

## **Four County L.O.S.S. Team: Notes from August 14, 2017 meeting**

### **General Notes:**

- The team gathered at the Four County ADAMhs Board. There were 11 Loss volunteers present.
- Tonie reminded everyone that the LOSS Team Volunteer replacement training would held on August 25, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. There are a total of 4 applications submitted, with 1 additional person considering the commitment. The Chaplin at Defiance PD has also expressed interest in joining the training, as he will be in attendance. Karen VonDeylen, who currently assists with on-call, will also be trained and available to be called for responses.
- Tonie discussed the possibility of some changes that may occur to the LOSS Process, particularly in the area of follow-up. Potential changes are as follows:
  - Follow-up calls will be made by a team member who actually was part of the responding team. Currently calls are made by Tonie, and are often less productive due to the lack of rapport.
  - The structure of the contact may change to a blend of telephone calls, and mailed, printed information.
  - Survivors will still be followed for a total of 12 months.
- Tonie discussed the community education efforts to reduce gun related suicide deaths among middle aged men, including presentations to sportsman's clubs, posters, and PSA's.
- Sandra discussed the memory quilt, and agreed to give volunteers up to the October 2017 meeting to get their square in.
- Mandy Waldfogel discussed her attendance at the Rays of Hope grief camp, noting that several LOSS families were there.
- Tonie shared information on the Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference to be held on September 8, 2017.

### **Activity:**

There was 1 LOSS activation since our last meeting on July, 2017, (Defiance County). The team reviewed activations as a whole group. Important notes for the group included:

- ✓ Jeff shared the need to be flexible, and patient. Reminded the team to be aware of the need to go through the entire blue resource packs on a case-by-case basis, determined by the family's need.
  - ✓ Stressed the need to have all of the information when responding, due to the many individual perspectives of the story, and changing needs in the family over time.
- Tonie closed the meeting, reminding the team that we would not meet at the ADAMhs Board for the October meeting. Tonie agreed to contact St John's Lutheran church for space.

### **Reminders:**

**The next LOSS meeting is scheduled for 09/11/17 at 5:30pm.**