

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance
Community Awareness Workgroup
(Addressing newly formed Goals 3 and 4)
Approved August 9, 2012

Thursday, June 14, 2012
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Conference call)

Introductions

Carol Gall	Mental Health America of Illinois
Chuck Johnson	Blessing Hospital
Jennifer Martin	Illinois Department of Public Health
Katie Mason	Mental Health America of Illinois

Minutes from April 12, 2012 – Mr. Johnson motioned for the approval of the minutes, with a second from Ms. Gall. All in favor, motion carried.

Announcements – None

Update on the “It Only Takes One” campaign – Nothing new since the last meeting.

Overview of issue papers –

Ms. Martin shared the current draft issue paper on Access to Means which included numerous data charts to explain the narrative. Workgroup members provided several recommendations, such as cut the narrative more, reword the section that references the Harvard study and follow up with the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence with their edits. There was a conversation about if a narrative is needed for each graph. Members mentioned the issue paper look better with each version. Ms. Martin will send the draft to the members to allow them to edit it. – During the next meeting, members will begin developing a list of agencies to ask them to help distribute the paper to their members (e.g., American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Illinois Coalition Against Handgun Violence.)

Discuss potential Suicide Prevention Day/Week activities

Workgroup members discussed reviewing the toolkit from the International Association for Suicide Prevention for ideas. Ms. Call stated the Mental Health America of Illinois would be willing to collaborate with the Department and alliance. Ms. Martin will ask alliance members to report what they have planned, and then will share a summary of events with the alliance to give other agencies ideas for events they can implement in their community.

The members discussed the idea of utilizing the issue paper during suicide prevention week activities – possibly do a news release and distribute the issue paper during events.

Discuss the development of a suicide prevention webpage

Workgroup members would like a message to be sent to the full alliance, inviting others to participate in this discussion. Members also thought it would be beneficial to invite the nominee for the ISPA position to represent consumers to join this workgroup so as to gain a consumer viewpoint on this activity.

Set meeting dates for FY13

Workgroup members decided to change the frequency and time of their meetings. They will meet every other month on the second Thursday at 2 p.m.

Next Meeting - Thursday, August 9, 2012 – 2-3p.m.

- Set agenda
 - Introductions
 - Approve minutes from June 14, 2012 meeting
 - Announcements
 - Update on the “It Only Takes One” campaign
 - Update on issue papers
 - Overview of issue papers

Summary submitted by Jennifer Martin