

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance
Community Awareness Workgroup (Addressing Goals 2, 3, 6, 8, 9)
Approved January 12, 2012

Thursday, December 8, 2011

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Conference call)

Introductions

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| Judy Ashby | LifeSavers Training Corp. |
| Marjory Lewe-Brady | West Chicago School District 33 |
| Jennifer Martin | Illinois Department of Public Health |

Minutes from November 10, 2011 -Judy Ashby motioned for the approval of the minutes, with a second from Marjory Lewe-Brady. All in favor, motion carried.

Announcements – Ms. Ashby reported LifeSavers is collaborating with the Graduate Practicing Professionals program at Southern Illinois University to offer a 3 hour counselor workshop, which will include 3 continuing education units.

Discuss strategic plan revisions a. Review recommendations for Goals 2, 3, 6, 8 and 9 -Members liked the idea of merging goal 3 and goal 6 but decided to tweak the wording later. Members continued to review a worksheet of proposed objectives (based on the national plan.) to determine which objectives should be incorporated in Illinois’ plan. Ms. Lewe-Brady provided several recommendations for reformatting and rewording several objectives, in addition to deleting some activities that were duplicates or had already been completed. Ms. Martin recommended she meet with the workgroup chair to finalize the edits – workgroup members agreed.

Update on the “It Only Takes One” campaign - No report.

Overview of issue papers -Ms. Martin provided a list of issue papers that still need to be updated. The members agreed to review a set of issue papers at time – e.g., focus on updating three issue papers, finalize them, then choice another set to work on. Ms. Martin recommended focusing on the following issue papers which we have active members who could easily help finalize these issue papers – Access to Means, Military, and First Responders (which represents a large group of people – fire fighters, law enforcement, EMS, hotlines – so it may be decided to develop individual fact sheets for each population.) Ms. Martin has identified stakeholders assist with the review and edits.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, January 12, 2012 – 3-4p.m.
- Set agenda
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Summary submitted by Jennifer Martin

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| Judy Ashby | LifeSavers Training Corp. |
| Jennifer Martin | Illinois Department of Public Health |
| Patricia Reedy | Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health |
| Lora Thomas | NAMI – Illinois |

Minutes from October 13, 2011

Patricia Reedy motioned for the approval of the minutes, with a second from Lora Thomas. All in favor, motion carried.

Announcements - None

Discuss strategic plan revisions a. Review recommendations for Goals 2, 3, 6, 8 and 9 - Members liked the idea of merging goal 3 and goal 6 but decided to tweak the wording later.

Members continued to review a worksheet of proposed objectives (based on the national plan.) to determine which objectives should be incorporated in Illinois' plan. The workgroup discussed several concepts and changes in verbiage. Members agreed to work through the remainder of the worksheet on their own time, then review their comments as a group during the next meeting.

Update on the "It Only Takes One" campaign - No report.

Overview of issue papers - Ms. Martin provided a list of issue papers that still need to be updated. The members agreed to review a set of issue papers at time – e.g., focus on updating three issue papers, finalize them, then choose another set to work on. Ms. Martin recommended focusing on the following issue papers which we have active members who could easily help finalize these issue papers - Access to Means, First Responders, and Military. Members agreed.

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Introductions

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Carol Gall | Mental Health America of Illinois |
| Chuck Johnson | Blessing Hospital |
| Jennifer Martin | Illinois Department of Public Health |
| Lora Thomas | NAMI – Illinois |

Announcements - None

Discuss strategic plan revisions a. Review recommendations for Goals 2, 3, 6, 8 and 9

Ms. Martin provided a worksheet to assist the group in reviewing the proposed objectives. The members began reviewing objectives included in the national strategic plan, which complement Goal 3 of the Illinois' plan. The workshop guided the group to determine if the objective should be incorporated in Illinois' plan, if so, and then is the objective below with this goal or another. Members agreed to work through the remainder of the worksheet on their own time, then review their comments as a group during the next meeting.

Update on the “It Only Takes One” campaign

Ms. Gall reported the Mental Health America of Illinois is planning a public awareness event entitled “Light up the Loop” on the evening of November 3rd at the Daley Center in memory of those who have lost their lives to suicide and their loved ones. This is a targeted fundraising effort and people will have an opportunity to log into the Violet Registry to sign on to the campaign.

Overview of issue papers

Earlier this year, three issue papers were released. Ms. Martin requested insight from the workgroup to determine the next set of issue papers to review and submit for approval, in addition to develop a plan for disseminating current issue papers. Due to time limits, the workgroup was not able to discuss these issues; however, Ms. Martin will forward a list of the issue papers and the workgroup will discuss this further at the next meeting.

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Education and Training Workgroup (addressing Goals 1, 4, 5 and 10)

Approved January 13, 2012

Friday, October 14, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Conference call)

Introductions

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| Mariann Blacconiere | Hines VA |
| Angie Brechlin | Swedish American Hospital |
| Jennifer Martin | Illinois Department of Public Health |

Announcements - None

Discuss strategic plan revisions – Goal 1 and 5 merged - *“Increase awareness, knowledge, and competency in suicide prevention, assessment, and treatment for first responders, educational, health care, social service, clergy, law enforcement, and school personnel*

Review the recommendations made during the last meeting with regards to Goals 1 and 5 (merged.) The recommendations focused on nursing programs, hospital staff orientation programs, increased screening and assessment, bystander intervention programs and institutionalization of Best Practices/Evidence-Based-Informed practices.

The members would like to include objectives to address gatekeeper training and trauma informed care. Since some of the current objectives address schools, perhaps we can include objectives for the other at-risk age groups, such as older adults. The members also recommend looking at the original goals in the Illinois state plan to determine which ones to keep, in addition reviewing objectives 6.1-6.9 of the national plan.

Goal 4 – Promote the utilization of suicide prevention services for ~~victims of harassment and violence~~ for groups at high risk.

The members decided to reword the goal to reflect all special populations (see above,) then tweak objectives to address professionals’ competency and make victims feel more welcome. The following populations will be included in the objectives. (Members are asked to think about this goal and share ideas in the meantime.)

- *Victims of harassment and violence (sexual assault and/or physical abuse, bullying*
- *Victim of trauma (acute, multiple exposure, motor vehicle.*
- *Disabilities*
- *Chronic illnesses*
- *Veterans*
- *Age groups*
- *Racial and ethnic minority*
- *Attempt survivors*
- *Isolation – e.g., rural, older adults, etc.*

The Community Awareness Workgroup also is looking at the national objective 7.7 (and plan to revise it to reflect the hospitals role in the continuum of care for all victims. The Education and Training Workgroup was asked to also review this objective since it specifically addressed victims of sexual assault and/or physical abuse.

- Increase the proportion of hospital emergency departments that routinely provide immediate post-trauma psychological support and mental health education for all victims of sexual assault and/or physical abuse.

Jennifer will draft a worksheet to assist the members in reviewing the proposed objectives prior to the next meeting.

Set agenda items for next meeting

- I. Introductions
- II. Announcements
- III. Discuss strategic plan revisions, if needed
- IV. Set agenda items for next meeting

Submitted by Jennifer Martin