

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance
Education and Training Workgroup (Addressing newly formed Goals 1 and 2)
Approved August 16, 2013

Friday, February 8, 2013
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Conference call)

Introductions

Mariann Blacconiere	Hines VA
Angie Brechlin (chair)	SwedishAmerica
Jessica Gerdes	Illinois State Board of Education
Eric Davidson	Illinois Higher Education Center
Katie Mason	Mental Health America of Illinois
Jennifer Martin	Illinois Department of Public Health

Announcements –

- a) *Update on trainings conducted by workgroup members – none*
- b) *Invite members to provide input on the suicide prevention components of the school nurse emergency care course manual – Ms. Brechlin reviewed the manual and found it be well-written and comprehensive.*

Minutes from October 12, 2012 – Ms. Brechlin motioned for the approval of the minutes, all in favor, motion carried.

Discuss potential collaboration with the ISPA State Agency Review and Support Subcommittee

- a) *Update on discussion and research with regards to training providers and adding suicide prevention coursework in higher education - Ms. Brechlin had several meetings with Ms. Reedy, chair of the State Agency Review and Support Subcommittee. They are looking at two approaches – train professionals and add suicide prevention as a competency for a requirement for licensure and part the curriculum within higher education. They discussed the idea of working with certifying boards to add suicide prevention as a requirement (anyone could offer the training; but it would be up to the licensing board to determine if it met their requirement.) The workgroup mentioned it may be better to approach a couple of associations, see some successes then approach other disciplines. Dr. Davidson mention the current environment at universities may make it difficult to pursue the idea of adding coursework to higher education. If a university needs to absorb the pension cost, then they need to identify other areas to cut. Institutions are having tough conversations about where do the cut – including are there certain majors, minors and certifications that need to be cut. There will be an impact at the class level and they'll have to determine if they are receiving enough funds to support the classes.*

Ms. Reedy will provide an update at the full alliance meeting and request others join an ad hoc group to meet consult with national experts and future define a proposal for Illinois.

Review a list of training opportunities in Illinois and identify opportunities to collaborate

- a) *Update on the proposal to host a statewide suicide prevention conference – Ms. Martin forwarded a proposal which the ad hoc committee developed and plans to present to the alliance.*

- b) *Potential webinar with trauma centers* – Ms. Martin spoke with Department staff representing emergency medical services for children (who also train school nurse) and trauma coordinators. They are interested in hosting a training and providing continuing education credits, but would depend on the alliance to develop the training. They'd like to receive a general overview of what to look for, what their role is and where to refer in their areas (mental health referral availability.) Ms. Martin provided a list of existing trainings and resources which the training could be built upon.
- c) *Discussion with substance abuse prevention specialist* – Ms. Martin spoke with Kim Fornero at the Illinois Department of Human Services about training substance abuse preventionists. It is proposed to host a webinar this year, then during FY14 work with curricula development and graphics design staff of Prevention First to enhance the training and add it to their online self-paced training. Dr. Davidson mentioned this was a great approach. His agency contracts with Ms. Fornero and mentioned her grantees cover a large spectrum of people. It has a potential to reach many people especially if Ms. Fornero mandates the training. Ms. Martin will ask for an ad hoc committee be formed to assist in the development of the webinar. Ms. Brechlin and Ms. Mason volunteered to join the group.

Full alliance meeting – Ms. Brechlin will not be able to attend the full alliance meeting; therefore, Ms. Blacconiere will provide the workgroup update in her absence.

Set agenda items for next meeting

- I. Introductions
- II. Announcements
- III. Approval of minutes
- IV. Update on collaboration with the ISPA State Agency Review and Support Subcommittee
- V. Continue to identify opportunities to train professionals
- VI. Discuss the potential of hosting a one-day conference
- VII. Set agenda items for next meeting

Submitted by Jennifer Martin