

Workshop on Best Practices for Implementation and Evaluation of a Non-Clinical Community-Based Suicide Prevention Grants Program

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AGENDA

ALL TIMES EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

9:00 am Welcome and Workshop Goals

Daniel J. Weiss, Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences; National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Carl A. Castro, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, University of Southern California; Chair, Workshop Planning Committee

9:15 am Sponsor Perspective

Matthew A. Miller, Office of Suicide Prevention, Department of Veterans Affairs

**9:25 am Setting the Stage: Examples of Non-Clinical Community-Based Suicide
Prevention Programs**

Session Introduction

Carl A. Castro, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, University of Southern California; Chair, Workshop Planning Committee

USAA Face the Fight

David Rozek, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Suicide Prevention and Opioid Addiction Services (SOS) Program

Brandi Jancaitis, Virginia Department of Veterans Services

White Mountain Apache Suicide Prevention Program

Mary Cwik, Johns Hopkins University

Novalene Alsenay Goklish, Johns Hopkins University

Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Suicide Prevention Program

SAHMSA Native Connections Grants Program

Richard McKeon, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

10:15 am Best Practices for Program Development & Oversight and Grantee-Level Implementation & Performance Metrics

Session Introduction

Daniel Friend, Mathematica; Member, Workshop Planning Committee

The Public Health Approach and Comprehensive Suicide Prevention

Alex E. Crosby, Morehouse School of Medicine

Models for Effective Community Suicide Prevention

Elly Stout, EDC; Member, Workshop Planning Committee

Developing Logic Models for Evaluating Community-Based Interventions

Corbin Standley, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Comprehensive Technical Assistance to Support Program Outcomes

Carrie Farmer, RAND

Design of Actionable Dashboards for Supporting Program Implementation and Oversight

Itzhak Yanovitzky, Rutgers University

10:50 am BREAK

11:00 am Best Practices for Program Development & Oversight and Grantee-Level Implementation & Performance Metrics, continued

Moderated Panel Discussion, Part One: Lessons Learned from Examples of Non-Clinical Community-Based Suicide Prevention Programs

Moderator

Colin Walsh, Vanderbilt University; Member, Workshop Planning Committee

Panel Members

Mary Cwik, Johns Hopkins University

Novalene Alsenay Goklish, Johns Hopkins University

Brandi Jancaitis, Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Richard McKeon, SAMHSA

David Rozek, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

11:40 am BREAK

11:45 am **Best Practices for Program Development & Oversight and Grantee-Level Implementation & Performance Metrics, continued**

Moderated Panel Discussion, Part Two: Expert Insights on Program Development & Oversight and Grantee-Level Implementation & Performance Metrics

Moderator

Colin Walsh, Vanderbilt University; Member, Workshop Planning Committee

Panel Members

Ebony Akinsanya, CDC Foundation

Alex E. Crosby, Morehouse School of Medicine

Carrie Farmer, RAND

Elly Stout, EDC; Member, Workshop Planning Committee

Corbin Standley, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Christine Walrath, ICF

Itzhak Yanovitzky, Rutgers University

12:30 **Audience Q&A**

12:45 pm **LUNCH**

1:45 pm **Best Practices for Program Evaluation**

Session Introduction

Diana Clarke, American Psychiatric Association; Member, Workshop Planning Committee

From Program Evaluation to Comprehensive, Community-Based Suicide Prevention Evaluation: Lessons Learned from the Field

Kristen Quinlan, EDC

Multi-site Community-Based Suicide Prevention Program Evaluation: An Example from the Field

Christine Walrath, ICF

Moderated Panel Discussion

Moderator

Diana Clarke, American Psychiatric Association; Member, Workshop Planning Committee

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Brandi Jancaitis, Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Richard McKeon, SAMHSA

Tanha Patel, CDC Foundation

Kristen Quinlan, EDC

David Rozek, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Christine Walrath, ICF

2:55 pm **Audience Q&A**

3:10 pm	BREAK
3:20 pm	Best Practices for Communicating Program Results <i>Session Introduction</i> Bernice Pescosolido, Indiana University Bloomington; Member, Workshop Planning Committee <i>Best Processes for Strategic Communication of Program Results</i> Jeff Niederdeppe, Cornell University <i>Data Storytelling: Best Practices for Communicating Impact</i> Corbin J. Standley, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention <i>Moderated Panel Discussion</i> Moderator Bernice Pescosolido, Indiana University Bloomington; Member, Workshop Planning Committee Panel Members Mary Cwik, Johns Hopkins University Novalene Alsenay Goklish, Johns Hopkins University Brandi Jancaitis, Virginia Department of Veterans Services Richard McKeon, SAMHSA Jeff Niederdeppe, Cornell University Corbin Standley, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Itzhak Yanovitzky, Rutgers University
4:20 pm	Audience Q&A
4:35 pm	BREAK
4:40 pm	Synthesis and Key Takeaways Carrie Farmer, RAND
4:55 pm	Closing Remarks Carl Castro, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, University of Southern California; Chair, Workshop Planning Committee
5:00 pm	ADJOURN WORKSHOP