American Legion Family Suicide Prevention Coalition Kick Off Meeting

9/20/2022

Virtual meeting-minutes

5:30-6:30 pm

**Introductions**

Ray Eiden-District 5

Dave Dahl-District 4

Mike Maxa- Adjutant American Legion Department- District 3

Patti Coleman

Kelley Adelsman

Andrea Perry- MNPLS VA CEPC

Laura Stumvoll-St. Cloud VA CEPC

Ray, Dave, and Wade started a Coffee Group in the Meto area for Veterans. They are meeting on Tuesday from 0900-1000. Coalition members discussed developing a resource list for those hosting the Coffee groups to have to give out or access if someone needs further assistance. Laura and Andrea will work with those listed to help make the resource guide user friendly. Andrea will set up a meeting with the group noted above.

Laura discussed the September 24, 2022, event happening at the St. Cloud Stand Down facility. There will be resources for Veterans to access, food, and games.

Laura and Andrea will provide SAVE training during the fall American Legion Conference on October 28, 2022. The trainings will be at two different times, on that day.

Carl Moon suggested Legion Members tour St. Cloud Stand Down while at the Conference, being held in St. Cloud.

Mike updated the group on the #BetheOne Campaign the American Legion is going to start related to Suicide Prevention.

Andrea has 988 posters available that can be given to American Legion posts. Mike asked Andrea could provide 600 posters that he would give out at the conference. Andrea will check on this.

Did not show the Lethal Means Safety video made by MDVA but encouraged coalition members to share with others.

Kelley Adelsman noted she will be attending a couple different conferences for the Faith Community around mental health and suicide prevention. She applied for a Grant to study spiritual practices of individuals, and the correlation of decreased thoughts of suicide or suicidal behavior.

Action Items:

Peer to Peer document development-Ray, Wade, Dave, Laura, and Andrea

Complete meeting minutes-Laura

Send meeting minutes out to coalition members-Mike

Next meeting is October 18,2022 from 5:30-6:30 pm-virtually

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