

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance
Data Workgroup

Monday, August 26, 2013
2:00 p.m. – 3:00p.m.

Approved October 21, 2013

Introductions

Peter Mulhall (chair)	Center for Prevention Research and Development
Steve Moore	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Illinois Chapter
Jennifer Martin	Illinois Department of Public Health

Approve April 8, 2013 minutes - Copies of the minutes were distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Mr. Moore motioned for the approval of the minutes, with a second from Dr. Mulhall. All in favor, motion carried.

Announcements

- Ms. Martin provided an update on the Illinois Youth Suicide Prevention Project activities.
- As a result of the August 19, 2013 Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance meeting, Dr. Mulhall outreached to the data manger for the Behavior Risk Factor Survey about the process and the cost for including Adverse Childhood Experience questions to the survey.
- Mr. Moore mentioned he is seeing more decision makers look at the cost of hospitalizes.
- Ms. Martin shared in a recent discussion with a national expert, it is recommended to change the dialogue to “positive statistics” in order to clarify the perception of norms.
- In June, Mr. Moore participated in a Hill Visit in Washington. Following the visit, he shared data from the Illinois Violent Death Reporting System to show what Illinois doing.

Discuss any newly released suicide-related data

- Prior to the meeting, Ms. Martin shared a couple of emails with the full alliance, with regards to suicide related data:
 - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found firearm-related suicides increasing, homicides decreasing in large metro areas.
 - The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System is currently preparing for their 2014 annual questionnaire. This is the time programs can request questions be added to the survey.

Identify other workgroup activities

- Dr. Mulhall would like to see links to data sources presented in a format to show the various data available across the continuum of prevention. He volunteered to create a box of data sources based on data the community could utilize. Ms. Martin will share a list of data sources that were include in a data report, which would be used as a starting point.
- Ms. Martin will seek the workgroup’s help in reviewing data for the annual report and data for inclusion on the statewide public awareness website.
- Dr. Mulhall mentioned the data workgroup may want to look at the gatekeeper training results as a first level of data for prevention.
- Ms. Martin mentioned she met with the data unit in her office. They volunteered to assign a staff person this workgroup and assist with projects. Staff was unable to join today’s call; however, Ms. Martin will arrange a time for them to meet with Dr. Mulhall for an introduction and gain an overview of the workgroup’s goals. There are a few documents, the workgroup review with the data staff (e.g., the survey of stakeholders included information on their data activities; the recommendations in the data report; and follow up on ideas generated from coroner-related questions.

Set agenda items for next meeting - Next meeting: October 21st. The agenda will remain the same.

Other announcements - Ms. Martin agreed to follow up on the proposal to add suicide-related data to the Department’s statistics page.

Submitted by Jennifer Martin