

## **Suicide Prevention Province V Network Meeting** **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 11 AM ET/ 10 AM CT**

### **Attendees:**

Erin Sample, Sarah, Swart, Rick Stanitis, Judy Britton, Marna Franson, Betty Bowersox, Kathy Mank, Convener

Meeting opened with prayer followed by introductions.

The task of this meeting was to prepare for: (1) a Fall 2021 offering to the Province and (2) what plans the Network will have for the Big Provincial Gathering – April 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in South Bend, Indiana.

### **Training Available:**

1. [Training Events | Suicide Resource and Response \(srrn.net\)](#)
2. [Youth Mental Health First Aid Tickets, Tue, May 18, 2021 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)
3. Marna is attending a Soul Shop workshop on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Arkansas.
4. The Diocese of No. Michigan will offer a Soul Shop workshop March 21, 2022 with 80 spaces. The Diocese will invite interfaith partners.

### **Informing Thoughts:**

The connection between depression and suicide  
Gun violence and suicide  
Illness progression and destigmatizing  
Cultural Change – change the language  
Grief & fear  
Bible stories surrounding suicide  
The training can save lives  
It takes survivors of suicide a long time to heal  
Care & counseling – be competent, show compassion and comfort with no stigma  
The connection between disability & suicide  
journeytobetter.net residential treatment  
Finding local resources for suicide – prepare booklet  
Soul Shop presentation at last meeting – recording on website

### **Fall Workshop Offering:**

Erin and Kathy will work together to plan an online workshop – suggested format: half training and half panel discussion.

### **Big Province Gathering Network Offering:**

No decision was made on whether to host a pre-conference training or a full 4 hour network meeting that could include training, but is also a working, strategy session for what the network would offer to the Province.

### **Education All the Time, Everywhere – “Suicide Awareness”:**

Marna suggested a “Suicide Awareness” thought to publish each month in the Province newsletter. Sarah and Betty would like to join Marna in working on the roll-out for the next 12 months.

Meeting closed in prayer thanks to Judy.

Kathy Mank, convener