



## ***National Strategy for Suicide Prevention Task Force***

### **Mission of the Task Force**

- Support the Executive Committee by proposing a revision to the *National Strategy for Suicide Prevention* and supporting the review, refinement, and approval of the revised Strategy.
- Stimulate and coordinate dialogue between a broad array of individuals and organizations to ensure that recommendations for revisions of the National Strategy reflect inputs from as many stakeholders and perspectives as possible.
- Work toward a National Strategy that is action-oriented by structuring the revision to include early release of high priority recommendations, annual release of an action agenda designed to promote accountability, and a comprehensive statement of recommendations meant to facilitate planning and actions by both public- and private-sector stakeholders.
- Collaborate with the Data and Surveillance Task Force to propose a strategy for monitoring implementation of the revised strategy, identifying barriers, and proposing mechanisms for overcoming them.

### **Twelve Month Objectives**

- Develop high priority recommendations in the National Strategy domains of public awareness, community programs, clinical services, and research/surveillance.
- Establish processes and structures for generating an actionable Action Agenda to be developed and released each year in a form that allows accountability.
- Draft a proposal for the initial year's Action Agenda.
- Develop a draft for review and comment of a comprehensive series of recommendations.

### **Members**

- ***Jerry Reed—Co-Lead Private Sector;*** Director, Suicide Prevention Resource Center
- ***Regina Benjamin—Co-Lead Public Sector;*** Surgeon General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- Carl Bell, President & CEO, Community Mental Health Council
- Derek Blumke, President, Student Veterans of America
- Brian Boon, President & CEO, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
- Michael Botticelli, Director, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
- Eric Caine, Chair, Department of Psychiatry, University of Rochester Medical Center
- Brian Dyak, President & CEO, Entertainment Industries Council, Inc.
- Jim Galloway, Regional Health Administrator and Assistant Surgeon General
- Michael Hogan, Commissioner, New York State Office of Mental Health
- John R. Jordan, Funder and Director, Family Loss Project
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