## Agenda Item: Call to Order

**Time:** 8:06 am

**Person Responsible:** Committee Chair

## Agenda Item: Welcome & Introductions

Roundtable introductions were made.

**Person Responsible:** All

## Agenda Item: Minutes – 11/18/10

Minutes from 11/18/10 were distributed for review. Correction: PFLAG has one G not two G's.

1st - William VanLandingham
2nd - Carla Sawyer

Motion made and seconded for minutes to be approved with the changes noted. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Person Responsible:** Committee

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## Agenda Item: Attendees

Sign in sheet on file

**Person Responsible:** N/A

TKruse

## II. Discussion Items

### a. Budget FY 2010/2011

- **(Budget Forecast is in Packet)** The Task Force has $162,013.28 remaining balance in the budget. The Task Force was asked to do some research and bring some ideas forward in the meeting for use of the funds. It is still an unclear picture as to what funds will be available for next year. Noah is hoping to have a better forecast of the budget by next meeting.

**Suggestions:**
- Move some of the money over to help pay for the clinician overseeing the 55+ screening pilot project (assessments, limited treatment and referrals).
- Look at getting a Spanish version of ASIST, and get Spanish speaking train the trainers.
- Purchase items for future events (Such as the Chalk Art Festival #2)
- Medication drop off event where people can safely turn in the extra medications from their homes. This is a work in progress with Alcohol and Drug, the DEA will need to be involved for the disposal.
- Start a support group for the people that have survived suicide attempts. Best practices will need to be researched and reviewed by the Task Force before starting this program.
- Give people at the gates of the AG Show each a packet of sunflower seeds in order to spread the word world-wide.

**Person Responsible:** Committee

- Information share
| Continued Budget | **Motion:** To move some money to help cover clinician salary.  
1st – Dr. Karen Hall  
2nd - Don Myers  

Agriculture is one of the concerns for suicide risk. The Ag show is on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of February. Noah will check to make sure we still have a shared booth.  

**Motion:** To have SPTF utilize a booth at the AG Show.  
1st – Pastor Stephanie Doss  
2nd – Darcy Massey  

Noah will make a schedule for the participants who volunteered to man the booth. Some volunteers were noted: Harvey Torgeson (SOS), Carla Sawyer (HHSA), Diane Scissors (Public), and Tracy Kruse (HHSA). If you would like to volunteer contact Noah. | ▪ Motion made and seconded for money to be moved to help cover clinician salary. All were in favor, motion carried. | Committee |
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| b. **Festival of Hope** | **Festival of Hope** – Moving festival of hope date, Patty (Outlet Center) wants the festival to be at the Tulare Outlet Mall again this year. We can move the festival to October; the dates available are October 1-2, 8-9, or 15-16. Patty’s preference is early October either 1-2 or 8-9.  

**Motion:** Move the Festival of Hope to October 8th and 9th  
1st – Don Myers  
2nd - William VanLandingham | ▪ Motion made and seconded for the Festival of Hope to be moved to October 8th and 9th. All were in favor, motion carried. | |
| c. **Means Restriction (Gun Locks) survey results** | 101 people have taken the survey at this point; Noah went over each section’s results. At this time the survey shows there is an educational component that is needed. Noah will continue to monitor the survey site; he will send the information in a PDF file to committee members. | ▪ Information Share |
### Continued Means Restriction (Gun Locks) survey results

Question brought to the Task Force: Does the task force want to purchase the gun locks (cost $40,000) or do we want to look for other programs?

**Motion:** Not to purchase the gun locks.
1st – Tim Inouye
2nd – Denise Nelson

**Suggestion:** Could we tie in gun safety training, as it seems to be more about educating and training? Gun safety is not suicide prevention training, if there is a way to tie it all in that may be viable.

Cheryl asked if the committee was okay with members contacting the sheriff department to see how we can collaboration for the gun locks? Yes

- Motion made and seconded to not purchase the gun locks. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Hospital ED Follow-up

The protocols within the hospitals are standard. ER visits due to suicide attempt, the ER will either call Don’s team or Tim’s team. Most hospitals have social services staff. Can we put together a toolkit of the resources to give to the hospital as a resource they can give patients when being released? You need the warm connection in order to get them to feel it’s a warm caring thing. This will be taken back to the clinical practices subcommittee for discussion and then brought back to the committee.

- Information Share

### III. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

| Sub-1 - Awareness www.sptf.org | Sub-1 shared: **Internet** – On January 11th it was reported by Havey Torgeson that they started a SPTF website, separate from Tulare County HHSA. They need people to monitor the web-pages. A suggestion was made to go out to the community and ask for help. Currently there are 3 constant members on this sub-committee, which meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3 pm. If there is a category that needs to be put on the site let them know, they need suggestions, such as; Encouraging messages, or a 10 to 20 second video having individuals saying they support SPTF. It would be great if we could see about having our link on the school web-pages.

