



# SPEAKER'S TASK FORCE ON Suicide Prevention

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## **Ballweg Announces August Suicide Prevention Task Force Meeting**

**Madison...** State Representative Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan), Chair of the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention, has announced the fifth public hearing for the 15-member bipartisan task force to be held August 12, 2019. Representatives from Chippewa Valley Technical College, Department of Justice, Department of Corrections, Department of Veteran Affairs and Department of Military Affairs have been invited to present. The hearing will open up for public testimony following invited speakers.

Prior to the public hearing, there will be a screening of the documentary, *Saved from Suicide*, featuring the story of Officer Chris Prochut.

Details on the public hearing can be found below:

### **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 AM:** Screening of the Documentary *Saved from Suicide*

**12:00 PM:** Chippewa Valley Technical College  
Casper Conference Center, Business Education Center  
620 West Clairemont Avenue  
Eau Claire, WI

If you are unable to attend, your thoughts and opinions can be shared by contacting the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention at

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/assembly/suicideprevention/contact-us/>.

The Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention is tasked with evaluating our state's current suicide prevention efforts, identifying new opportunities to target at-risk communities, increasing awareness for evidence-based programs and protocols and investigating new treatment and prevention options.

If you or someone you care about needs help, please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text the Wisconsin HOPELINE at 741741.

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