



**The Departments of Veterans Affairs
and
The Defense Suicide Prevention Office**

**Suicide Prevention Conference
27 - 29 January 2015
Hilton Anatole, Dallas, Texas**

Agenda

Tuesday January 27th:

	Agenda Item	Speaker	Notes
0800 – 0815	Announcements / Welcome / Opening Remarks	Dr. Caitlin Thompson, VA Ms. Jackie Garrick, DoD (DSPO)	
0815 – 0845	VA Keynote	Highest ranking official	VA (Pending Final Approval)
0845 – 0915	DoD Keynote	Highest ranking official	DoD (Pending Final Approval)
0915 – 1015	“The Numbers”	Rob Bossarte (VA), Chris Dorr (DoD)	
1015 – 1045	Break		
1045 – 1115	Power of One Story	Suicide Survivor Story - DoD	Mark Graham (Major General, U.S. Army, Retired) & Ms. Carol Graham
1115 - 1215	“Suicide and Sleep”	Dr. Wil Pigeon	
1215 - 1300	Lunch		
1300 – 1700	Long workshops with break	SEE WORKSHOP LIST	
1700 – 1730	Break		
1730 – 1900	Suicide Prevention and Risk Reduction Committee Meeting	Ms. Jackie Garrick, DoD (DSPO)	SPARRC Members

Wednesday January 28th:

0800-0815	Announcements	Dr. Jan Kemp	
0815 – 0845	Power of One Story –	Clinician Story (Aimee Johnson SPC) (VA)	
0845 – 0915	Power of One Story –	Family Story – from VA	
0915 - 1015	Therapeutic Alliance	Dr. Craig Bryant	
1015 – 1030	Break		
1030-1200 Short Workshops (repeated in PM)		SEE WORKSHOP LIST	
1200– 1300	Lunch		
1300 – 1400	“Suicide Risk Assessment Re-visited”	Dr. Lanny Berman, MD	
1400 – 1430	Power of One Story	Community Story - DoD	CW5 Crow, U.S. Army
1430 -1500	National Update	Dr. Richard McKeon, PhD, SAMHSA	
1500 – 1530	Break		
1530 – 1700	Short Workshops	SEE WORKSHOP LIST	

Thursday January 29th:

0800 – 0830	Announcements, Closing Remarks Dr. Caitlin Thompson, VA Ms. Jackie Garrick, DoD (DSPO)	
0830 – 1230	VA Session	DoD Session and Service Breakouts DSPO (0830-0915) Ms. Garrick Service Breakout (0930-1230) Army – Ms. Lakso Air Force – LtCol Crimmins Navy – Mr. Holton NBG – MAJ Waliszewska
1230 – 1330	Lunch	
1330 – UTC	Travel	

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Long Workshops (Tuesday 1PM – 5PM) Tuesday, 27 Jan 2015

Title	Responsible agency	Notes
1. Research Showcase	VA – VISN 19 MIRECC	Participants: VA Center of Excellence Mental Illness Research Education Council, Center of Excellence (MIRECC) DCoE Research Consortium Army STARRS
2. Leveraging Peer Support Programs	DoD (DSPO)	Participants: VA Vets4Warriors SOCOM (POTFF)
3. “Talking about Hard Things” – a workshop on messaging and outreach	VA – Center of Excellence	Participants: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration DCoE: Removing Barriers / Real Warriors Campaign
4. Interdisciplinary Chaplains’ Teams-Connecting & Supporting the Recovery Bereavement Process	DoD (DSPO)	Participants: VA Services Chaplains Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors Army: Survivor Outreach Services
5. Therapeutic Risk Management	VA – VISN 19 MIRECC	Participants: VA/DoD SMEs on the Clinical Practice Guidelines VA SME on New risk dashboard and intervention study
6. Post Admission Cognitive Therapy for Service Members/ Veterans with Attempted Suicide	DoD	Participants: USUHS (Dr. Marjan Holloway)

Short Workshops Wednesday, 28 Jan 2015 1030 – 1200 and repeated from 1pm – 2:30

1. VA / DoD CPG tools (Include Safety Planning Update & DoD Means Reduction Guidance w/ Commanders Checklist)	VA	Participants: Joint VA / DoD committee VA DoD (DSPO)
2. Preservation of Force and Family (POTFF) & Resilience (Includes Families Overcoming Under Stress (FOCUS) by Navy Warfare Command)	DoD (DSPO)	Participants: Navy DoD DSPO MCFP Army Resilience Directorate
3. Chaplain support to Suicide Prevention Efforts (Includes Moral Pain)	DoD (DSPO)	Participants: Chaplains from all the Services DCoE VA
4. Ethical Decision Making – Suicide Prevention in the Military	DoD (DSPO)	Participants: U.S. Marine Corps
5. A: Using DBT techniques in SP B: Using CBT techniques in SP	VA	Participants Uniformed University of the Health Sciences VA
6. A. The Intersection of Domestic Abuse and Suicide B. Military Sexual Trauma and Suicide	DoD & VA	Participants: U.S. Marine Corps VA
7. Transition Periods and Suicide Risk	VA	Carl Castro, COL, U.S. Army, Retired
8. Safety Planning Update Use of Narloxxone	VA	Dr. Brook Levindowsky, PhD Dr. Elizabeth Oliva