



# City of Las Cruces<sup>®</sup>

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The following are summary minutes from the Mayor's Suicide Prevention Taskforce meeting held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. The meeting was held at City Hall, Room 2007A, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM.

#### Attendees Present:

Lori Garcia-Palacios  
Monique Lopez  
Paul Ford  
Kathryn Grupp  
Yesenia Perez  
Rudy Jaime

#### Call to order:

1. Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

#### Welcome/Introductions:

1. Accomplished

#### Review & Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. Approval of Minutes: No minutes to approve for September 2019 meeting due to lack of attendees and no agenda.

#### Treasurer's Report:

1. Monique reported that she is having problems retrieving documents from "i-cloud" and is working with IT.
2. Treasurer's Report: N/A
3. Waiting on checks from several agencies for Recovery Night
4. Monique will contact Mr. Luis Barrera to give him the \$500.00 for the scholarship fund.

#### Discussion Items:

1. Recovery Night update.
  - a. Approximately 500 in attendance
    - i. Purchased 450 wrist bands, ran out of them halfway through the event
    - ii. Volunteers walking around checking for and handing out wrist bands
  - b. Live entertainment and food, positive feedback from everyone there
  - c. Problem with the balloon release
    - i. Seemed unorganized
    - ii. Hidden in the corner of the venue
    - iii. Possibly do the Balloon Release at the beginning of the event
  - d. Memorial Wall needed to be more visible
  - e. Need an MC for the event
  - f. No door prizes but instead give a token of appreciation to speakers
  - g. No registration table needed
  - h. Give packets out at the pre-event meeting

2. Initiate a website for the task force
  - a. Looking for a volunteer to organize the social media site
  - b. Possibly talk to Dan Trujillo with the City of Las Cruces
3. Mental Health First Aid Training tentatively scheduled for October 2019.
  - a. Only a few people registered for the Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, 2019 training.
    - i. Cancelled the training
  - b. Western Sky is hosting a Mental Health First Aid Training in November.
  - c. There have been a few trainings offered to the community, maybe a reason for the low registration/participant response
  - d. Possibly have a training on QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer) or on Trauma Informed Care.
4. Summit
  - a. Behavioral Health with an emphasis on Suicide Prevention
    - i. April 2020 might be a good time for the summit
  - b. Would like to discuss this as the number one topic for next meeting
    - i. Discuss further with Executive Committee

Meeting adjourned

1. Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

Sharon C. Jarial

Chair

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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