SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKS!
Community Snap Shot

• Grays Harbor County
  – 39th of 39 counties for health behaviors & clinical care
  – 790:1 behavioral health providers

• Two hospitals
  – 1 Critical Access, Level IV trauma designation
  – 1 Public Hospital, Level III Trauma designation

• Youth Suicide Surveillance System
  – All self-harm attempts, age 10-24
  – Reports submitted to LHJ by emergency responders and emergency departments
Challenges

- Staffing capacity for hospitals and emergency departments
- Infrastructural needs: such as safe rooms in hospitals
- Community need for BH providers and services
- Changes in leadership of local crisis response system and the hospitals
- Statewide: new organization of all behavioral health resources
- Coordination across sectors: hospitals, schools, EMS, and information sharing rules
Opportunities & Next Steps

• Revision of surveillance form

• Sentinel alert

• Zero Suicide training opportunities

• Service providers: several organizations focusing on outpatient services, new organization coming in to provide crisis services

• Collaboration among current providers: ensure community needs are met during crisis/postvention

• Tech. assistance, ideas: support among grantees, listservs