## Meeting Notes

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| **Top results of the logistics survey**                              | Neetha Mony, DOH                          | • Frequency of meetings: Every month (alternating webinar & in-person meetings)  
• Length of meetings: 2 hours  
• Location: Tumwater  
• Email policy: Updates sent out by Neetha  
• Other comments/questions: If you cannot attend a meeting, it’s ok for a colleague to attend on your behalf. |                                                                                            |
| **Overview of the WA State Suicide Prevention Plan**                 | Neetha Mony                               | • Brief description of the 4 strategic directions.  
• Of the plan’s 94 short-term recommendations, the Opinio survey had 29 short-term recommendation that might include legislative involvement. |                                                                                            |
| **Expectations for the 2017 legislative session**                    | Jason McGill, Governor’s Office            | Limited funding available but looking forward to suggestions       |                                                                                            |
| **Discuss top-voted recommendations from the Opinio survey**         | Neetha Mony; ALL                          | 1. Fund and evaluate programs maintaining connectedness for people at high risk of suicide during transitional periods. (10 votes)  
2. Support tribes in replicating evidence-based programs and tribal best practices through funding and technical assistance, if requested. (8 votes) | • People may have interpreted this differently  
• The recommendation could also refer to increasing connectedness after an attempt, receiving treatment, or scoring high on a depression screening  
• Important to work with tribes as sovereign nations  
• Look at the AIHC’s 5 year plan addressing suicide prevention, mainly empowering families and communities and increasing peer support programs  
• Improving grief and loss services and crisis response plans in tribal communities  
• Make a connection between tribes and veterans |
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| 3. Develop a statewide social marketing campaign around safe firearm storage in partnership with firearm owners and retailers. (8 votes) | | • Collaborate with the DVA and WDVA on including veterans in this campaign
• Campaign should include all lethal means, like pharmaceuticals |
| 4. Improve the state agencies’ capacity to analyze, advise on collection of and make publicly available mental health and suicide-related data. (8 votes) | | • Collaborate with the DVA and WDVA on including veterans in this campaign
• Campaign should include all lethal means, like pharmaceuticals
• Include higher education in a comprehensive suicide prevention analysis
• More timely access to cause-of-death data |

**Recommendations from the gap analysis**

| | Matthew Landon, OFM | Overview of the steps involved in a firearm purchase | Some recommendations might apply to suicide prevention
• Law prohibiting people from temporarily taking a gun from a friend to keep them safe |

**Open discussion**

| ALL | Other recommendations for consideration? | | Combine the “display crisis lines” recommendation (strategic direction 2, goal 5) and safe storage messaging as the 5th legislative recommendation
• Include it with the mandatory 6 hour health professional trainings
• Higher Ed Task Force report due to the governor by Nov. 1
• Safer Homes Task Force report due to the governor by Dec. 1
• Targeted intervention for older men, the #1 at-risk group
• Focus on veteran suicides due to transition, reintegration, and adjustment periods |

| | | | Some technical problems, which limited feedback and participation
• Have someone to read questions/comments
• Well-organized and receptive to ideas |

**Next Steps**

| Sec. Wiesman | The next meeting will be in-person in December | Update: tentatively 12/14 | |