

## Attachment K

### Summary of Proposed Changes to Interview Tools

#### Proposed Changes

- We request to modify the two structured interviews that we routinely conduct: 1) the law enforcement interview tool, and 2) the school official interview tool. These interviews are conducted with law enforcement and school staff who are familiar with the school-associated violent deaths on which we collect data. Proposed changes are outlined below and specified in Attachments L (crosswalk for the law enforcement interview instrument) and M (crosswalk for the school official interview instrument).
  - **Law Enforcement Interview Tool Proposed Changes**
    - We request to make minor changes to the wording of and response options for some of the items (These items are highlighted yellow in the enclosed Excel spreadsheet crosswalk, which details the differences from the approved questionnaires to the proposed questionnaires. Proposed modifications are entered in red text.). An example of a minor response option change and skip logic clarification is as follows:
      - *Previously used item and response options:*
        - Were any of the following security measures in use at the time of this event?  
Read options, Coding instructions: 1=yes, 2=no, 7=not applicable, 8=unknown  
*Measure Location or Type of Measure Code*  
S04.a) Walk Through Metal Detectors  
S04.a1) If yes, how often?  
1 Daily  
2 2 to 3 times per week  
3 Weekly  
4 Biweekly  
5 As warranted  
6 Never
      - *Newly proposed response option (highlighted red), with skip logic more clearly specified:*
        - Were any of the following security measures in use at the time of this event?  
Read options, Coding instructions: 1=yes, 2=no, 7=not applicable, 8=unknown  
*Measure Location or Type of Measure Code*  
S04a) Walk Through Metal Detectors  
If yes, proceed to S04a1 & S04a2; if no, proceed to S04b.  
S04a1) If yes, how often?  
1 - Daily  
2 - 2 to 3 times per week

- 3 - Weekly
- 4 - Biweekly
- 5 - As warranted
- 6 - Randomly
- 7 - Never

- We are requesting to add 16 entirely new items to the law enforcement interview tool. (These items are highlighted blue in the enclosed Excel crosswalks detailing the differences from the approved questionnaires to the proposed questionnaires.) The majority of these items include skip logic, indicating that follow-up probes should be skipped if the response to the first question is “No”. All proposed new items are specified below.
- We request permission to delete one item from the questionnaire (highlighted in green on the enclosed crosswalk).

- **Item to be deleted from the Law Enforcement Interview Tool:**

**Case ID. Case ID Number \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ To be assigned by study coordinator, record 5-digit number**

- **Items to be added to the Law Enforcement Interview Tool, skip logic included:**

**V28. Did the victim experience any relationship-related crises or traumatic events during the 2 weeks before the incident?**

Do NOT read options

1=yes

2=no\*

7=not applicable\*

8=unknown\*

9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to V28a; \*If answer is 2 -9, skip to Question V29.

**V28a Please briefly describe the specific relationship-related crises or traumatic events experienced. Code later**

**V29. Was a relationship-related crisis or traumatic event imminent within two weeks of this incident?**

Do NOT read options

1=yes

2=no\*

7=not applicable\*

8=unknown\*

9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to V29a; \*If answer is 2 -9, skip to Question V30.

**V29A. Please briefly describe the specific relationship-related crises or traumatic events that may have been imminent. Code later**

**V35b. In what type of setting were they treated? Code later**

**V40. Did the victim ever do something to purposely hurt him/herself without wanting to die, such as cutting or burning him/herself on purpose, engaging in the choking game, etc.?**

Do not read options

1=yes

2=no

7=not applicable

8=unknown

9=refused to answer

If yes, proceed to V40a; \*If answer is 2 -9, skip to Question V41.

**V40a. To whom was this self-harm behavior reported? Do not read options (Answer all options)**

Code

{V40a1} no one

{V40a2} parents

{V40a3} other family

{V40a4} peers

{V40a5} school staff

{V40a6} other medical/mental health professional

{V40a7} other

{V40a7a} If Other selected, please specify:

{V40a8} not applicable

{V40a9} unknown

{V40a10} refused to answer

**V40b. What, if any, actions were taken in response to this self-harm behavior?**

**O26. Did the alleged offender experience any relationship-related crises or traumatic events during the 2 weeks before this incident?**

Do NOT read options

1=yes

2=no\*

7=not applicable\*

8=unknown\*

9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to O26a; \*If answer is 2 -9, skip to Question O27.

**O26a. Please briefly describe the specific relationship-related crises or traumatic events experienced. Code later**

**O27. Was a relationship-related crisis or traumatic event imminent within two weeks of this incident?**

Do NOT read options

1=yes

2=no\*

7=not applicable\*

8=unknown\*

9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to O27a; \*If answer is 2 -9, skip to Question O28.

**O27a. Please briefly describe the specific relationship-related crises or traumatic events that may have been imminent. Code later**

**O33b. In what type of setting were they treated (e.g., inpatient, outpatient)? Code later**

**O36. Did the alleged offender ever do something to purposely hurt him/herself without wanting to die, such as cutting or burning him/herself on purpose, engaging in the choking game, etc.?**

Do not read options

1=yes

2=no\*

7=not applicable\*

8=unknown\*

9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to O36a; \*If answer is 2-9, skip to Question O37.

