



Revising the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention*

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Today's Session

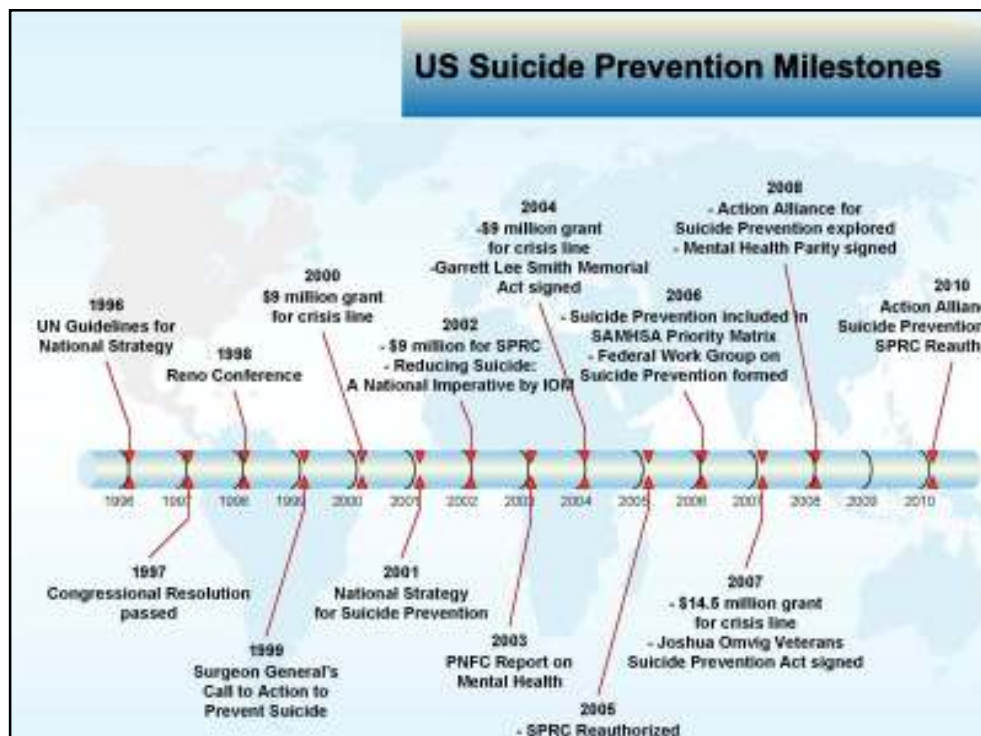
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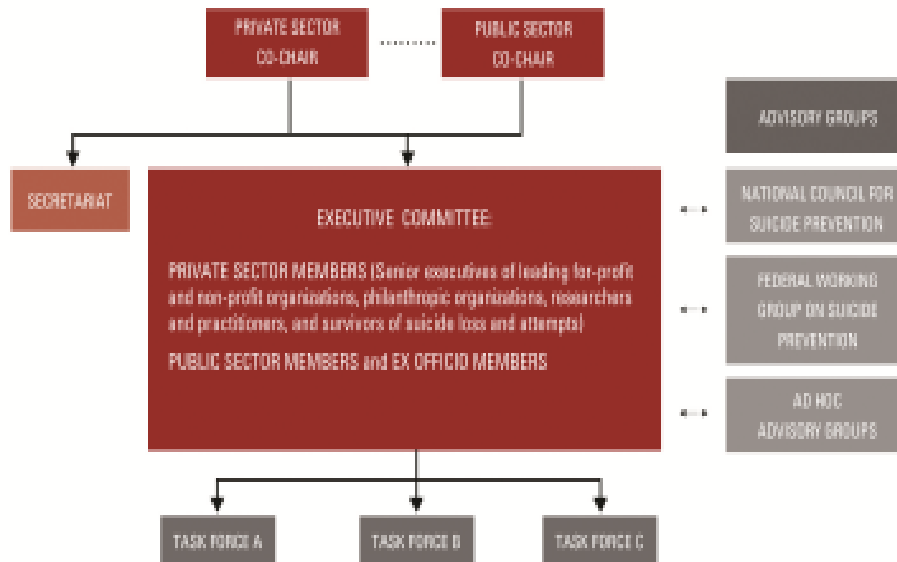


Vision/Mission

- **Vision:** A nation free from the tragic experience of suicide
- **Mission:** To advance the NSSP by:
 - *Championing* suicide prevention as a national priority
 - *Catalyzing* efforts to implement high-priority objectives of the NSSP
 - *Cultivating* the resources needed to sustain progress



Organizational Structure





Executive Committee (EXCOM)

REPRESENTATION

- **Public:** Defense, Health and Human Services, former Federal legislator, Interior, Justice, state government (mental health, substance abuse), Veterans Affairs
- **Private:** Behavioral health/substance abuse, business, faith leader/interfaith, hospitals, insurance, National Council for Suicide Prevention, older adult services, organized labor, primary care, social media, SPRC, traditional media, youth advocacy
- **Other:** Clinical, consumer of mental health services, philanthropy, research, suicide attempt survivor, suicide loss survivor
- **Diversity:** Age, ethnicity, gender, geography, race, sexual orientation



