

Four County L.O.S.S. Team: Notes from January 2018 Meeting

General Notes:

- The team gathered at the Four County ADAMhs Board. There were 17LOSS Volunteers present
- Tonie offered a summary of the Survivor Day event, reporting that 32 local survivors were in attendance. The committee members were acknowledged and thanked, as well as those survivors who were in attendance.
- Tonie reminded the team of the importance of completing the necessary paperwork, especially documenting the follow up calls. Charts with missing information were reviewed. Tonie asked that the information simply be brought to the next LOSS meeting.
- Tonie shared copies of a brief explanation on “Why we provide peppermints?” To be distributed by volunteers, who were asked to tuck it into their bags of mints in their family packs. Tonie acknowledged that some survivors are confused about why the mints are being given, and a few have been offended in situations where team members have forgotten to explain, or the new survivors do not recall the explanation.
- A sympathy card was distributed for Pam Pflum, who recently lost her father.
- Some discussion took place on how to reach out to those who have lost loved ones to suicide, but who did not receive a LOSS call. The attempt is more challenging, due to little or no information. Often times, only the name of the deceased, the survivor’s name and a telephone number. Feedback from the survivors in attendance indicated that they would have welcomed the call, which would have reduced the feeling of isolation. Tonie and Mandi agreed that they would work to come up with a formal procedure for reaching these individuals.
- There were 2 deaths in the month of December in which LOSS was not contacted. Tonie stated that we needed to once again reach out to the smaller municipal PD to remind them that we are here, and how they can access the LOSS team. For the February meeting, the volunteers will donate home baked goods, which we will organize and distribute the second week of February along with information on LOSS. Tonie agreed to develop a Quick Cheat Sheet to promote and encourage the use of the LOSS Team. Volunteers will distribute the cookies to the PDs in their home towns. Any departments not covered will be delivered by Tonie

Activity:

There was one LOSS Team activation since the November LOSS meeting.

- Williams County – (Called by the Coroner) January, 2018

Reminders:

The next LOSS meeting is scheduled for 02/12/2018 at 5:15pm at the ADAMhs Board