

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance (ISPA)
Summary of Minutes November 21, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 2:30:p.m.
Approved February 15, 2012

Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center
5230 South Sixth Street
Springfield, IL

Appointed Members in Attendance

Judy Ashby, LifeSavers Training Corp.
Eric Davidson, Illinois Higher Education Center
Colleen Daley, Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence
Paul Fleming, Survivor (*phone*)
Ariel Mindel – representing Carol Gall, Mental Health America of Illinois (*phone*)
Steve Moore, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Illinois Chapter (*phone*)
Glenn Steinhausen, Illinois State Board of Education
Lora Thomas, NAMI Illinois – National Alliance on Mental Illness

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance

Wendy Blank, Illinois Department of Corrections
Jessica O’Leary, Office of the Attorney General’s Office (*phone*)
Mary Mayes, Illinois Department on Aging
Mary Ratliff, Illinois Violence Prevention Authority
Patricia Reedy, Illinois Department of Human Services (*phone*)
Gail Simpson – *representing Judy Rehder*, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Staff

Mark Flotow, IDPH, Center for Health Statistics
Jennifer Martin, IDPH, Injury & Violence Prevention Program
Conny Moody, IDPH, Injury & Violence Prevention Program

Stakeholders in Attendance

Katie Edwards, Marion VA
Chuck Johnson, Blessing Hospital
Master Sergeant Ed Petrik, Illinois State Police
Shantel High, Illinois Department of Human Services

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

Introductions/Welcome

Introductions and a welcome were made by Co-Chair Dr. Steinhausen. Quorum is met.

Review & Approval of August 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Copies of the minutes were distributed to the members prior to the meeting and copies were available during the meeting. Lora Thomas motioned for the approval of the minutes, with a second from Steve Moore. All in favor, motion carried.

Update from Illinois Department of Public Health (*Reporting: Conny Moody, Jennifer Martin and Mark Flotow*)

Nominations – Ms. Martin reported Ms. Rehder from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is retiring at the end of the year.

Ms. Martin introduced Conny Moody, Assistant Deputy Director for the IDPH Office of Health Promotion. Ms. Moody oversees the Injury and Violence Prevention Programs (IVPP.)

IDPH staff update – Ms. Moody reported the Violence Prevention Planner for the IVPP is retiring at the end of the year and she asked Ms. Martin to learn the responsibilities so as to maintain activities after the Violence Prevention Planner retires.

Garrett Lee Smith grant – Ms. Moody reported, though the next round of funding for Garrett Lee Smith suicide prevention grants has not been announced, the Department does not plan to apply and encourages other agencies to consider this grant opportunity. Ms. Martin mentioned historically this grant opportunity becomes available early in the year and the lead agency differs among states – e.g., public health authority, mental health authority, mental health association, university. Ms. Martin explained that the agency that applies will need to work closely with the Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance since they will be required to tie their activities with the state strategic plan and demonstrate they are working with the statewide suicide prevention group. Ms. Martin is available to collaborate and provide insight into the grant application.

Community Transformation Grant – Ms. Moody announced the Department was awarded the Community Transformation Grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support community-level efforts to reduce chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes. Several workgroups were formed to assist the Department with implementing the activities outlined in the grant.

Issue Papers – Ms. Martin reported the ISPA Community Awareness Workgroup identified the next round of issue papers to develop. She is working with several members to gather information to draft issue papers on military, first responders and access to means.

Data – Mr. Flotow reported the Department is switching the data entry system and going to electronic data entry only. Currently, all but two counties are utilizing the electronic system to enter vital records. Preliminary data is expected to start with 2012 data. Mr. Flotow also provided insight into the new restrictions for reporting state-level death counts and death rates within WISQARSTM (Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System,) an interactive database system that provides customized reports of injury-related data.

Review of the bylaws

A revised copy of the bylaws was distributed to the appointed members prior to the meeting. Ms. Martin provided answers to a couple of questions the members had at the previous meeting. Ms. Martin shared recommendations that were provided prior to the meeting, which opened the discussion for further edits. There was discussion about adding a consumer, youth and older adult as possible members in the future. Ms. Thomas motioned for the approval of the bylaws, with a second from Mr. Davidson. All in favor, motion carried. Ms. Martin will ask the bylaws be filed with the Department.

Annual Reports

Ms. Martin shared a copy of the final version of the 2010 Annual Report which opened discussion for the 2011 annual report. The workgroups will be asked to identify accomplishments to list in the report. The ISPA Data Workgroup will review data to include. Ms. Martin provided an overview of recommendations mentioned during past discussion about the annual report – e.g., link accomplishments to the state goals and objectives. Other recommendations included: see how other states have implemented strategies without funding and include those strategies in the next steps section, be more concrete with specifics, align the accomplishments with the Garrett Lee Smith grant requirements, add text boxes to create a sound box that a legislator could talk about, add a graph on the money spent for suicide prevention in Illinois, . Partner agencies will be asked to list their accomplishments based on how they helped meet the objectives of the state plan, rather than just list the top five accomplishments.

Review of the Draft Strategic Plan Update

A written report was submitted, including a list of the current draft of goals and objectives. Due to limited time, the ISPA members only were able to review and edit one of the goals - Goal 10, which addresses developing sustainable funding sources. The following ideas were discussed: 1) is suicide defined as an epidemic in Illinois, if so, and then we can explain it's an epidemic as we seek funding, 2) would the state hospital association be a possible sustainable funding source?, 3) could the state agency subcommittee look at a unified budget for suicide prevention, and 4) is there an opportunity to build up existing funding streams with the integration of care programs. Members are encouraged to review and provide input to the workgroup as they finalize the list.

Set meeting dates for the remainder of the fiscal year

The members decided the next meeting will be the week of February 13th (but not February 13th or 20th) in Chicago; then the last meeting of the fiscal year will be held on May 7th (May 11th as a second choice) in Springfield with video conferencing available in Chicago. Ms. Martin will secure the meeting facilities based on their availability for these dates.

Agency Announcements

- Dr. Steinhausen reporting the 2011 results of the Youth Behavior Risk Survey will be analyzed soon. Findings from the 2009 data were presented at the Illinois Department of Human Services School Health Days.
- Dr. Steinhausen announced he plans to retire in the middle of 2012.

- Ms. Ashby reported the LifeSaver's Training Corporation had two retreats this fall. They also were part of a research grant through SAMHSA. They are planning an event in Anna, IL to recognize National Suicide Prevention Survivor Day.
- Mr. Davidson reported he will have data analysis of their prevention programs, which may be of interest to this group.
- Ms. High mentioned she will have the survey results for the Illinois Youth Survey, which she can share with the group. Surveys will begin again in the spring.
- Ms. Thomas mentioned NAMI released a report that listed Illinois as being 4th in the largest budget cuts to mental health services (last year Illinois was #1.) She also mentioned NAMI adopted a new legislative agenda.
- Mr. Johnson shared Blessing Hospital is organizing a Community Health Care Event, in addition to publishing a one-page ad and hosting two health fairs. Blessing Hospital received a two million dollar grant from the Children's Hospital. Mr. Johnson also shared he is working with one of the speakers from a recent Suicide Prevention Resource Center's "Research to Practice" webinar to gain permission to adapt their information to train emergency department physicians.
- Mr. Moore mentioned several events were planned for the International Suicide Prevention Day. AFSP has a video which includes time for a break out session. He also reported the 2011 Out of the Darkness Walk increased the number of walkers to 4,200, from 3,200 in 2010.
- Ms. Martin mentioned she learned the Mental Health Centers for Central Illinois was finalizing the requirements to join the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network of crisis centers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Martin