



## Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Scott Walker, Governor | Daniel J. Zimmerman, Secretary

July 27, 2017

To: Wisconsin Partners

Re: Partner in "Zero Veteran Suicide Initiative"

The intent of this letter is to inform you of services the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs (WDVA) can provide in combating veteran suicide; our program is titled the "Zero Veteran Suicide Initiative".

Our department in coordination with various community stakeholders has formed a committee chartered with developing ways and means to assist with educating, communicating and identifying services to support those veterans that may be suffering from this life ending trauma.

As of today our committee has conducted the following actions:

- Suicide awareness training called Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) for members of our committee, agency employees and some organizations.
- Sent all of WDVA's Veterans Outreach and Recovery Team Members and selected other employees to various QPR Facilitator Trainings in support of providing statewide assistance for veterans and organizations.
- Developed and procured resources in support of providing information and services to those supporting our veterans under this initiative.

Secretary Zimmerman has identified Lori Kirchgatter Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program Manager as our agency liaison for assisting with providing available services, training and information.

Our next objective is to assist any community organizations by providing on site QPR educational services and resources through your conferences, meetings, workshops, or in home service from our trained QPR Staff. Please allow one hour of training with time for questions.

If you would like to receive QPR Training for individuals in your organizations or have other questions please contact Lori at 608-266-3574 or by email at [lori.kirchgatter@dva.wisconsin.gov](mailto:lori.kirchgatter@dva.wisconsin.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Grant', is written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth G. Grant  
Administrator, Division of Veterans Services  
WDVA