

Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance
Summary of Minutes
September 15, 2008

Video Conference

Chicago

Illinois Department of Public Health
122 S. Michigan Avenue
7th floor, conference room 723

Springfield

Illinois Department of Public Health
Training and Resource Center
PENTA Building
828 South Second Street, 2nd Floor
Conference Room

Marion

Illinois Department of Public Health
2309 W. Main St., Suite 106, Senate
Conference Room

Appointed Members in Attendance

Judy Ashby, LifeSavers Training Corporation (*Marion Site*)
Sherry Bryant, Survivor (*Chicago Site*)
Sharneice Snyder, Jason Foundation @ Streamwood Behavioral Health System (*Chicago Site*)
Glenn Steinhausen, Illinois State Board of Education (*Springfield Site*)
Lora Thomas, NAMI Illinois – National Alliance on Mental Illness (*Springfield Site*)
Stephanie Weber, Suicide Prevention Services (*Phone*)
Carol Wozniowski, Mental Health America of Illinois (*Chicago Site*)

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance

Srgt. Jill Allen, Illinois State Police (*Chicago Site*)
Mary Mayes, Illinois Department on Aging (*Springfield Site*)
Marilyn Peebles, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (*Springfield Site*)
Patricia Reedy, Illinois Department of Human Services (*Chicago Site*)

IDPH Staff

Fee Habtes, Injury & Violence Prevention Program (*Springfield Site*)
Jennifer Martin, Injury & Violence Prevention Program (*Springfield Site*)

Stakeholders in Attendance

Amy Ashland, Jason Foundation @ Streamwood Behavioral Health Systems (*Chicago Site*)
Mariann Blacconiere, Hines VA Hospital (*Chicago Site*)
Denise Blumeth, Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health (*Chicago Site*)
Ernestine Brasher, Community Member (*Marion Site*)
Angie Brechlin, SwedishAmerican Hospital (*Chicago Site*)
Carolyn Broughton, Illinois Department of Human Services (*Springfield Site*)
Paul Fleming, Community Member (*Marion Site*)
Tracy Glen, Community Member (*Marion Site*)
Liz Gunner, Mental Health America in Illinois (*Chicago Site*)
Tessy Jones, Illinois Department of Human Services (*Chicago Site*)
Christine Mitchell, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Illinois Chapter (*Chicago Site*)
Rocky Peppers, VA Center (*Marion Site*)
Mary Swanson, SIRSS (*Marion Site*)
Kim Terry, VA Center (*Marion Site*)
Shelly Wood, Anna Bixby Women's Center for Domestic Violence (*Marion Site*)

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

Roll Call/Introductions/Welcome

Roll call was completed. Quorum is met. Introductions and a welcome were made by Co-Chair Carol Wozniowski.

Review & Approval of July 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were distributed electronically to the group prior to the meeting and copies were included in the meeting packet. Sherry Bryant motioned for the approval of the minutes, with a second from Lora. No discuss or corrections – minutes were passed.

Update from Illinois Department of Public Health (Reporting: Fee Habtes)

Workplan – The workplans were reviewed by the Deputy Director's office. There are some activities that will need a plan developed. If the activity requires time, energy and funding, then it needs approval. There has been some confusion between the workplans and the deliverables under the IDPH/MHAI contract. The contract should not be confused with the workplans. Carol Wozniwski and Glenn Steinhausen requested Dr. Habtes outline which activities were approved and specify what information is lacking. After the Alliance developed goals/plan, that information would be reviewed by IDPH.

Ex-Officio members – status of ex-officio members is waiting for legal opinion.

Bylaws – pending Department review.

Update from Mental Health America of Illinois regarding suicide prevention activities under the IDPH contract (Reporting: Carol Wozniwski)

Through a contract from the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Mental Health America in Illinois is implementing various suicide prevention activities. MHAI and IDPH have been working to develop action plans for several of the deliverables. The following are some updates:

Coalition Development across the state – as an avenue to integrate the strategic plan across the state, a coalition develop training will be implemented. The training will follow up on what was done last year. Education and Training Workgroup will give an update during their report. Alliance members/stakeholders should have received the Call for Applications.

