



**2011 DOD/VA ANNUAL SUICIDE PREVENTION CONFERENCE AGENDA:
ALL THE WAY HOME: PREVENTING SUICIDE AMONG SERVICEMEMBERS AND
VETERANS**

March 13-17, 2011

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Purpose: The purpose of this program is to offer an opportunity to disseminate practical tools and innovative research in the area of suicidology. This conference will allow an opportunity to educate representatives from across DoD and VA on the current practices and studies related to suicide prevention. Four tracks will be offered to focus on practical applications and innovations: (1) clinical (2) multi-disciplinary (3) family/peer to peer (4) research.

Outcome Objectives: Upon successful completion of this conference, participants in tracks 1-4 should be able to:

1. identify evidence-based approaches to assess and treat individuals with multiple behavioral health concerns including suicidal thoughts and behaviors.
2. describe and discuss strategies to improve collaborative efforts among the Services and the Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. encourage implementation of best practices in order to decrease suicidal thoughts and behaviors in our servicemembers and veterans.

4. describe two or more promising-, best-, or evidence-based practices (e.g., tools, training, or public health programs) that can be implemented locally or regionally to reduce suicidal behaviors.
5. describe two or more community-based public or private resources that can be accessed locally or regionally to reduce suicidal behaviors.
6. apply best clinical practices from current research as it relates to supporting families in terms of suicide prevention and postvention.
7. identify strengths and weaknesses of different models of peer support services (formal facilitated programs, self help recovery groups, online forums and social media).
8. access the latest knowledge on prevention programs, treatment approaches and protective factors based on empirical support.
9. describe newly available tools, practical applications, and prevention approaches currently under study within the DoD/VA.

(NOTE: Objectives 1-3 are within the Clinical track. Objectives 4, 5 are within the Multi-disciplinary track. Objectives 6, 7 are within the Family/Peer to Peer track. Objectives 8, 9 are within the Research track.)

Target Audience: The target audiences for this conference are servicemembers, veterans, families, caregivers (e.g. social workers, counselors), members of academia, researchers, physicians, clinicians, federal and non-federal agencies.

Pre-Conference Program Schedule (not for credit)

Sunday, March 13, 2011

12:00 – 1:00 pm	Pre-Conference Registration/Sign-in	<i>EES Staff</i>
1:00 – 5:00 pm	ACE Suicide Intervention Skills Training	<i>Dr. James Cartwright</i>
2:00 – 5:00 pm	VA Suicide Prevention Coordinator Meeting	<i>Dr. Jan Kemp</i>
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Leaders Handling Suicidal Servicemembers	<i>LCDR Andrew Martin</i>
3:00 – 5:00 pm	MAJCOM Working Group	<i>MAJ Michael McCarthy</i>
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Chaplain’s Round Table	<i>Chaplain COL Strohm</i>
3:00 – 6:00 pm	Conference Registration/Sign-in	<i>EES Staff</i>
6:00 – 8:00 pm	SPARRC Meeting (<i>Closed Meeting</i>)	<i>SPARRC Committee</i>

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Program Schedule

Monday, March 14, 2011

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration/Sign-in	<i>EES Staff</i>
8:00 am – 5:30 pm	Quiet/Meditation Room <i>(Not for credit)</i>	
8:00 – 8:15 am	Welcome/Program Overview	<i>Dr. Samuel Kleinman Dr. Jan Kemp</i>
8:15 – 9:30 am	Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Setting the Stage” Who, Why, What on Suicide Prevention History	<i>Dr. Jerry Reed</i>
9:30 – 9:50 am	Break	
9:50 – 11:15 am	Breakout sessions:	
	Clinical Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Symptoms and Stressors and Health Care Utilization of Army Suicides 2001-2010	<i>LTC Michael Bell Dr. Amy Millikan</i>
	Family/Peer to Peer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer Support Implementation in DVA Mental Health Programs; Maximizing the Effectiveness of Mental Health Services in the Prevention of Suicide	<i>Mr. Daniel O’Brien-Mazza</i>
	Multidisciplinary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homecoming in Communities of Color• Strategies for Engaging Traditional News Media and New Media	<i>Dr. Donna Barnes Mr. Ken Norton</i>
	Research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology Behind Suicidology	<i>Dr. John Mann (Discussant) Dr. Victoria Arango Dr. Barbara Stanley Dr. M. Elizabeth Sublette</i>
11:15 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch <i>(on your own)</i>	
1:00 – 1:40 pm	Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Myth of Suicide	<i>Dr. Thomas Joiner</i>
1:40 – 2:00 pm	Break	

