

Louisiana Suicide Prevention among African Americans Task Force

LOUISIANA STATE CAPITOL

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COMMITTEE ROOM 3

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 9:30 AM

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Presentation

An Overview of Suicide: Meghan Goldbeck, Executive Director of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Louisiana and Mississippi Chapters

III. Update on Task Force Activities

- Updates/announcements from individual task force members.
- Update on Greg Liggins, with KTBS, request for an interview with a member of the Task Force.
- A “save the date” email was sent to all HCR84 designated taskforce members on 11/8/2023 for the meeting to be held on December 13, 2023.

Potential Presenters

- Brandon J. Johnson, MHS, MCHES, Branch Chief of Suicide Prevention Branch with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Association (SAMHSA)/ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)- Tentatively working on a video to be shown during the task force meeting.
- Kristen Sanderson, MPH, Violence & Injury Prevention Manager and Elizabeth Nguyen, MPH, Maternal Child Health Injury Epidemiologist- Office of Public Health- Tentatively pending approval.

IV. Southern University Research Survey and Data Updates

Dr. Charmaine Williams, EPh.D. Will report on data findings. Research included:

- How many people are you aware of that has died by suicide?
- How many people are you aware of that has attempted suicide?
- Demographic data

Which Universities were identified as the target group?

V. Update on Marketing efforts

Santrica Pope (NAACP)

VI. NEXT STEPS

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

IV. ADJOURN

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