

1. Thanks to Drs. Donna Neary and Diane Deering for hosting our capacity meeting at Massapequa HS and for their thought-provoking presentation regarding the development of district risk assessment procedures. Also - thanks to all who attended. I hope you are feeling the enthusiasm of the colleagues you are meeting in LISPAN, and their willingness to serve as your backup if needed.
2. It was reported that the BOEs for Westbury, Great Neck, Massapequa, and Bayport-Blue Point have signed the Memorandum of Understanding to join the LISPAN network. This will bring our total network membership to 16 school partners. To clarify, districts interested in becoming members of LISPAN must have their Superintendent or BOE President sign the MOU. Completion of PREPaRE Workshop 2 does not automatically create membership in the LISPAN network. New member districts will be listed on the web page on a monthly basis.
3. Our next network meeting will take place at Smithtown HS West on Friday, February 26th and will feature a presentation by the Suffolk County Police Department on how they interface with schools concerning various crises. Please see the **attached registration** flyer and note the deadline for registration.
4. I am again attaching the LISPAN Crisis Response summary procedure for all members. These are the protocols you will be asked to follow in a live crisis, so kindly keep yourself familiar with the tasks and outlines as referenced in the PREPaRE 2 manual.
5. Our new web page is up and running due to the dedication and commitment of Dr. Donna Neary. **Please visit www.LISPAN.ORG**. All relevant LISPAN documents, including the MOU and our new brochure, are available on this page with the exception of pages available to Superintendents only. They will be provided with a username and password to access this information.
6. Information for emergency response/crisis training offered by the Nassau County Department of Health's Medical Reserve Corps was provided by School Psychologist Dr. Gloria Rothenberg. For additional information or if you have questions, please contact her at JFK High School at 516-434-3150 ext 3217 or grothenberg@pobschools.org. You may download a copy of the MRC application at their web site at <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Health/MRC.html>. Thank you Gloria. This would be an excellent enhancement to PREPaRE training.
7. Information regarding the Youth Mental Health First Aid training for teachers was again distributed. Please contact lead trainer Debbie Caputo at dcaputo@wsbooces.org for additional information or see the relevant attachments.
8. Any current LISPAN district rep who would like to join the Steering Committee for 2016-2017 is welcome to contact me. We meet immediately following scheduled network meetings. Our current SC membership may be found at the lispan.org web page. This is a group whose role is to plan for the ongoing needs of LISPAN and is composed of 12 crisis team members, including School Psychologists, School Social Workers, School Counselors, and any other crisis team members who have completed PREPaRE Workshop 2.
9. It was decided by the Steering Committee that for 2016-2017, the first network meeting will be open to all current and prospective LISPAN members, and will be limited to network members after that without charge in order for members to participate in live tabletop exercises that will feature scenarios such as bomb threats, teacher/student deaths, active shooters scenarios, etc. ***It is our strength as a group that volunteers who are released by member Superintendents to respond to a crisis are well-known to one another. Non-LISPAN members will be charged a nominal per person fee payable in advance for participation in network meetings.***
10. The next PREPaRE 1 and 2 workshops will be hosted by Nassau BOCES in March. ***These workshops will be canceled if there is insufficient registration so please do not delay in getting approval from your district to attend.***

11. Please review the free mindfulness workshop registration flyer for educators on Monday, February 8th at Western Suffolk BOCES from 4-6 pm and share with your crisis team members, administrators, and teachers.

12. Finally, please review final report of the Sandy Hook Commission at http://www.shac.ct.gov/SHAC_Final_Report_3-6-2015.pdf. This is a detailed 277-page report which should be read in its entirety by each of us, especially the recommendations of the Commission. If you are a NASP member, please also see the January/February 2016 Communique, with this as a lead story, co-authored by our own PREPaRE trainer, Dr. Amanda Nickerson from the University of Buffalo.

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