

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance
Education and Training Workgroup (Addressing newly formed Goals 1 and 2)
Approved October 12, 2012

Friday, July 13, 2012
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Conference call)

Introductions

Mariann Blacconiere	Hines VA
Angie Brechlin	SwedishAmerica
Natalie Liggett	Danville VA
Jennifer Martin	Illinois Department of Public Health

Announcements –

- Thank you to Angie Brechlin for volunteering to serve as the workgroup chair.
- Ms. Blacconiere announced the veteran's affairs centers (VA) have changed their suicide prevention lines to crisis lines. The lines are opened up to all types of crisis, rather than just those on the verge of suicide. The suicide prevention coordinators at the VA's have expanded their jobs to reflect the change.
- Ms. Blacconiere mentioned the VA's are starting a live chat line, including a peer-to-peer chat. Several new online services are available.

Minutes from April 13, 2012 – Ms. Blacconiere motioned for the approval of the minutes, with a second from Ms. Martin. All in favor, motion carried.

Review the *Suicide Care in Systems Framework* and initiatives implemented in other states

Prior to the meeting, Ms. Martin provided a table with an overview of the systems framework for populations under care; overview of the core competencies for mental health professionals; and an overview of how other states train providers. Ms. Brechlin thought Tennessee also had a training requirement. Members will continue to research what other states are doing.

Review a list of profession-specific trainings that currently exist

Ms. Martin started a chart listing the various professionals, in addition to any requirement they have to be trained in suicide prevention, if there are existing trainings for this specific professional, what they deem acceptable strategies, what is the best strategy to reach this population, are there existing avenues to train this population and are there potential partners. As of now, the only column completed is "existing trainings for this specific profession." Members will build upon that column and start to add information into the other columns as we gather information.

Ms. Martin explained the chair of the ISPA State Agency Review and Support Subcommittee (Ms. Reedy) was interested in talking with the chair of this workgroup to identify how/if the two groups could collaborate on training professionals within the state system. Ms. Martin will connect Ms. Brechlin with Ms. Reedy.

Ms. Blacconiere reminded the group that the veteran affairs centers can provide training for free.

The members discussed the possibility of developing a directory of suicide prevention training (and ask Mental Health America of Illinois, if they could post the list on the *It Only Takes One* website) in addition to developing

a list of other conferences which we could collaborate and/or submit suicide prevention abstracts. Even if ISPA cannot offer conferences or trainings, perhaps ISPA members and stakeholders can add suicide prevention topics to the agenda of other conference. Ms. Martin will send a survey to the ISPA members to see what conferences/training they are aware of. As we wait to see if we can offer trainings, the least we can do is develop a directory of – 1) List of suicide prevention Conferences (e.g., Suicide Prevention Resource Center lets people know of suicide prevention conferences) and 2) List of other conferences which we can propose suicide prevention sessions.

Old Business

Support for webinars – previously Ms. Martin inquired if there would be any funds to offer webinars. She has not received a response but will follow-up again. Members had a general discussion regarding if anyone has done webinars before, if so, are they well attended and easy to plan. Ms. Blacconiere has conducted webinars before. They are easier than video conferencing; and are well attended since people can join from their computer. She recommends archiving the webinar for those unable to attend.

Assignments

- All members will continue to identify how other states train professionals.
- Ms. Martin will send survey to the ISPA members to identify existing suicide prevention conferences and other conferences which we can propose suicide prevention sessions.
- Ms. Martin will connect Ms. Brechlin with the ISPA State Agency Subcommittee chair

FY13 meetings

Members discussed changing the frequency of the meetings. It was agreed to meet bi-monthly starting in August.

Set agenda items for next meeting

- I. Introductions
- II. Announcements
- III. Approval of minutes
- IV. Continue the discussion to determine new workgroup activities
- V. Set agenda items for next meeting

Submitted by Jennifer Martin