

Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance (ISPA)
State Agency Review and Support Subcommittee
Summary of Meeting
Approved February 10, 2014

December 9, 2013
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Conference Call

Introductions

Trina Diedrich	Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)/DASA
Jennifer Martin	Illinois Department of Public Health
Jessica Gerdes	Illinois State Board of Education
Mary Ratliff	Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Patricia Reedy	Illinois Department of Human Services/DMH

Approval of October 7, 2013 minutes

Ms. Reedy motioned for the approval of the minutes, with a second from Ms. Ratliff. All in favor, motion carried.

Announcements

Ms. Gerdes reported the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance data for Illinois is being reviewed. She'd like to invite the staff person with Chicago data to co-present with her to share the results during the next alliance meeting.

Update on state agency projects

No updates

Update on opportunities to increase professional competency

Ms. Martin mentioned, after internal discussions, her office decided to defer this project to another agency. Though this idea evolved from the Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance, they don't believe they were in the best position to lead the effort. Ms. Reedy reported she checked internally and their office volunteered to take the lead.

Old business

- *Update on consensus building meeting* – the report has not been finalized; however, the themes of the meeting were shared (see below.)
- *Update on plans to conduct a meeting with substance abuse treatment professionals to enhance their capacity to implement suicide prevention strategies* – Ms. Martin reported an ad hoc committee was formed during the last alliance meeting. Ms. Martin consulted with staff from the Suicide Prevention Resource Center on various approaches which could be taken during the meeting. The different approaches depended on who was our audience – the organizations, professionals who need skills training or professionals who need an orientation to suicide prevention. Some trainings and potential trainers were identified. A survey was developed to gauge what providers were doing and what they want. The ad hoc committee would like to engage more providers in the planning process before sending out the survey. Ms. Reedy asked members to share ideas of other stakeholders who should be invited to join the ad hoc committee.

New business

Review themes generated at the Youth Suicide Prevention Consensus Building meeting – the workgroup looked at the themes. They commented it was obvious the meeting was conducted in a thoughtful process. They look forward to seeing the final report to review in more detail.

Divide task

Members are asked to send ideas of stakeholders to add to ad hoc committee to Ms. Reedy.

Set agenda items for next meeting –

- I. Introductions
- II. Announcements
- III. Update on state agency projects
- IV. Old business
 - a. Update on opportunities to increase professional competency
 - b. Update on the follow-up to the consensus building meeting
- V. New business
- VI. Divide tasks and determine expectations for next meeting
- VII. Set agenda items for next meeting

Submitted by Jennifer Martin