Task Forces

- Prioritized according to high-priority goals and objectives of the NSSP, interest, political will, and resource availability
 - **Infrastructure** task forces
 - National Strategy Revision/Update, Data and Surveillance, Research Prioritization (est. 10/2010)
 - **High-risk population** task forces
 - American Indian / Alaska Native populations, Military/Veterans (est. 12/2010)
 - LGBT Populations, Suicide Attempt Survivors, Survivors of Suicide Loss (est. 2/2012)
 - **Intervention** task forces
 - Clinical Care and Intervention, Clinical Workforce Development, Faith Communities, Public Awareness and Education, Workplace, Youth in Contact with the Juvenile Justice System (est. 4-9/2011)



Advisory Groups

- Comprised of leading suicide prevention organizations, professional associations, and ad hoc groups
- Represent the interests of vulnerable populations and others
- Provide expertise and insight to the EXCOM and task forces
- Two categories:
 - *Standing* – regularly consulted (National Council for Suicide Prevention, Federal Working Group on Suicide Prevention)
 - *Ad hoc* – established as needed



National Strategy for Suicide Prevention

Overview of the Task Force and
the NSSP Revision Process



National Strategy Revision/Update Task Force

Mission

- Propose a revision to and the review, refinement, and approval of the revised NSSP.
- Stimulate and coordinate dialogue to ensure that the NSSP reflects input from as many stakeholders and perspectives as possible.
- Work toward an NSSP that is strategic in direction and meant to stimulate planning and actions by both public- and private-sector stakeholders.

Leadership

- **Public Sector Co-Lead:** Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, MD
- **Private Sector Co-Lead:** Jerry Reed, PhD, MSW, Suicide Prevention Resource Center

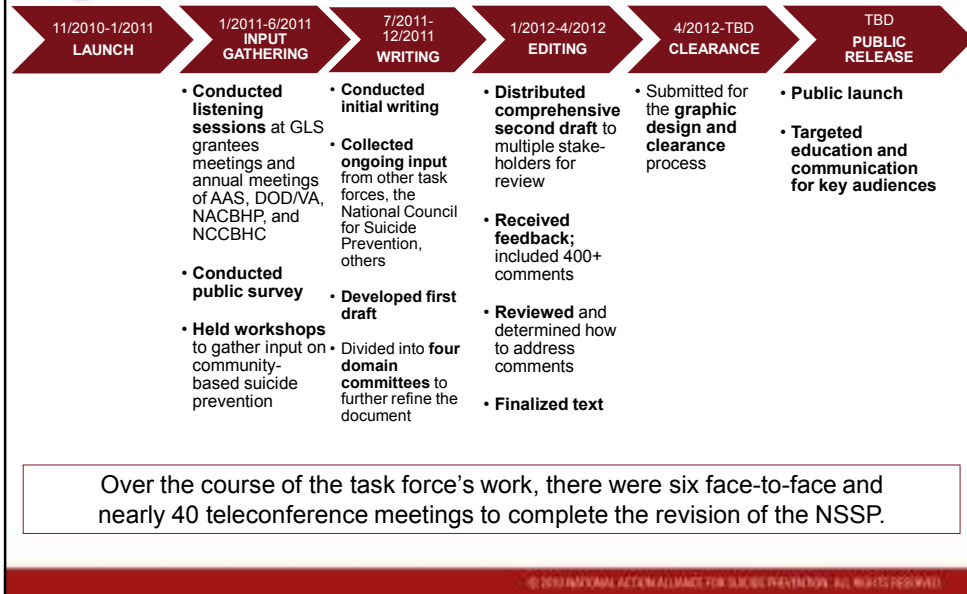


Task Force Membership

Carl Bell , Community Mental Health Council	Ira Katz , US Department of Veterans Affairs
Derek Blumke , Student Veterans of America	Mel Kohn , Oregon Health Authority
Brian Boon , Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities	Richard McKeon , Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Michael Botticelli , Massachusetts Department of Public Health	Richard Ramsay , University of Calgary
Eric Caine , University of Rochester	Dan Reidenberg , Suicide Awareness Voices of Education
Brian Dyak , Entertainment Industries Council, Inc.	Scott Ridgway , Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network
Jim Galloway , Assistant Surgeon General	Mort Silverman , SPRC
Michael Hogan , New York State Office of Mental Health	Eduardo Vega , Mental Health America of San Francisco
Jack Jordan , Family Loss Project	



Task Force Timeline



Overview of the Revised NSSP

- Why revise now?
 - Written to appeal to a broad base
 - Aligns with framework of the *National Prevention Strategy*, released June 2011
 - Includes four domains, 13 goals, and 59 objectives
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National Prevention Strategy Domains



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Highlights of the Revised NSSP

- Balance between:
 - Public health and behavioral health
 - Prevention and treatment
 - Public and private sector
 - Risk and protective factors
- Focus: Systems and individuals
- Timelessness
- Appendices:
 - History of suicide prevention
 - 2001 vs 2012 NSSP
 - Groups at increased risk
 - Resources
- Inclusive of the:
 - Full health spectrum
 - Role of crisis center and services
 - Postvention / aftercare
 - Range of communications media

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Action Steps for Using the NSSP

- **Actions:**
 - The **Federal Government** can...
 - **State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Governments** can...
 - **Businesses and Employers** can...
 - **Health Care Systems, Insurers, and Clinicians** can...
 - **Schools, Colleges, and Universities** can...
 - **Community, Non-Profit, and Faith-Based Organizations** can...
 - **Individuals and Families** can...



What's Next?

- Graphic design and clearance process
- Public release of the revised NSSP
- Technical assistance



Questions?

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