

Background

- Ready for the journey, grant funding put gas in the tank:
 - One of four institutions in the Florida College System with no mental health provision for students
 - Administration recognized problem
 - Unofficial crisis referral ongoing
 - Applied for Cohort 5
 - In absence of funding, administration exploring solutions

SPRC Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Collaboration Continuum



CONTEMPLATING

What is Contemplating?

At this stage, we are thinking about collaborating. We have potential partners in mind, but we have not approached them.

What does Contemplation look like?

- · We are discussing our goals.
- We are learning about our strengths
- · We are learning to trust each other.
- We are considering each other's priorities.

- . Build trust through small wins
- Take time to understand partners contexts.
- Use key champions, friends and allies to build relationships.
- Identify opportunities to support each other's goals.

COOPERATING

What is Cooperating?

At this stage, we have decided partnering makes sense. We are engaging partners, but have no formal agreements.

What does Cooperating look like?

- We have informal and supportive relationships
- We exchange information for mutual benefit
- . We attend each other's events
- We have positive & intermittent interactions
- . There is little to no risk
- Use data and information to find shared intersections and goals
- Get clear on why you need a partner identify what can't you do alone?
- Create and sustain positive dialogue and interactions.

COORDINATING

What is Coordinating?

At this stage, our partnership is growing stronger, and we are modifying our activities for mutual benefit. We are engaged in projects initiatives and work together.

What does Coordinating look like?

- . We care about the same things
- We are engaged in short-term and long-term projects.
- We engage each other using informal or formal agreements.
- We share time, decision-making, and/ or resources
- · We each retain autonomy.
- There is low to moderate risk.
- Commit to the partnership in a formal way
- Define the terms and boundaries of the pertnership.
- Recruit strategic, high-capacity partners that know how to nurture collaboration.
- Structure the partnership for engagement and inclusion among partners.
- Develop long-term strategic directions and shared vison

COLLABORATING

What is Collaborating?

At this stage, our partnership has formal agreements. We are working toward developing enhanced capacity to achieve a shared vision.

What does Collaborating look like?

- We employ creative, synergistic, and innovative approaches.
- We have new organizational structures and financial agreements
- We have long-term engagement.
- We are an institutionalized and credible collaboration in the community
- We have a well-defined mission based on member interests.
- We have an effective leadership team.
- There is high risk but also high trust.
- Engage in regular strategic planning.
- Manage and measure performance
- Nurture your membership and team.
- Identify processes for managing

Developing Provider Partnerships

- Exploring existing relationships
 - Engaging the right people in the right organizations
 - Do they have the power/authority for formal relationships
- What services can we offer to the provider?
 - Participation in specific gatekeeper "Train the Trainer" training
 - Notification of other professional development opportunities
 - Promotion of services to students
 - Invitations to participate in student events



Services for Students

- Working on referral process giving students priority
- Behavioral and Mental health Capacity Project
 - Increasing awareness of what's available
- Developing coalition
 - Community
 - What can they do?
 - College
 - What can we do?

Partners



Coordinating/

Formal

Coordinating/ Lakeview Center



BAPTIST HEALTH CARE

Cooperating/ Emerging

Emerging











Lakeview Center – formal MOU

- Offer more than 60 programs and services to provide solutions for children, teens, adults and families
- Sliding fee scale
 - Participate in training, student events

University of West Florida – formal MOU

- GLS Cohort 5 grantee
 - Meetings
 - Seeds of Hope 5K
 - Suicide Prevention Week activities joint/shared information

Faith and Hope – working on formal MOU

- Provide professional counseling from a Christian perspective
- Services available to people of all beliefs, ages, and backgrounds.
- · Only other sliding fee scale provider in town
- Student referral before grant, building on that relationship
- Direct contact with director for student services

Bradford Health Services – Emerging

- Dedicated to the delivery of high-quality care at a reasonable cost.
- Contacted the college
- Substance abuse treatment only
- Insured individuals only; however, will help uninsured secure services elsewhere

Challenges

- Time
- Money
 - Importance recognized because there is not enough funding in the grant for all activities
- Lack of collaboration in the community
 - Everyone wants to work with the college; not so much with each other
- Community effort for mental health
- Acknowledgement in our community/region that suicide is a public health issue