

IASP Taskforce Postvention

Meeting held at the XXIV World Congress
International Association for Suicide Prevention
Killarney, Ireland, 28 August – 1 September 2007

Minutes – 29 August 2007 – 18.15h-19.30h

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Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Introductions of the attendees
3. Do we organise a third International Suicide Postvention Seminar?
4. Tasks of the Taskforce
5. Structure of the Taskforce
6. Conclusions & to do list

1. Opening of the meeting

Karl Andriessen chaired the meeting, and welcomed the participants.

2. Introduction of the participants

- Each participant had the opportunity to introduce him/her self before the discussion was opened.
- It was decided to circulate the list of addresses of the attendees of the current meeting.

3. Do we organise a third International Suicide Postvention Seminar?

- The discussion on the evaluation of the 2nd International Suicide Postvention Seminar soon brought up the question if we should organise a third Seminar.
- Brian Mishara strongly pled to submit proposals for plenary presentations, including suggestions for speakers and topics to be covered. Three events are currently planned:
 - 1) the European Symposium at the end of August 2008 in Glasgow, Scotland.
 - 2) the Asian-Pacific congress at the beginning of November 2008 in Hong-Kong. Paul Yip is the Convenor.
 - 3) Next IASP World Congress in October 2009 in Montevideo, Uruguay. Brian is the IASP contact person for that congress.There will be also a congress organised by the Salvation Army in May 2008 in Sydney. However, IASP Executive Board has decided not to become involved in this meeting, because it is held very close to the IASP meeting in Hong-Kong.
- Concerns regarding a separate seminar included that it requires an extra day and extra fee for participants, no flow to the regular program/participants, and requires specific logistics. On the other hand, a one-day seminar provides the opportunity for in-depth discussions. In addition, experience learns that it is very difficult to get a plenary presentation on postvention in the regular congress programs. For example, the plenaries for the Scotland congress were already decided.
- After discussion, it was decided not to organise a third Postvention Seminar, but to integrate in the regular programs by asking a postvention stream of symposia and workshops to be submitted by the Taskforce.
Brian assured that there will be at least one plenary postvention presentation in the program of the IASP World Congress in 2009.
Names of potential speakers for the Asian-Pacific meeting can be forwarded to Paul Yip.

4. Tasks of the Taskforce

- Brian asked to formulate specific tasks that the Taskforce wants to develop.
- After discussion, the following tasks were identified:
 - to update the WHO guidelines on developing survivor support groups (should be done in a fairly short period),
 - to provide suggestions for a plenary presentation in Montevideo 2009,
 - to develop and submit a postvention stream for the same congress.
- Another potential task could be to get an overview of research in the postvention field. It is however unclear how such a huge task can be accomplished. Thus, this task was not adopted.

5. Structure of the Taskforce

- The Taskforce Postvention includes survivors, clinicians, researchers, and program developers, either paid staff or volunteers. This unique combination results in rich communications and exchange of ideas and experiences. The Taskforce intends to continue with this inclusion of different perspectives.
- After discussion it was decided to form a smaller group (Taskforce) that will work on the tasks that were identified. The whole group (discussion group) can provide back-up, consultation, etc.
- The attendees and IASP President Brian Mishara confirmed Karl as Chair of the Taskforce.

6. Conclusions

It was decided to form a smaller core group of people who are able to work on the tasks that were selected. The broad, larger group can provide back-up by consult or discussion.

To do list

Nr.	Action	Responsibility
1.	To circulate the list of attendees.	Karl Andriessen to send the list together with the minutes.
2.	To form a core group/taskforce.	Karl will circulate a call for members together with the minutes.
3.	To form a broad back-up group.	Karl will circulate a call for members together with the minutes.
4.	To update the WHO guidelines on developing suicide survivor support groups.	Taskforce.
5.	To provide suggestions for a postvention plenary presentation in Montevideo 2009.	Taskforce and discussion group. Karl will circulate a call together with the minutes.
6.	To develop a postvention stream for the congress in Montevideo 2009.	Karl will circulate a call together with the minutes.
7.	To keep each other informed of activities.	All.

Minutes,

Karl Andriessen

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