SAMHSA’s Strategic Initiative 1: Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness

Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness—Creating communities where individuals, families, schools, faith-based organizations, and workplaces take action to promote emotional health and reduce the likelihood of mental illness, substance abuse including tobacco, and suicide. This Initiative will include a focus on the Nation’s high-risk youth, youth in Tribal communities, and military families.

Goal 1.3: Prevent suicides and attempted suicides among populations at high risk, especially military families, LGBTQ youth, and American Indians and Alaska Natives.
Community Response Protocols

• How do Environmental Scans fit into community, state and national crisis protocols?

• How do all protocols either fit with or influence state suicide prevention plans?

• How will the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention influence change?
Review: Addressing the needs of youth that have attempted or are considering suicide
Examples- Community

• Prevention comes in three stages: pre, inter, post
• Other examples from SPRC
• How to find through website
• Discussion regarding differences in environment, current gaps and future needs
State

• Suicide Prevention plans
• Guidance for Reviewing State Suicide Prevention Plans
• Need for coalitions/committees and periodic review
• Changes in local and state government?
National

• National Strategy for Suicide Prevention

• Encourage review of plans and align with strategy

• Note focus on crisis centers on local level