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Your Speakers Today

Irene Cho, SPRC
Prevention Specialist

Bonnie Lipton, SPRC
Prevention Specialist

Jacquie Keeves
University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Allen Riggs
Snow College Ephraim, UT
Welcome to New Participants!

ASU
ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY

University of New Hampshire

TSU
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Go Bisons!

Lipscomb University

LaGuardia Community College
What We Want From You

✓ Be engaged/talk
✓ Learn from each other
✓ Mute phone line when not speaking (and never put us on hold!)
✓ Complete homework, if possible
✓ Be respectful
✓ Ask lots of questions!
Technical Orientation Slide

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Chat in your caption!

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Reminder: Overview of Series

✓ January 23rd: Adopt a Sustainability Mindset

✓ February 27th: Cultivate Partnerships

✓ April 24th: Build Momentum and Foster Leadership

✓ May 22nd: Secure Resources/Funding

– Leaving a Legacy: Translating Your Recommendations Into Action

http://go.edc.org/Sustain1
Adopting a Sustainability Mindset

- Vision for what will be in place after funding
- Sustainability in mind: design to implementation
- Decisions and course adjustments throughout

“I didn’t just throw something together related to sustainability in the end. It was an effort right from the beginning that, [for] everything we were starting, my intention was to continue it way past the three years.”

—GLS campus alumni
Agenda

✓ Discussion: What Have You Been Up to?

✓ Today’s Topic: Cultivating Partnerships for Sustainability

✓ Guest Speaker: Jacquie Keeves, UMass Lowell

✓ Using Communications and Data to Make the Case for Sustainability

✓ Guest Speaker: Allen Riggs, Snow College

✓ Next Steps
Tell Us: What Have You Been Up To?
Recap of Homework

Homework:

- View step 4 of the Virtual Learning Lab: Collaborations
- Engage Partners Consistently and Creatively Worksheet
Group Discussion

✓ Share any thoughts or comments!

Engage Partners Consistently and Creatively

It can be challenging to keep stakeholders engaged in the long-term due to competing demands and stretched resources. It’s important to consider from the beginning of your program how you plan to keep stakeholders informed about the progress you make and how to keep them involved. Communicating broadly about your program’s successes is also essential for maintaining buy-in from senior leadership and stakeholders.

You can use the chart to generate ideas for how to consistently—and creatively—keep partners on a sustainable basis.

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<th>Partner</th>
<th>Activity to Keep Partner Engaged</th>
<th>Frequency of Activity</th>
<th>Next Steps to Take</th>
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| Example: Student peer leaders interested in mental health | Social media postings — Maintain a social media account (Twitter) where program updates are posted regularly, to keep students informed about mental health programming and resources. | Weekly/monthly | • Create a Twitter account.  
• Identify a staff member to update and add content.  
• Brainstorm hashtags. |
Today’s Topic: Cultivating Partnerships for Sustainability

Photo courtesy of Smithsonian’s National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute
Who are you partnering with: On Campus

Students:
- Active Minds
- Campus newspaper/radio
- LGBTQ student orgs
- Peer counseling program
- Sororities/Fraternities
- Student Government

Faculty/Staff
- Academic Advisors
- Campus Security
- Clergy/Religious Life
- Counseling Center
- Disability Office
- Health Services
- International Center
- Sexual Assault Prevention
- Residence Life
- Veterans/ROTC
Who are you partnering with: Off Campus

- Alcohol/substance abuse treatment centers
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
- County Health Departments
- County SP Coalitions
- Crisis phone/text lines
- Domestic violence shelters
- Hospitals
- Mental Health clinics in the community
- NAMI
Working with Partners on Sustainability

- What grant goals to continue
- Get input from partners
- Assess existing partnerships
Keeping Partners Engaged

✓ What communication efforts can you use?
  – Personal emails
  – In person meetings
  – Events
  – E-newsletters
  – Social media
  – Trainings

✓ How often should you communicate with partners?

✓ What can I do when priorities change?

✓ Strategies for sustaining partnerships off-campus
Then think about...who’s missing from the table?
UMass Lowell

- **UML Fall 2011**
  - 9,000 Undergraduates
  - 4,000 Graduates
  - 13,000 total Day Students
  - Undergraduates:
    - 28% minority
    - Residential VS Commuter:
      - 34% VS 66%
      - 3,000 VS 6,000

- **UML Fall 2015**
  - 11,000 Undergraduates
  - 4,100 Graduates
  - 15,100 total Day Students
  - Undergraduates:
    - 31% minority
    - Residential VS Commuter:
      - 38% VS 62%
      - 4,000 VS 6,500

Learning with Purpose
Grant Request

• Focused on training identified staff, faculty and students in warning signs, resources

• Highlighted high risk groups
  • Veterans
  • Students with disabilities
Changes to UML Needs

- Identified student needs
- Used Community Readiness Survey

UMatter at UMass Lowell: One Conversation Can Save a Life
Dear Colleague Letter

2014

- Grant ending in Spring 2016
  - How do we continue the trainings/education?
  - Who will oversee the work?

