

**Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration**

Agency Information Collection Activity:

Suicide Prevention 2.0 Program - Community Opinion Survey

OMB Control No. 2900-0911

The Suicide Prevention 2.0 Program - Community Opinion Survey received one comment in response to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice (VA-2025-VACO-0001-0046, FR Doc No: 2025-12222) on August 7, 2025.

Document: VA-2025-VACO-0001-0074 – We appreciate the commentor’s concerns-suggestions, and VA responds as follows:

- The general comment states that “localizing suicide intervention strategies and mental health crisis support is essential for providing effective care and prevention.” The commenter goes on to say that local mental health and community leaders are best suited to understand the local risk factors and barriers to care and to strategize solutions that are culturally and locally appropriate for those at risk. This local attention builds trust and engagement with constituencies for more effective and wholistic interventions and outcomes.
 - VA agrees with these comments. Through the Governor’s Challenge and local coalitions focused on Veteran suicide prevention, VA’s Office of Suicide Prevention helps build and support local connections that are well equipped to address the local environment, nuances, and culturally appropriate solutions to engage those at risk for suicide.

VA’s Office of Suicide Prevention (OSP) appreciates the opportunity to review and respond to the comments. The commenter did not request any changes to the Community Opinion Survey and we make no changes to the information collection at this time.

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