

Clackamas County Suicide Prevention Action Plan

Means Safety Team Minutes

August 1, 2023 | 1 – 2pm
Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Donna-Marie Drucker (Chair and facilitator), Galli Murray, Megan Miller (VISTA Member Suicide Prevention Coordinator)

1) Welcome & introductions

Reviewed purpose of this action team which is: In collaboration with the firearm community, law enforcement agencies, community-based organizations, academic environments, health care providers and suicide prevention training partners, promote means safety as part of a comprehensive approach to suicide prevention

2) Reviewed Suicide Prevention Action Plan (SPAP) strategic directions for the Means Safety Action Team:

2a. Engage the firearm community in this work and let them lead versus telling them what to do.

2b. Increase awareness about access to secure storage items such as rifle cases, gun cable locks and medication lock boxes and why using them can save lives.

2c. Provide suicide prevention trainings within the firearm community.

2d. Increase firearm cultural competence for behavioral, physical health and substance use providers and those who may not identify as part of the firearm community.

Update from last meeting:

- Will be looking for volunteers to call FFL's to see if they would be willing to provide temporary storage for firearms.
- Clackamas County has given approximately 2000 no cost secure storage items away (pistol and long gun vaults, medication lock boxes and cable locks).
- Clackamas County just received 69 bio-metric pistol vaults. These will be distributed at no cost to the community in a manner that is TBD.

New Business:

- Fred Weaver from Douglas Ridge will make phone calls to FFL's to see who would be willing to offer temporary storage. He will be paid to do this out of the grant that OR Firearm Safety Coalition was awarded.
- "Welcome boxes" for new firearm owners (modeled after <https://usrepresented.com/2023/01/07/baby-box/#:~:text=Finland%20is%20a%20socially%20progressive,public%20health%20program%20ever%20since.>) – hoping to get a welcome letter from the national shooting association to go in these boxes, swag from stores such as eye protection, hats, ear protection, etc. Hoping to have the Public Safety Shooting Range, Douglas Ridge Rifle Club (DRRC), others, give these away. Research says that giving these resources away at point of sale makes a positive difference. Hoping to do 200 boxes.
- Donna-Marie is updating suicide prevention new member orientation slides. She does new member

orientation at DRRC and Tri County Gun Club.

- Train the Trainer Firearm QPR in August at the Tri County Gun Club is almost at capacity. Galli will send out another push to fill the class and ask that the OR Alliance to Prevent Suicide push this out as well.

Review action items

1. Grow this team. As opportunities to engage members of the firearm community present themselves, let's make sure to invite others to join this group.

Next meeting is September 12, 2023, from 1 – 2pm

Meeting Link here: <https://clackamas-us-countyhealth.zoom.us/j/84130769151>

Meetings are open to anyone. All are welcome!