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Zero Suicide... brings a central focus to suicide prevention in healthcare.

- National Action Alliance Zero Suicide Co-lead
- American Association of Suicidology President Elect
- Zero Suicide International lead for three global summits
- 2014 National Council TED Talk - “Is Suicide Really a Choice?”
- 2015 National Council TED Talk – “What we learned from Ebola”
- 2016 AAS TED Talk – “Everything I knew about suicide was wrong”



CRISIS NOW
Transforming Crisis Services

Crisis Now... raises the bar for transforming crisis services.

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Network Chairperson
- National Action Alliance Crisis Now Co-lead & White Paper Author
- Founder of Crisis Tech 360: Virtualizing facility bed boards
- 2008 CSG National Innovations Award for Crisis Services
- 2012 CSG National Innovations Award with Magellan Health
- 2016 National Council “Crisis to Recovery” Special Magazine Editor



Peer 2.0: Valuing Recovery... seeks a new clinical, measurement paradigm.

- CEO & President RI International with 500+ Certified Peer Staff
- Magellan Health “Towards a Peer Driven System” Author
- Architect Peer 2.0 World Happiness Report Framework
- 2015 Health Promoting Hospitals Plenary at Norway Summit
- 2016 National Council TED Talk – INSIDE OUT the BH Executive Mind
- 2017 AAS TED Talk - “Spreading a Different Courage”

