

Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance (ISPA)
Summary of Minutes February 16, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 2:30:p.m.
Approved May 16, 2011

Illinois Department of Public Health
Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center
5230 South Sixth Street
Springfield, IL

Appointed Members in Attendance

Judy Ashby, LifeSavers Training Corporation
Paul Fleming, Survivor
Carol Gall, Mental Health America of Illinois
Steve Moore, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Illinois Chapter
Glenn Steinhausen, Illinois State Board of Education
Lora Thomas, NAMI Illinois – National Alliance on Mental Illness

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance

Mary Mayes, Illinois Department on Aging
Patricia Reedy, Illinois Department of Human Services
Judy Rehder, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Staff

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

Stakeholders in Attendance

Toni Anderson, Egyptian Health Department
Mariann Blacconiere, Hines VA Center
Kate Edwards, Danville Veteran Affairs Medical Center
Camille Harris, Egyptian Health Department
Chuck Johnson, Blessing Hospital
Ariel Mindel, Mental Health America of Illinois
Aubrie McShane, Health Education Intern, Logan County Department of Public Health
Kate Williamson, Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Introductions/Welcome

Introductions and a welcome were made by Co-Chairs Carol Gall and Dr. Steinhausen. Quorum is met.

Review & Approval of July 4, 2011 Meeting Minutes

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

Update from Illinois Department of Public Health (*Reporting: Jennifer Martin*)

Nominations – Ms. Martin reported the people had been appointed to the alliance - Steve Moore, to represent the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and Judith Rehder, to represent the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The following members submitted their resignations since the last meeting

- Srgt Jill Allen, Illinois State Police - recently retired
- Thom Mannard, Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence - moved to another position
- Shannon Sullivan, Illinois Safe Schools Alliance – need to focus on other job responsibilities
- Reshma Desai, Illinois Violence Prevention Authority – need to focus on other job responsibilities

2009 Suicide Prevention Annual Report – The 2009 Suicide Prevention Report was posted on the Department webpage at

http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/chronic/Suicide_Prevention_Rept_2009.pdf

Report on Illinois Suicide and Suicide Attempt Data Source– Ms. Martin just received the recommended edits from the Department regarding the report on Illinois suicide and suicide attempt data sources. This report was developed by the Pacific Institute for Research & Evaluation in Maryland is a result of a grant from the Department to the Mental Health America of Illinois.

SAMHSA Suicide Prevention Grant Application – The Department, in guidance from the Illinois Department of Human Services, submitted a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the funding opportunity entitled “Cooperative Agreements for State-Sponsored Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention” to support states in developing and implementing statewide youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies, grounded in public/private collaboration. If funded, the majority of the funds would be utilized to implement an evidence-based program and enhance linkages to services by providing awareness, evidence-based training and interventions, referrals and promotion of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. A Consensus process will be designed with the many systems that serve adolescents and youth. A higher education systems strategy process will be initiated to help college and university campuses build on the initiatives made by the Campus Security Task Force. Data and evaluation from each of the project activities will be utilized to build awareness and further inform the implementation of the comprehensive Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan. The estimated number of awards is 32 for up to \$480,000 per year. The project period is for 3 years. Applications are due February 16, 2011.

Data – (Reporting: Mark Flotow) – Mr. Flotow reported 2007 remains the most current mortality data available. The 2008 data has been cleaned up and optimistically will be released soon. Questions on regarding depression on the Illinois Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) survey will not remain on the core survey, so it will be up to states to decide if they want to add it to their surveys. CPONDER is a new product to access PRAMS data.

Bylaws – Dr. Steinhausen inquired on the status of the bylaws. Ms. Martin will follow up.

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

Mental Health America of Illinois presented on their accomplishments over the past grant year:

Public Awareness Campaign – 1) contracted with Market M, LLC to continue their work on the campaign, 2) created campaign identity packet, 3) designed website and 4) developed virtual campaign launch. MHAI still needs help getting the word out. Contact MHAI for flyers and tear cards to distribute at the local level. 5 billboards were put up. MHAI will continue to update the campaign and asked the alliance members to send recommendations. Outcome measure include: over 2 million media hits to the campaign, distributed over 10,000 campaign collateral pieces and over 100 posts on the Violet Registry. - Ms. Reedy, Illinois Department of Human Services would like to revisit how this campaign can collaborate with their Say It Out Loud campaign. MHAI staff will outreach to her.

Campus Suicide Prevention – conducted the Campus Connect gatekeeper training to 16 colleges and universities. The trainings took place at Eastern, Western, Southern and Northern Illinois Universities. Staff from the Illinois Higher Education Center was integral in helping with coordination, planning and execution of these trainings.

Training for Correctional Staff – provided national speaker (Dean Aufderheide, Director of Mental Health Services for the Florida Department of Corrections) to conduct a 2-day training for Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) staff. The training addressed suicide and self-injury prevention with a special focus on risk factors related to imprisonment, precipitating factors in prison suicides and protective factors of prison environment. Approximately 200 IDOC administrators, upper-level supervisors and clinical mental health staff attended. The training was videotaped for future utilization in trainings. Staff from IDOC was integral in helping with coordination, planning and execution of these trainings.

MHAI outreach and accomplishments over the year – 1) educated over 7000 adults on mental health, including depression and suicide, 2) educated over 200 school personnel, 3) screened 300 youth for suicidal ideation, depression, anxiety and substance abuse through the TeenScreen and Signs of Suicide Program, 4) educated approximately 1000 youth on depression and suicide and 5) provided community outreach and education to over 5000 people on suicide prevention.

Review of the Draft Strategic Plan Update

The alliance continued to review the draft strategic plan. Members made several recommendations but determined a workgroup needed to be established to complete the review of the goals and objectives between this meeting and next.

Review of Draft Issue Papers

The following draft issue papers were submitted for approval – Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Youth Suicide; Suicide and College Students; and Suicide and Older Adults. The ISPA Community Awareness Workgroup reviewed the issue papers prior to the meeting, then presented them for approval. The alliance made several recommendations. Ms. Martin will make the corrections and submit them for internal review.

Agency Announcements

- Ms. Ashby reported the LifeSavers program is now in colleges. Another training is scheduled for March at McKendree College.
- Dr. Steinhausen mentioned various topics were added to the 2009 Youth Behavior Risk Survey. They'll compare 2007 and 2009 data to see if they notice any changes.
- Ms. Blacconiere is planning a training for clinicians.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Martin