**O36a. To whom was this self-harm behavior reported? Do not read options (Answer all options)**

Code

{O36a1} no one

{O36a2} parents

{O36a3} other family

{O36a4} peers

{O36a5} school staff

{O36a6} other medical/mental health professional

{O36a7} other

{O36a7a} If Other selected, please specify:

{O36a8} not applicable

{O36a9} unknown

{O36a10} refused to answer

**O36b. What, if any, actions were taken in response to this self-harm behavior?**

**o School Official Interview Tool Proposed Changes**

- We request to make minor changes to the wording of and response options for some of the items (These items are highlighted yellow in the enclosed Excel spreadsheet crosswalk, which details the differences from the approved questionnaires to the proposed questionnaires. Proposed modifications are entered in red text.). An example of a minor response option change and skip logic clarification is as follows:
- We are requesting to add 19 entirely new items to the school official interview tool. (These items are highlighted blue in the enclosed Excel crosswalks detailing the differences from the approved questionnaires to the proposed questionnaires.) The majority of these items include skip logic, indicating that follow-up probes should be skipped if the response to the first question is “No”. All proposed new items are specified below.
- We request permission to delete one item from the questionnaire (highlighted in green on the enclosed crosswalk).

**• Item to be deleted from the School Official Interview Tool:**

**Case ID. Case ID Number \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ To be assigned by study coordinator, record 5-digit number**

**• Items to be added to the School Official Interview Tool, skip logic included:**

**S05. During the time when the event of interest occurred, did the school regularly use paid law enforcement or security services---**

{S05a} Were they full time? (e.g., 8 hours/day)

{S05b} At any time during school hours

{S05c} While students were arriving and/or leaving

{S05d} At selected school activities (e.g., athletic and social events, open houses, science fairs)

{S05e} When school/school activities not occurring

{S05f} Other

{S05f.1} If Other selected, please specify:

**S08. What is the school’s protocol for responding to a violent event? (e.g., lockdown procedures, immediate SRO response, etc.)**

**V32. Did the victim experience any relationship-related crises or traumatic events during the 2 weeks before the incident?**

Do NOT read options

1=yes

2=no\*

7=not applicable\*

8=unknown\*

9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to V32a; \*If answer is 2-9, skip to Question V33.

**V32a. Please briefly describe the specific relationship-related crises or traumatic events experienced. Code later**

**V33. Was a relationship-related crisis or traumatic event imminent within two weeks of this incident?**

Do NOT read options

1=yes

2=no\*

7=not applicable\*

8=unknown\*

9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to V33a; \*If answer is 2-9, skip to Question V34.

**V33a. Please briefly describe the specific relationship-related crises or traumatic events that may have been imminent. Code later**

**V39b. In what type of setting were they treated (e.g., inpatient, outpatient)? Code later**

**V43. Did the victim ever do something to purposely hurt him/herself without wanting to die, such as cutting or burning him/herself on purpose, engaging in the choking game, etc.?**

Do not read options

1=yes

2=no\*

7=not applicable\*

8=unknown\*

9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to V43a; \*If answer is 2-9, skip to Question V44.

**V43a. To whom was this self-harm behavior reported?**

**(Answer all options)**

**Code**

- {V43a1} no one
- {V43a2} parents
- {V43a3} other family
- {V43a4} peers
- {V43a5} school staff
- {V43a6} other medical/mental health professional
- {V43a7} other
  - {V43a7a} If Other selected, please specify:
- {V43a8} not applicable
- {V43a9} unknown
- {V43a10} refused to answer

**V43b. What, if any, actions were taken by the school in response to this self-harm behavior?**

**O28. Did the alleged offender experience any relationship-related crises or traumatic events during the 2 weeks before this incident?**

Do NOT read options

- 1=yes
- 2=no\*
- 7=not applicable\*
- 8=unknown\*
- 9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to O28a; \*If answer is 2-9, skip to Question O29.

**O28a. Please briefly describe the specific relationship-related crises or traumatic events experienced. Code later**

**O29. Was a relationship-related crisis or traumatic event imminent within two weeks of this incident?**

Do NOT read options

- 1=yes
- 2=no\*
- 7=not applicable\*
- 8=unknown\*
- 9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to O29a; \*If answer is 2-9, skip to Question O30.

**O29a. Please briefly describe the specific relationship-related crises or traumatic events that may have been imminent. Code later**

**O35b. In what type of setting were they treated (e.g., inpatient, outpatient)? Code later**

**O38. Did the alleged offender ever do something to purposely hurt him/herself without wanting to die, such as cutting or burning him/herself on purpose, engaging in the choking game, etc.?**

Do not read options

1=yes

2=no\*

7=not applicable\*

8=unknown\*

9=refused to answer\*

If yes, proceed to O38a; \*If answer is 2-9, skip to Question O39.

**O38a. To whom was this self-harm behavior reported?**

**(Answer all options)**

Code

{O38a1} no one

{O38a2} parents

{O38a3} other family

{O38a4} peers

{O38a5} school staff

{O38a6} other medical/mental health professional

{O38a7} other

{O38a7a} If Other selected, please specify:

{O38a8} not applicable

{O38a9} unknown

{O38a10} refused to answer

**O38b. What, if any, actions were taken by the school in response to this self-harm behavior?**

**V46. Is there more than one fatal victim to report and are you ready to complete another victim questionnaire?**

Do not read options

1=yes

2=no\*