

Clackamas County Suicide Prevention Action Plan

Means Safety Team Minutes

December 21, 2022 | 1 – 2pm
Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Donna-Marie Drucker (Chair and facilitator), Galli Murray, Casey Curry (NAMI Clackamas Peer and Peer Resource Coordinator for Veterans)

▪ Welcome to the Means Safety Action Team & 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

Strategic directions for Means Safety:

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.

Team discussed briefly how to quantify this work and came up with several ideas.

Discussion and action to advance 2a.

- Collaborate with and regularly attend meetings with the [Oregon Firearm Safety Coalition](#). Team plans to invite folks to these meetings.
- Generate a list of all Federal Firearms Licensees (FFL's) to understand location and number of firearm retailers located in Clackamas County. List is here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mFmCrEu9Yr6W_nJmGjvlqL-BGuXNJZi2lvILO9fW08/edit?usp=sharing

Team discussed having various folks in the community go through the list and identify locations that might be a good place to start (ex. FFLs that folks have relationships with, FFLs that we would perhaps not want to work with, etc.)

Partner with Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to approach FFL's to, 1) [distribute messaging with each sale](#); 2) display messaging in their business; 3) inquire as to whether or not the FFL would be a temporary storage location for firearms. Team discussed we haven't been able to move this forward as of this date. Could this outreach occur via phone instead of relying on only in person? What about using the folks who teach gun safety courses to make these phone calls to FFLs? Casey suggested a person who she took a course from.

Identify temporary storage options for firearms. Lane County has a link on their web site that lists temporary

storage options: <https://www.suicidepreventlane.org/resources/>. Pawn shops, law enforcement agencies may be options for temp storage. Need to generate a list of possibilities. Storage units could be an option for possible temp storage as this has been used in Lane County. They called storage unit companies and found that they do provide storage but they don't openly advertise this.

Attend the [Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide](#) lethal means advisory group and partner as appropriate. Donna-Marie is the co-chair of the group and attends regularly.

Discussion and action to advance 2b

Continue to make available no cost secure storage items. Clackamas County already provides rifle cases, small gun vaults, medication lock boxes and gun cable locks at no cost. Contact Gallimur@clackamas.us for these items. Current project is underway to develop videos featuring a gun owner that goes step by step as to how to put a cable lock on various guns. This will be made available in languages other than English.

Team discussed a public service campaign - no unauthorized access. Could we use grant dollars from the existing Zero Suicide SAMHSA grant to create a campaign? Team discussed creating a bunch of videos featuring all types of gun owners. Would we want to ask OHA to partner? NAMI? Team discussed pros and cons of partnering with another agency.

Ask the firearm community about where and who should be distributing secure storage items. Team discussed surveying firearm owners about that types of storage devices they would most use, the best ways to distribute and where. Team discussed having pop up events in the park, events, coffee shops, community events where higher risk populations would attend, sporting events where secure storage items would be distributed. Also discussed having a set date and time that these items are distributed at a location so folks know to expect it and can count on getting items at this time. Create a list for the community and advertise, example "First Tuesday of the month at ____ location we will be giving away items" Target spaces where community already congregates as we know that not everyone seeks mental health care. Perhaps we don't need a survey but just need to create a list of places?

Collaborate with law enforcement agencies, academic environments, behavioral health, physical health, and substance use providers and suicide prevention training partners to announce availability about secure storage items and how to access. Current partnerships exist with the Sheriff's office however minimal action has occurred as of this date.

Make secure storage devices and suicide prevention resources available to community members in all [Clackamas County Health Equity Zones](#).

Team discussed possibly working with the Oregon Alliance to Prevent Suicide to ask the Assistant Attorney General for clarification about ORS 166.435 https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_166.435- Team discussed asking, "Here's what we want to tell people. Is this within the law?" Perhaps send the video that Utah made along with letter. Video here: <https://vimeo.com/175761640>

Review action items

1. Galli to reach out again in January to Clackamas County Sheriff's Office leadership to request we move forward with 2a. II listed above.
2. Donna-Marie will reach out to Mike Jones (he is connected to a lot of firearm instructors) to see if he could be of support in identifying FFLs to call and/or identifying folks to help make these calls.
3. Casey will contact JR Oleyar who taught a gun safety course that she took to see if he might be interested in helping to make calls to FFLs/helping to identify more places to call
4. Galli will investigate the cost of a possible campaign
5. Galli to ask OHA about partnership for campaign.
6. Casey will inquire with executive director NAMI about their interest in joining forces for campaign
7. Pawn shops, law enforcement agencies may be options for temp storage. Need to generate a list of possibilities (not assigned to anyone)

Next meeting: | February 15th from 1- 2pm | Location: <https://clackamas-us-countyhealth.zoom.us/j/84081756186>

Meetings are open to anyone. All are welcome!