**Need for active members** – Everyone is encouraged to join a subcommittee, if they are interested they need to contact Noah.

**Survivor Sunflower Pin Story (Susan Rhodes)** – Tabled | Information Share | Sub 1 Committee |
### Galaxy Theatre, thank you letter
A letter was created thanking the theatre for supporting the Festival of Hope which turned out to be a great success. The letter was signed by all attendees and will be sent to the theatre.

### Trevor Project Annual Report
The Trevor Project mentioned our task force in a couple different areas. This is getting into the hands of many influential people all around the united states.

### b. Sub-2 - Surveillance Systems
Sub 2 shared:
- **Coroners Report** – Tulare County had an increase in suicides. There may be several factors to this, such as increase in population. Noah reviewed and explained the reports charts and graphs.

### Data Update
2008-2009 data is still being gathered. The information from the National Suicide Lifeline has not been received. The data collected shows most calls come in on Thursday’s and Friday’s, we might want to increase advertising on Thursday’s and Fridays. The increases of calls coincide with outreach but there is no way of knowing if it is connected. Sharon Minnick is the new epidemiologist and is researching data and trends. Once her computer security is updated she can receive live updates. The self-inflicted injury data is also being researched to make sure there is no duplication in numbers on the report for the hospitals. If there are duplicated numbers it may be connected with the patient admits. Getting national data is a challenge as it is at least three years behind. Comparisons with other counties would be difficult since we are ahead of the curve. There are only 5 formal task forces in our state. Kings County hasn’t started collecting data but feel they are comparable with our data.

### Instrumentality
Death by firearm and death by ligature are separated by one point on the report. With firearms you can have gun locks but how do we reduce hangings? Please think about this and bring back thoughts at our next meeting.

### c. Sub-3 - Clinical & Professional Practices
Sub 3 shared:
- **Voucher Program** – The subcommittee did not meet during the holidays. The Voucher program is in place and has two providers for services and two pending. If you know a clinician that would like to participate they can send in a resume to Noah.

- Information Share

- Sub 2 Committee

- Sub 3 Committee
Older Adult Pilot – This program was mirrored with KTAAA home delivered meals program. Not many people wanted to do the assessment mainly due to a disclosure cover letter. The county has hired a clinician to do the screenings and refer them to services if needed. Her name is Maureen Duarte. She will be located at the Visalia Health Clinic.

The Clinical Practices subcommittee is looking at defining categories by data received and will discuss outreach options for those groups. If anyone is interested in this kind of information they need to join the Clinical Practice Subcommittee, which meets every other month on Thursday.

d. Sub-4 - Training & Implementing Programs

Sub 4 shared:
**ASIST** – Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training: Since the last meeting there have been many completed sessions with great feedback. A question was asked about bringing in other counties in for the training. Other counties would be able to utilize spaces that are not filled by our county. Total cost per person $60. Kings County would like to take advantage of some of the spaces and since we are Tulare and Kings Task Force we can have trainings specifically for Kings. There is a table in the packet that list the dates of training. Please contact Noah if you are interested. The training is completely appropriate for everyone at any level in any job classification.

**Tulare & Kings Counties SPTF** – Everything is well on its way to being approved. Hopefully by the end of February it will on forwarded to the State for approval.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION – REMAINING TIME YIELDED TO FLOOR

- Please look at SPTF.org and make comments and recommendation
- Friday the 13th of February a showing of the movie “Bullying” will be at the Porterville Unitarian Fellowship.
- Noah mentioned he has supplies in storage at least 1,000 of each on hand if anyone needs anything contact him.
- Roots Conference – Two day conference for people all over the region. Many workshops are available. Dr. Noguera will be speaking specifically on working together. Brochures were distributed on the Roots Conference.
Denise would like the committee to sponsor the NAMI Walk.

Motion: Sponsor NAMI Walk – Presenting Sponsor
1st – Dr. Karen Hall
2nd – William VanLandingham

- Motion made and seconded to be a Presenting Sponsor for the NAMI Walk. All were in favor, motion carried.

**VIII. Conclusion**

- The next meeting scheduled for March 17, 2011. Location information pending, will not be held at PDC building, the traditional SPTF meeting space.
- Upcoming individual group meeting dates will be shared, as dates are set.
- Those interested in joining a sub-committee are welcome to contact Noah Whitaker, Cheryl Lennon-Arms, or Dr. Karen Haught

**Informational Materials/Handouts**

- 1/20/11 Meeting Packet
- C.A.R.E. (Connect Accept Respond Empower) Flyer - How to Support LGBTQ Youth
- Article: Santa Monica Student Leaps to His Death
- Article: Many Surgeons With Thoughts of Suicide Aren’t Asking for Help.
- Roots Conference Brochure
- Those interested in ordering informational materials presented by TC, are welcome to leave their contact information or contact Noah Whitaker at 624-7471

**Adjournment**

10:15 a.m.