



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**D-3**

For the meeting of: September 6, 2016

Date: August 22, 2016  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Connie Beck, Director *Beck*  
Department of Health and Human Services—Public Health (DHHS)  
Subject: Presentation on the Suicide Prevention Network (SPN) and Suicide Prevention Week 2016

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors hear the presentation and take action as appropriate.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Public Health Fund

DISCUSSION:

The Suicide Prevention Network (SPN) is a group of public and private individuals, agencies and groups that meets quarterly with the goal of reducing suicide and suicidal behaviors in Humboldt County. The Suicide Prevention Network recognizes that suicide is a complex public health issue that has a profound impact on our community. Members of the SPN have been meeting for over a year and are working to reduce the impact of suicide through community education, outreach, providing trainings, and collaborating on improving systems response.

From 2011 to 2015 there were 173 confirmed suicides in Humboldt County, an average of three suicides per month. During this five-year time span, it is estimated that over a thousand people in Humboldt County were directly impacted by the loss of a loved one.

Prepared by Megan Montgomery, AAI      CAO Approval *Kathy Hayes*

REVIEW: Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Human Resources \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:  
\_\_\_\_ Consent  
 Departmental  
\_\_\_\_ Public Hearing  
\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:  
Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
Upon motion of Supervisor      Seconded by Supervisor

Ayes  
Nays  
Abstain  
Absent  
**Per Order of the Chair**

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *Sept. 6, 2016*  
By: *[Signature]*  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact related to this presentation. This presentation reflects support of the Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations and creating opportunities for improved safety and health.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

None