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2:00 – 3:15 pm	Breakout Sessions:	
	Clinical Intervention	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoD/VA Suicide Clinical Practice Guidelines • Relevance on the Findings of the DoD Task Force to Clinicians 	<p><i>Dr. Jan Kemp</i> <i>COL John Bradley</i></p> <p><i>COL John Bradley</i></p>
	Family/Peer to Peer	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picking up the Pieces – Practical and Emotional Support for Survivors of Suicide 	<p><i>Ms. Mariann Blacconiere</i> <i>Ms. Amada Kalins</i> <i>Ms. Iris Travis</i></p>
	Multidisciplinary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient Discharge, Suicide Risk, and Follow-up 	<p><i>Dr. Richard McKeon</i></p>
	Research	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suicide & Suicide Attempt Risk Factors: TBI, Prison, and Co-Morbid Diagnoses 	<p><i>Dr. Gregory Gahm (Discussant)</i> <i>Dr. Nancy Skopp</i> <i>Ms. Jill Lavigne</i> <i>Dr. Robert Bossarte</i> <i>Dr. Lisa Brenner</i></p>
3:15 – 3:35 pm	Break	
3:35 – 4:50 pm	Plenary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practices Review/SPARRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Army 2. Navy 3. Air Force 4. Marines 5. VA 6. DoD 7. Coast Guard 	<p><i>Mr. Walter Morales</i></p> <p><i>LCDR Bonnie Chavez</i></p> <p><i>MAJ Michael McCarthy</i></p> <p><i>LCDR Andrew Martin</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Jan Kemp</i></p> <p><i>CDR Janet Hawkins</i> <i>Mr. John Reibling</i></p>
4:50 pm	Evaluation and Adjournment	<i>EES Staff</i>

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Tuesday, March 15, 2011

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration/Sign-in	<i>EES Staff</i>
8:00 am – 5:15 pm	Quiet/Meditation Room <i>(Not for credit)</i>	
8:00 – 8:15 am	Opening Remarks/Tuesday Overview	<i>CDR Janet Hawkins Dr. Jan Kemp</i>
8:15 – 9:30 am	Plenary TAPS Panel	<i>Ms. Bonnie Carroll</i>
9:30 – 11:00 am	Breakout sessions:	
	Clinical Intervention	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Brief Interventions to Mitigate Suicide Risk in Acute Settings: Initial Findings and Implications	<i>Dr. Barbara Stanley</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cognitive Therapy of Suicidal Older Men	<i>Dr. Greg Brown</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Implementation of a Standardized Self-Directed Violence Classification System (SDVCS)	<i>Dr. Lisa Brenner</i>
	Family/Peer to Peer	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review of Family Suicide Prevention Programs in the Military	<i>Dr. Ramya Sundararaman</i>
	Multidisciplinary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">VA HotlineEvolution of Suicide Reports	<i>Ms. Brenda Kline Dr. Elspeth Ritchie</i>
	Research	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Innovative Uses of Technology in Suicide Prevention	<i>Dr. Gregory Gahm (Discussant) Dr. Gregory Carter Dr. Jan Mokkenstorm Dr. Nav Kapur (TENT.)</i>
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch <i>(on your own)</i>	
1:00 – 1:40 pm	Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">CAMS Model	<i>Dr. David Jobes</i>
1:40 – 2:00 pm	Break	

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2:00 – 3:15 pm	<p>Breakout sessions:</p> <p>Clinical Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suicide Risk Assessment Update <i>Dr. Nazanin Bahraini</i> • Motivational Interviewing for Suicide <i>Dr. Peter Britton</i> <p>Family/Peer to Peer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vicarious Witnessing: Lessons Learned from Families of Military Suicide <i>Ms. Kim Ruocco</i> <p>Multidisciplinary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinician Survivor Panel <i>Dr. John Bradley and Panel</i> <p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-Going Studies in DoD: Progress Update <i>COL Carl Castro (Discussant)</i> <i>Dr. Peter Gutierrez</i> <i>Dr. Timothy Lineberry</i> <i>Dr. David Jobes</i>
3:15 – 3:35 pm	Break
3:35 – 4:50 pm	<p>Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Messaging <i>Dr. David Litts</i>
4:50 pm	Evaluation and Adjournment
7:00 – 9:00 pm	<p>VA Participants Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Affairs <i>Dr. Jan Kemp</i>

