

Four County L.O.S.S. Team: Notes from November 13, 2017 meeting

General Notes:

- The team gathered at the Four County ADAMhs Board. There were 16 Loss volunteers present.
- All team members introduced themselves to continue to orient the new members
- Tonie reminded the team of the importance of documenting follow-up telephone calls, and introduced the team to a new form to bring some structure to the process. Tonie asked that one form for each call be used. All forms should be turned in at the monthly LOSS Meetings.
- Tonie announced that Mandy Waldfogel will be assisting with the LOSS follow-up contacts. It was decided that it was better for these calls to be survivor-to-survivor. It was also possible that she would begin being part of the LOSS on-call rotation in the near future.
- Attendance at the LOSS meetings was also discussed. As a general guidance the team agreed that it was important to attend at least half the time in order to remain connected to the team, and to have formed enough of a relationship with each other to make responses more supportive and effective for the newly bereaved and volunteers. This was especially important to the new volunteers, to insure that they were not put in a position of responding with team members that they were not at least somewhat familiar with. It was also agreed that no one should miss more than 2 consecutive meetings without communicating their intentions to continue to be a part of the team. This would not be a hard rule, but general guidance with room for unexpected life events.
- The upcoming International Survivors Day Event was also discussed. The event will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at St. John's Lutheran Church from 11-2. A preview of the film, *The Journey; A Story of Healing and Hope* was shared with the team. Peggy Oyer provided an update to the team on the event.

Activity:

There were no LOSS Team activations since the October meeting. Kathy Helmke reported that LOSS made contact with the family of the individual who died in September but didn't receive a LOSS call. The contact was not face-to-face, but a packet was provided.

Reminders:

The next LOSS meeting is scheduled for 12/11/2107 at 5:15pm at the ADAMhs Board