Research evaluation – MHAI will partner with the Center for Prevention, Research and Development (based in Champaign). CPRD is known for partnering on social issues and will partner with MHAI to evaluate the communities participating in the coalition development trainings and their projects. CPRD will help them focused on evaluating how the communities' implement the strategic plan and various characteristics of forming a planning group. They will also evaluate the training and the model – (how do we do this, how can we make it better - is this a good model, how can we the best bang for our buck). CPRD also worked with IDPH to serve as the evaluator if they receive the Garrett Lee Smith youth suicide prevention grant.

School-based suicide prevention – IDPH and MHAI spoke with Glenn Steinhausen regarding a mini-grant application to fund no less than 7 organizations across the state to provide suicide prevention within the school setting. The RFP is being finalized and will be submitted to IDPH for approval. MHAI would like to send the RFP out by the end of the week. There will be a small amount of funding left over and will be utilized to send presenters to conferences for school staff. MHAI is in the process of contacting the conference leaders. MHAI will do the presentation, however, Carol may outreach to some of the members to do a presentation. She would provide a standard power point and pay for mileage.

Workgroup conference calls – Need to clarify which appointed members are assigned to each workgroup, this will help determine if there is quorum. The Alliance needs to be more aware of this requirement and ensure active participation so a meeting doesn't need to be cancelled due to no quorum. The alliance discussed not having more than 3 people on a workgroup and started to assign members to workgroups. But because of the small number of appointed members (11) it would be

difficult to have three people per workgroup because everyone would have to serve on multiple workgroups. The Alliance determined to only have one appointed member to workgroup – these are the following chair/member:

- Education and Training – Sherry Bryant
- Community Outreach – Judy Ashby
- Public Awareness – Carol Wozniowski
- Policy Recommendation – Lora Thomas/Buzz Hays
- Data – Glenn (not chair, but will be the appointed person)
- State Agency and Review Subcommittee – (Carol, Glenn and Jennifer will discuss)

After the meeting, Carol and Glenn will send a communication to the Alliance/stakeholders asking what workgroup they want to serve on. Include a description of each workgroup and ask them to send an e-mail back stating they are recommitting. The idea is that each of the workgroups would meet on the off months. Each workgroup is asked to set a meeting date for October as soon as possible and be prepared to bring 2009 dates at the November meeting.

Suicide Prevention Concert – The concert planners did not have the venue secured so they postponed the event until they can determine a different date. MHAJ asked the Alliance if they'd recommend they continue to participate. IDPH was disappointed it didn't work out. The Alliance doesn't have confidence in moving forward. Sherry Bryant made a motion that makes a recommendation to MHAJ and IDPH to withdrawal the financial support of the concert. The motion was seconded by Sharneice Snyder, with some discuss, the motion passed.

Committee Update (*Reporting: Sherry Bryant*)

Education and Training Workgroup – are assisting MHAJ in the coalition development training. This is not a clinical workshop, it is intended for the community level. They will gain resources, evaluation skills, develop a logic model. At the end of the project period, they will have a follow up meeting.

Agency Announcements

Per Sherry Bryant - The Suicide Prevention Services walk was rained out but will be rescheduled. November 23 is National Survivors Day – Jim Ryan will speak. Suicide Prevention Services celebrated their 10th anniversary for their prevention program.

Per Christine Mitchell - Hosting a conference on November 22. Contact her if you are interested in hosting a site. She will have a DVD of the panel. Just had a large walk in Indiana and planning for one in Illinois. Call her for information.

Per Judy Ashby - The local support group had their first meeting and was highlighted in the newspaper.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Illinois Department of Public Health, Center for Innovation, Technology and Education
PENTA Building, 828 South Second, 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Martin