

TITLE: Washington County Suicide Fatality Review Board

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STUDENT SUBMISSION: No

TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE: program developers and evaluators, researchers

ABSTRACT: The Suicide Fatality Review Board was created in 2015 and is a subgroup of the Washington County Suicide Prevention Council. In 2012, Washington County had one of the highest suicide rates in Oregon and by 2018 it has dropped by nearly 40%, now one of the lowest and low below the national rate. The Chief Epidemiologist with Washington County Public Health received the 2018 National Susan P. Baker Public Health Impact Award from the National Association of Medical Examiners for developing and implementing an innovative suicide surveillance system that has been proven to save lives and is influencing national practice. Three different perspectives will be highlighted: Looking through the lenses of the Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Epidemiologist and Deputy Medical Examiner. Workshop participants will learn the purpose and process by which the Suicide Fatality Review Board operates. In addition, the results of data collected using the suicide surveillance system will be shared with a focus on its implications to prevention efforts. A toolkit developed by the Chief Epidemiologist will be provided to all interested participants.

OBJECTIVE(S): Differentiate among suicide prevention, intervention, post-intervention and postvention.

Design a Suicide Fatality Review Board in one's own county.

Formulate prevention activities based on postvention data.

PANEL MODERATOR: Tricia Mortell, RD MPH

PANEL ABSTRACT 1: Ms. Darmata will present on the results of three years of data collection using the SCRAP (Suicide Consolidated Risk Assessment Profile) and provide examples of ways in which it has guided suicide prevention efforts and trainings. The Toolkit will be introduced and examined.

PRESENTER 1: Debra Darmata

PANEL ABSTRACT 2: Dr. Myint will present on the process by which the Washington County Suicide Fatality Review Board operates and the collaboration and roles among the three different disciplines, i.e., suicide prevention, medicolegal death investigation and epidemiology. The suicide surveillance system, i.e., Suicide Consolidated Risk Assessment Profile will be introduced (SCRAP).

PRESENTER 2: PhyuSin Myint, Ph.D

PANEL ABSTRACT 3: Ms. Jolly will also provide a brief history of the suicide prevention efforts at Washington County along with comparing national, state and county rates of suicide. In addition, Ms. Jolly will also present on the suicide rate trends in Washington County, with a near 40% decrease since 2012 and potential reasons for this sharp decline.

PRESENTER 3: Erin Jolly, MPH