- Position created March 2015 to oversee sexual violence programming, including suicide prevention

- Position initially was under Office of Student Affairs, reporting to Associate Dean
Previously established routes
• Annual RA Training
• Increase in reporting
  • Both suicidal ideation and sexual violence
• Red Folders
• Other campus advocates

Title IX
Challenges

- What is violence prevention?
- Need for compliance overshadowing suicide prevention
- TIME
Ongoing Communication

- Sexual Violence Prevention Committee
- If possible, data (ACHA, Climate Survey)
- Send posters for events to partners
- Send updates/ask for feedback
- Students!
  - Let students share what the needs of the campus are
Questions
Developing Effective Communication

Objectives

✓ What do we want our partners to do as a result of this communication?
  - How will this change contribute to your sustainability goals?

✓ What is the best way to communicate with different partners?
Four considerations when developing messages:

- Strategy
- Safety
- Positive narrative
- Guidelines

www.SuicidePreventionMessaging.org
Importance of Data

✓ Makes a case for why this work is important

✓ But remember safety/ using a positive narrative
  - Be careful with statistics!
But wait, aren’t statistics about suicide important?
Chat in: what data and evaluation items would be useful to share with stakeholders for sustainability?

*Example:* 1 in 4 students use our campus counseling services
Using Champions

**Champion:** someone in your community who is well-known/respected who will champion your cause

Champions:
- Dean of students
- President
- Community leaders
- Special groups (director of Veterans’ Association, LGBTQ Center director)
- Student government

Who else?
Snow College Counseling & Wellness Center

• Allen Riggs, Director of Counseling & Wellness Center
• Former Project Director for the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Campus Suicide Prevention Grant Program
Snow College Demographics

- Public Institution of higher education with two rural campuses
- Snow College Student Enrollment is 4,779 undergraduate community college students.
1. The college will pay for a full time prevention coordinator/office manager.

2. The college will increase the budget for prevention services.

3. The college will increase the part time therapist position to full time.

- Create partnerships with on campus departments and off campus resources. Stay visible.

- Facilitate communication between departments and campus wide constituents.
Goals and Strategies for Sustainability

1. Provided training promoted to faculty and staff as we can help you deal with struggling students through a brief and practical 3 step approach.

**Question-Persuade-Refer**
Goals and Strategies for Sustainability

2. Trained 100% of the Residence Life Resident Assistants and Directors.

This training and others were offered to Residence Life to aid them in preparing their staff to be prepared for students expressing suicidal thoughts.
3. Trained the Deans Council and other administrators in the QPR method in order for them to help students and the employees under their supervision deal with students at risk for suicide.
Goals and Strategies for Sustainability

4. Invited the new college president to introduce guest speakers Kevin Hines and Kevin Briggs at the community suicide prevention event. This increased the connection between the president’s office and the community on our south campus.
Creation of a student run support line. Talk, Text and Chat

• Student mentors were trained and paid to conduct prevention services.
• They received training to run the support line.
• The support line was advertised on campus TV monitors and magnets were shared with on and off campus housing units.
• The support line was promoted by professors and staff.
• The support line had the backup of a licensed therapist in the case of high risk callers.
Creation of a student run support line. Talk, Text and Chat

The intent of creating the support line was to reach students who were isolated and create a supportive anonymous resource where they could talk openly about their challenges.

The support line operators (students) do not give advice but encourage exploration of solutions with the student caller.
Frequent updates to the VP and others regarding counseling center usage, demonstrating the needs for more clinicians and outreach and prevention resources.

The graph represents the completed counseling sessions per academic year. (NUMBERS REDACTED FOR PRIVACY).

The bar to the far right is this year so far.
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Showing the mean # of sessions demonstrates we are following a short term therapy model.
Frequent updates to the VP and others regarding counseling center usage, demonstrating the needs for more clinicians and outreach and prevention resources.

The no show for appointments percentage shows we are using our time wisely through our efforts to decrease no shows in order to move on to students on the waitlist for counseling.
Next Steps

✓ Meet with your advisor council/task force before last meeting if you can!

✓ What topics do you plan to bring up to discuss?
  – What we think we should sustain
  – Sharing data to show importance of SP
  – Identifying gaps in SP activities

✓ What else?
Next Steps

✓ Who are some campus leaders you plan on getting more engaged?

✓ Who do you think are the essential people that need to be invested to be successful?

✓ Who is missing from the table?
Wrapping Up

Homework:

- Listen to Sustainability Podcast from Adams State University
- Review the Action Alliance’s Framework for Successful Messaging
- Member profile if you haven’t done yours yet

Reminder: homework links are posted on the website!
http://glscampussustainability.com/
Wrapping Up

✓ Website: http://glscampussustainability.com/

✓ Meeting notes and presentation will be posted on the SPRC website.

✓ How to keep in touch in between meetings
  – Email addresses on Sustainability Series Participants excel spreadsheet

✓ Questions?
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