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Wednesday, March 16, 2011

7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration/Sign-in	<i>EES Staff</i>
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Quiet/Mediation Room <i>(Not for credit)</i>	
8:00 – 8:15 am	Opening Remarks/Wednesday Overview	<i>CDR Janet Hawkins Dr. Jan Kemp</i>
8:15 – 9:45 am	Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Real Warriors Panel	<i>Ms. Julie Hughes</i>
9:45 – 10:05 am	Break	
10:05 – 11:15 am	Breakout sessions:	
	Clinical Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update from the STARRS Study and Relevance for Clinicians• Updates from the Navy on Suicide Prevention	<i>COL David Benedek or TBD CAPT Paul Hammer</i>
	Family/Peer to Peer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Military Suicide Postvention: The Perceived Efficacy of Peer Support	<i>Ms. Jill Harrington-LaMorie</i>
	Multidisciplinary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology-Based Suicide Prevention	<i>Dr. David Luxton</i>
11:15 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch <i>(on your own)</i>	
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Personal Journey	<i>MAJ Gen David Blackledge (TENT.)</i>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Action Alliance Listening Session	<i>Dr. Ira Katz</i>
2:30 – 3:30 pm	National Guard Session	<i>MSG Marshall Bradshaw</i>
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Breakout sessions:	
	Clinical Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clinical Lessons Learned from the EPICONS• Updates in Hospital Practices to Improve Suicide Prevention	<i>Dr. Elspeth Ritchie COL Bruce Crow</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polytrauma Conditions, Psychiatric Risk and Intervention Strategies 	<i>Dr. Jay Uomoto</i>
	<p>Family/Peer to Peer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer Support and Training Effectiveness 	<i>Dr. Mark Salzer</i>
	<p>Multidisciplinary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing Risk and Promoting Warrior, Family and Community Healing Following a Suicide 	<i>Ms. Kim Ruocco Mr. Ken Norton</i>
	<p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on Suicide Prevention Interventions 	<i>Dr. Gregory Gahm (Discussant) Dr. Kerry Knox Dr. Marjan Holloway</i>
3:30 – 3:50 pm	Break	
3:50 – 4:50 pm	Breakout session:	
	<p>Clinical Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence-Based Psychotherapy for Suicide Prevention: Strategies from the Civilian and Military Sectors. 	<i>Dr. Marjan Holloway Dr. Katherine Comtois</i>
	<p>Family/Peer to Peer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Care for Veterans Through the Use of Peer Support in Suicide Prevention 	<i>Ms. Suzanne Dougherty</i>
	<p>Multidisciplinary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linking Arms and Civilian Community Resources 	<i>Dr. Mary Bartlett</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention: NHARNG’s Community Collaboration Model 	<i>SFC Dale Garrow</i>
	<p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoD Suicide Event Report: Growth and Use Across the Services 	<i>Dr. Gregory Gahm (Discussant) Dr. Julie Kinn (Discussant) LCDR Bonnie Chavez Dr. Amy Millikan MAJ Michael McCarthy LCDR Andrew Martin</i>
4:50 pm	Evaluation and Adjournment	
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Poster Display/Information Table Exhibit <i>(Not for Credit)</i>	

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Thursday, March 17, 2011

7:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration/Sign-in	<i>EES Staff</i>
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Quiet/Meditation Room (<i>Not for Credit</i>)	
8:00 – 8:10 am	Opening Remarks/Thursday Overview	<i>CDR Janet Hawkins Dr. Jan Kemp</i>
8:10 – 10:15 am	Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DoD Suicide Prevention Task Force Recommendation Briefing• Comparison of Recent Task Force Reports and Reviews	<i>MG Philip Volpe Dr. Gregory Gahm (Discussant) Dr. Stephen J. Brannen MG Philip Volpe Dr. Rajeev Ramchand Mr. Walter Morales</i>
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 – 11:30 am	The Way Ahead	<i>DoD- CAPT Paul Hammer VA-Dr. Antonette Zeiss</i>
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Group Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Army and Army Reserves• Navy• Marines• Air Force• Coast Guard	<i>Mr. Walter Morales LCDR Bonnie Chavez LCDR Andrew Martin MAJ Michael McCarthy Mr. John Reibling</i>
1:00 pm	Evaluation and Adjournment Program Conclusion	<i>EES Staff</i>

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Thursday, March 17, 2011 – Afternoon

DoD Participants

2:00 – 5:00 pm

DoD Training

- Army – Home Front Interactive Video
- Navy and Marine Corps – Building a Command Level Resilience and Prevention Team
- Air Force – State of Science on Postvention

Dr. Abdoulaye Bah

*LCDR Bonnie Chavez
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MAJ Michael McCarthy

5:00 pm

Adjournment

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