2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and Action Plan (2024 NSSP)
Charge: 2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and Action Plan

• Biden-Harris Administration to issue a 2024 National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and Action Plan (2024 NSSP).
  ◦ The new strategy will build off of:
    – The 2012 National Strategy
    – The Surgeon General’s Call to Action to Implement the NSSP (2021)

• HHS, through the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council’s (BHCC) Suicide Prevention and Crisis Care subcommittee, coordinating the effort with interdepartmental engagement to build a cross-government strategy

• Timeframe: Release in January 2024 (Goal)
Structure for the 2024 NSSP & Action Plan Development

*Project Management Leadership Team:*
- Brandon Johnson (SAMHSA)
- Deb Stone (CDC)
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- Judy Qualters (CDC)
- Joel Dubenitz (ASPE)
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Phase 1: Drafting Goals & Objectives

- Phase 1: Update 2012 National Strategy
  - Who: Interagency Workgroup (Leads: Deb and Brandon; supported by SPRC & EDC)
  - What:
    - Review 2012 strategy to determine what sections need to be updated or refreshed
    - Review operational blueprint, work of the BHCC/SPCC
    - Add a new strategic direction on health equity (and integrate throughout)
    - Include content related to youth and social media, substance use, equity, 988
    - Collect input from inside and outside the federal government
  - Deliverable: NSSP Updates & New Equity Strategic Directive
  - When: May 31, 2023
• Interagency Workgroup formed and convened

• All phase 1 Interagency Workgroup Meetings completed
  ✓ Meeting 1: Strategic Directions 1 & 2
  ✓ Meeting 2: Strategic Directions 3 & 4
  ✓ Meeting 3: SUD, social media, equity, and 988
  ✓ Meeting 4: Strategic Direction 5 & final considerations

• Federal agency POCs and designated SMEs completed pre-meeting assignments

• Each meeting included facilitated breakout groups to discuss and collect feedback related to meeting topic

• Feedback used to inform crafting/updating of goals and objectives

Strategic Directions
1: Healthy and Empowered Individuals, Families, and Communities
2: Clinical and Community Preventive Services
3: Treatment and Response Services
4: Surveillance, Research, and Evaluation
5: (New) Health Equity in Suicide Prevention
Input from Needs Assessment & Listening Sessions

SPRC/EDC collated and analyzed data from:

• **Needs assessment** feedback received from suicide prevention coordinators, practitioners, providers, people with lived experience, and others

• **Listening sessions** completed:
  – Suicide Prevention SMEs (2 sessions)
  – Equity SMEs
  – Lived Experience SMEs
  – Youth and Young Adults
  – National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention EXCOM
  – DoJ and DOT OEMS
Next Step: Phase 2 Action Planning

• Phase 2: Develop Action Plan
  ◦ **Who:** Interagency Work Group
  ◦ First interagency meeting, June 7, 2023
  ◦ **What/Tasks:**
    – Develop Action Plan that identifies and prioritizes actionable recommendations
    – Builds off recommended updates from Phase 1
    – Informed by SPCC's work on the operational blueprint, relevant information or activities from current sub-IPC's, and listening sessions in Phase 1
  ◦ Deliverable: Action Plan Report
Key questions for feedback

• What have been the most significant accomplishments since release of the 2012 strategy?
• What of importance is missing from the 2012 National Strategy?
• How should equity be integrated into the 2024 strategy?
• How should youth and social media be integrated into the 2024 strategy?
• How should 988 and crisis services be integrated into the 2024 National Strategy?
• What should be included in the Action Plan that accompanies the 2024 National Strategy?