

**Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance
Data Workgroup**

Monday, June 11, 2012

Conference Call

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Introductions

Jennifer Martin	Illinois Department of Public Health
Mark Flotow	Illinois Department of Public Health
Mary Mayes	Illinois Department on Aging
Steve Moore	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Peter Mulhall	Center for Prevention, Development and Research – University of Illinois

Approval of May 14, 2012 minutes

Copies of the minutes were distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Mr. Flotow motioned for the approval of the minutes, with a second from Dr. Mulhall. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss data to include in the 2011 annual report

Members reviewed comments made during the full alliance meeting the previous week with regards to the data within the draft annual report. Data from the Illinois Violent Death Reporting System was added since the last data workgroup meeting. The director of the system was asked to review the charts, and will be asked to help develop dot points to accompany the charts. It also was recommended to Chicago data for the Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results.

Review data included in draft “Access to Means” issue paper

Data charts on the leading mechanisms by gender, age group and race/ethnicity were added to the “Access to Means” issue paper; in addition to narratives to accompany the data. Mr. Flotow had recommendations on how to reword and refine the information. He and Ms. Martin will schedule a time to discuss the revisions. Dr. Mulhall asked if we should look at rates instead of numbers.

Discuss any newly released suicide-related data

Ms. Martin worked with the Rich Forshee, data manager for the inpatient and outpatient data system, to gain various injury-related data for another project she is working on (suicide-related data was included.) Mr. Forshee plans to include some of the data on the <http://iquery.illinois.gov/> website. Mr. Forshee will choose data based on higher volume (so it will probably only be statewide data and sometimes combined years.) The data system has public access and is becoming more useful to stakeholders. Mr. Flotow further explained it is an interactive web-base query system, which has a basic set of variables that expands to specific variables.

Mr. Moore mentioned the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention releases their annual Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Report. A separate article was released entitled “Chicago Leads Nation in Teen Suicide Planning, Attempts. When you look at the 21 largest urban school districts that were surveyed, Chicago had the highest percentage of students who answered “yes” to questions with regard to attempted suicide and suicide attempt treated by a doctor or nurse. In fact, Chicago had larger percentages than the rest of Illinois The members commented that this data challenged their thinking that suicide is more of *a concern in suburban/rural communities than urban*. Ms. Martin will forward the article to the members so they can take a closer look at the data.

Set meeting dates for FY13

Members agreed to decrease the frequency of the meetings and meet every other month instead of monthly. The second Monday of the month remains a good day for members to meeting. Next meeting will be August 13th.

Set agenda items for next meeting

- Same agenda as today’s meeting.

Submitted by Jennifer Martin