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The following are summary minutes from the Mayor's Suicide Prevention Taskforce meeting held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. The meeting was held at City Hall, Room 2007A, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM.

Attendees Present:

Jessica Barnhill
Lora Garcia-Palacios
Marie Jimenez
Zenaida Rodriguez
Simona Chacon
Yvonne Flores
Kassandra Gandara
Judy Baca
Yesenia Perez
Isaac Trevino
Sharon Tariol

Call to order:

1. Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Welcome/Introductions:

1. Accomplished

Review & Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. June 19, 2019 meeting minutes approved with exceptions
 - a. Lacking attendees
 - b. Monique Leyba misspelled
 - c. Mari's planning committee changed to Recovery Night Planning Committee
 - d. Motion: n/a
 - e. 2nd: Monique Leyba

Treasurer's Report:

1. Monique Leyba reported \$14,035.38
2. Funding from Recovery Night donors

Discussion Items:

1. LC Vision and Guiding Principles
 - a. Guiding Principles need goals to be specific.
 - b. No change in Guiding Principles at this time.
 - c. Consider hiring evaluator to determine if goals are met.
 - d. Approved with deletion of the word "proposed" on the Las Cruces Mayor's Taskforce on Suicide Prevention and "final version" 7/17/19 instead of "draft".
 - e. Final version approved 7/17/19.
 - f. Is the taskforce sustainable through Mayor's office regardless of who is in office?

2. Mental Health First Aid
 - a. Continuing to look into getting an instructor training course.
 - b. Next Mental Health First Aid course in Oct. 2019. Youth MHFA possible.
 - c. Spanish version manuals available, but concern is: Would it be a duplication of county presentations?

3. Recovery Night Celebration
 - a. Discussed funding, vendor list, balloon release, using Mr. Barela's son's name for Recovery Night. Color Guard. Presenters, art sales, etc... Flyers, banners. Advertising needed.
 - b. Need speakers: Mrs. New Mexico candidate and Mr. Barela are a possibility and will need to be contacted.
 - c. Need entertainment.
 - d. Monique Leyba suggested not giving vouchers to attendees this year. Only 4 wellness care baskets (1 per hour) to be given instead. Monique Leyba, Lora Garcia-Palacios, Amador Health Center and La Casa will work on this.
 - e. Volunteers to wear purple and assist people toward the vendors.
 - f. Will not close Main Street for the event.
 - g. Monique will look into finding someone to tear down and clean up after event.
 - h. Weekly face to face meetings.
 - i. Next Recovery Night Committee meetings are:
 - i. July 24 10am at FYI
 - ii. July 31 10am at City Hall 2007A
 - iii. Aug 7 10am at FYI

4. Open Discussion
 - a. Domestic violence and impact on children.
 - b. Mariana Barraza Mitchell (Mexican government) is interested in participating in the taskforce

5. Meeting adjourned
 - a. 1:00 pm

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Chair

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8/15/19