to go. Members were encouraged to take some to distribute in the community. The grant ends on 3/15/23.

- Tina provided information regarding the Coalition Connection Virtual Conference that was held on February 17th. There were an average of 40 attendees at each session.
- Random Acts of Kindness day was on February 17th, 2023. Facebook posts consisted of positive, uplifting messages. They were lighthearted and fun.
- Leann is hosting the Mental Wellness Matters Podcast. She interviewed Derrick Longmire this morning. OUE SW program is up next on her schedule to promote the need for behavioral health workers in our area. Everyone is encouraged to contact Leann if they have a topic for consideration.
- Problem Gambling Awareness Month is March. To help spread awareness, the Addiction Machine Virtual Viewing will be held on March 15th at 11am. Everyone who is interested is encouraged to attend. <https://forms.gle/PbwPjLiKrUtCD9Dm8>
- To advance postvention efforts there will be a Keepers of Life training on April 10 from 10-3 at the OSU Extension Office in Monroe County. <https://forms.gle/xwjHFBK2QHWmKmmA8>
- Lorissa Dunfee shared information about the OSU Extension Live Healthy Live Well series. It will be starting on April 3. Different OSU Educators will provide weekly emails and Lunch and Learn Webinars on Wednesdays 12-12:30pm. It's free and someone can sign up via a link or e-mail.
- Tina shared information on the Mental Health Walk that is scheduled for May 6th. It will likely be at the same locations as last year. Participants can pick their own location. More information to come.
- Tina shared information about Mental Health Mondays in May. There will be QPR Trainings provided on May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. They are targeting the faith based community this year. Nicole shared that the VA has a QPR like training program specific for the veteran community.
- Tri-County Help Center- On March 11th we are doing a self-defense class! @ 12 PM-1:00PM parenting class... we are trying to get referrals!
- Purse Bingo is April 22nd and we are looking for vendors, gift baskets for the country store, and gift cards.
- The room at the ECOESC will not be available for the April Belmont County Partners in Prevention meeting. It was decided that it will be held virtually in April.

Upcoming Events:

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- QPR – May 8th at Noon Register using the QR code to the right or by clicking the following link <https://forms.gle/RvA89P1sxqHCERzp9>
- Youth MHFA March 16th, 2023 from 9:00am-2:30m. Register using the QR code to the right or by clicking the following link <https://forms.gle/RvA89P1sxqHCERzp9>
- [Tea Time Tuesdays-March 14th at 9am](#)
- The Prevention Exchange: Sharing Success, Shaping Solutions series is built around learning with and from each other. Join us on the last Thursday of the month from 1-2pm to share information about prevention topics and trends, find solutions to the challenge they present, and connect with other professionals working to build healthy and safe communities. The series allows for collaborative discussion, and interactive information sharing in an informal space. Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpdeuhpj8qE9y8qo1JHd4wnHugfNOzMedf?_x_zm_rt



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- “Harm Reduction 101” with Dr. Laura Palombi on Thursday, March 9th from 11am-12pm. Register using the following link:
https://umn.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlocOitqzguGdyQOhCZo5P5yqJmLQk_bjsr
- The VA Pittsburgh Suicide Postvention Team is hosting our 5th annual Day of Remembrance where we honor those who have died from suicide or a substance use related death. Join us for our virtual event on Friday March 3rd, 2023 from Noon until 12:30pm. See flyer for more details and access.

Resource Sharing/Roundtable Discussion

- Yuki shared information about Handle with Care. Monroe County is live and she held a partners meeting in Belmont County last week. She will be working with local law enforcement and schools to get the program implemented at the beginning of the 2024 school year.
- Nicole shared information about a pig roast in PA that all veterans are invited to. It will be at the Marianne Outdoor Association in an effort to engage with people beyond providing information about resources.
- Linda and Wendy discussed the Suicide Review Board meeting. Considerations to be made are follow ups with attempts, SW on scene, crisis response team, etc. Leann stressed that this is the plan but unfortunately there is a workforce shortage that makes this difficult.
- Jenine asked if there were resources available for young people who are dealing with grief.

Next Meeting Date – April 6th, 2023 VIRTUAL