REVIEW/UPDATE ON POSTVENTION EFFORTS

What
• Streamline/strengthen bereavement support for loss survivors from County – selected from FY18 work plan
• Bereavement calls to suicide loss survivors

Who
• Next-of-kin who have survived suicide losses
• Calls to be made by County Suicide Prevention Program (staff, volunteers)
• Intervention Workgroup to develop supporting resources

When
• 1-3 months following suicide loss (to be confirmed)
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Why

• Offer postvention/bereavement support during calls through connection with peer

• Offer postvention/bereavement support by providing information and resources, including County grief resources and information on grief (e.g. SACS’ “Suicide: What to Expect”?)

• Follow-up with relevant community institutions and provide community bereavement and prevention support (e.g. resource on organizing memorials, working with media, future prevention trainings)
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Progress To-Date

• Understanding of any bereavement support being provided by other organizations: SCCOE, schools, police, SACS, AFSP (Coroner, Kara, Bill Wilson Center)

• SP Program receiving death notifications from Coroner/SACS

• Increased connection with community institutions – VA, local university, business

• Drafted materials – talking points, grief support list

• Understanding of evidence and best practices in supporting suicide loss survivors – AFSP
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Suggested Materials Needed

- Talking points and guidelines/training materials for calls
- List and information about County grief resources
- Information on grief/what to expect (SACS sheet?)
- Other resources, outlets for grief, e.g. reading lists, list of walks/events
- Adapted materials on community bereavement? e.g. organizing memorials, working with media
PROGRAM UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Program e-newsletter
- 2017 Annual Report – SPOC 1/18, BOS 1/24
- South County safe messaging media training – date TBD
- AB2246 implementation survey – SLS, SCCOE
- Crisis Text Line – agreement in negotiation
- Volunteers!

Reminders

- MHSA Stakeholder Leadership Committee applications – due 1/22
- BHB Heroes nominations – due 2/1 (extended)