

Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance (ISPA)
State Agency Review and Support Subcommittee

Summary of Meeting
Approved October 7, 2013

August 12, 2013
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Conference Call

Introductions

Trina Dietrich	Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)/Division of Mental Health (DMH)
Jessica Gerdes	Illinois State Board of Education
Jennifer Martin	Illinois Department of Public Health
Patricia Reedy	Illinois Department of Human Services
Gail Simpson	Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Lora Thomas	NAMI Illinois

Approval of April 8, 2013 minutes

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

Announcements

- Ms. Dietrich mentioned September is recovery month addressing both mental health and substance abuse. DASA is hosting events in Springfield and Chicago. September 11, 2013 is an ice cream social in Springfield and the events in Chicago is a walk.
- Ms. Reedy mentioned people can start applying for Medicaid expansion and private on October 1 and coverage start January 1
- Ms. Martin mentioned suicide prevention week was coming up in September. The American Association for Suicidology developed a toolkit which Ms. Martin will forward to the alliance. She asked members of this group to begin thinking about how they could promote the event within their agency.

Update on state agency projects

- Ms. Gerdes stated their sub-contractor for the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) is reviewing data from the survey; it'll be a few months to see the data. Ms. Reedy would like to have them present at an Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance (ISPA) meeting. Ms. Martin mentioned it would be beneficial for the ISPA data committee to review the data prior to the meeting. Ms. Gerdes liked the idea and mentioned disseminating YRBS data is one of their objectives.
- Ms. Martin gave an update on the Illinois Youth Suicide Prevention Project (consensus meeting, meeting with institutions of higher education, expanding the public awareness campaign.)

Update on opportunities to increase professional competency

- Ms. Reedy and Ms. Martin met with staff from Washington.
- Ms. Martin presented the idea to the assistance deputy director. As a result the subcommittee was asked to consider the follow questions;
 - *What groups would be impacted?* The subcommittee believed every group that licenses professionals
 - *What trainings would qualify for meeting the professional competency requirement?* The subcommittee didn't want to get into the situation of picking one training over another. Instead, need to set guidelines (e.g, 6 hrs) and require certain components be covered; similar to Washington's experience.
- Patricia and Jennifer will regroup next week

Old business

Additional results from an online survey to inventory suicide prevention activities were shared with the subcommittee. Ms. Martin shared a map visualizing which counties the respondents were providing services. Also shared was a summary of the first half of the survey. There are several opportunities which other workgroups would be interested in learning.

Ms. Martin mentioned she'd follow up with the state agencies to request they add the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline logo to their website.

New business

- Ms. Dietrich mentioned the concern of opiates overdoses. Ms. Reedy recommended Ms. Dietrich present on the topic either at an ISPA meeting or a webinar. Ms. Martin will forward the request to the ISPA co-chairs for consideration.
- The subcommittee received an update from the ad hoc committee planning a one-day stakeholder meeting to bring together representatives who assist youth at suicide to identify gaps, barriers and recommendations. Ms. Martin provided a recap of the themes that emerged from the meeting. The meeting planners will follow up with the participants to provide input on recommended next steps. Ms. Thomas attended the meeting. She mentioned it was a great meeting and it's important it not be a one-time discussion.
- Ms. Simpson mentioned this subcommittee has some of the same goals as the ISPA Education and Training Workgroup. She stated the subcommittees need to make sure the two groups are communicating with each other. Members are invited to join the Education and Training workgroup meeting later in the week.

Divide task

- Members will be asked if they are interested in becoming more involved in the competency in suicide prevention initiative. Ms. Simpson would like to be added.

Set agenda items for next meeting –

- I. Introductions
- II. Announcements
- III. Update on state agency projects
- IV. Old business
 - a. Update on what agencies did during suicide prevention week
 - b. Update on opportunities to increase professional competency
 - c. Respond to any follow-up as a result of Ms. Dietrich's presentation on opiates
 - d. Update on the inventory of suicide prevention activities
 - e. Update on the follow-up to the consensus building meeting
- V. New business
- VI. Divide tasks
- VII. Determine expectations for next meeting
- VIII. Set agenda items for next meeting

Submitted by Jennifer Martin