

## **Washtenaw Alive Meeting Minutes February 15, 2018**

- Present: Anne Daws-Lazar, Hannah Wickham, Sheri Montoye, Kathy Arnold, Tyson Gatermann, Jeff Hackett, Steph Harrigan, Kharena Keith, Kathy Wyatt, Charles Wilson, Kari Mapes, Craig VanKempen, Jyoti Gupta
- Movie – Jeff Hackett has found an opportunity to host a documentary – “Suicide – the Ripple Effect” by Kevin Hines (survivor of a suicide attempt – jump off the Golden Gate Bridge). We would partner with a local theater for a one time showing of this documentary. We would need to show a certain number of pre-sold tickets. More to follow on this. A likely date would be in May. Jeff will follow up. Here is a link that gives more information: <http://suicidetherippleeffect.com/>
- Spike in suicides in African American Community – Dr. Marshall sent out an email with a proposal including several small focus groups. There were several people at this meeting who had an interest in being part of this initiative moving forward.
- Upcoming/recent events - UM depression conference March 13&14 at Rackham – Washtenaw Alive will provide information for a handout table. If you have information you'd like to display please get it to Anne by March 12.
- WEMU interview – Anne Did an interview with a reporter from WEMU on suicide in Washtenaw county.
- Meeting times for 2018 – vary times? This has been an ongoing discussion in recent months. Because WA meets at 1pm we are not getting much involvement in our meetings by people in education. We decided to hold the next meeting (April 19) at 4pm. At this time we are only changing this one meeting time.
- Communications group meetings – will be held before or after Washtenaw Alive meetings – depending on time of Washtenaw Alive meetings. The focus of this group will be on resiliency which may be accomplished by having a high social media presence among other initiatives.

- The next RUOK? meeting is this Thursday at 2pm at Jyoti's office at 3075 W. Clark Rd. Ste 110, Ypsilanti

**The next regular Washtenaw Alive is April 19 at the LRC at 4pm. The Communications/resilience sub group will meet at 3pm in the same room.**