

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance
Data Workgroup
Approved August 11, 2014

Monday, June 16, 2014
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Conference call)

Introductions

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| Ben Arbise | Illinois Dept of Public Health |
| Libby Bair | Illinois Dept of Public Health |
| Jennifer Martin | Illinois Dept of Public Health |
| Mary Mayes | Illinois Department on Aging |
| Peter Mulhall (chair) | Center for Prevention Research and Development |

Minutes from April 14, 2014

Mr. Mulhall motioned for the approval of the minutes with a second from Ms. Mayes, all in favor, motion carried.

Announcements

Ms. Martin reported Lurie Children's Hospital's application to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the National Violent Death Reporting System (NDVRS) is near complete. Lurie's staff is meeting once a week to make sure all is in line with this application.

Ms. Martin received an email from Mr. Mark Flotow from Center for Health Statistics, which looked at NVDRS data in addition to vital statistics. The email contained a sample poster display from Colorado. The highest number of suicides was in transportation occupations (aircraft pilots, parking lot attendants, railroad, etc.). Ms. Martin forwarded this information onto the Illinois VDRS staff to see if they have noticed a similar trend. She will forward any feedback she receives.

Mr. Arbise reported plans to do a burden brief in September to line with the prevention month; the last brief made for suicide prevention was in 2012. The document will be two pages and serve as an informational piece to promote during the awareness month. Mr. Arbise would like to have the brief completed by September 1st. Ideas included:

- Break out the poisonings types from existing data.
- Ms. Martin reviewed the burden brief from 2012, which focused on high school ages. She noted it might be a good idea to focus on the next age group in line, young adults. She inquired as to whether college students vs. non-student data could be retrieved.
- Mr. Mulhall mentioned the possibility of looking into specific risk factors for suicides. Mr. Arbise noted this is a possibility and is somewhat similar to previous projects for the Tobacco unit. One concern is access of data, but Mr. Arbise believes this is a possible direction for the brief topic.
- Ms. Martin also noted substance abuse is an emerging topic in the field.

Discuss any newly released suicide-related data

Mr. Mulhall heard the upcoming Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) may include adverse childhood events; data is currently being collected and wondered how that could be related to the workgroup's efforts. Mr. Martin suggested including Mr. Bruce Steiner in on future discussions.

Mr. Arbise noted the lowest the age would go for this data would be 18, so it won't directly hit the youth age group. The data might not be ready until 2016; the current data on the BRFSS site is from 2012. Ms. Martin noted Mr. Steiner still might be able to give insight on other groups interested in this data as well as the survey questions that will be asked.

Identify other workgroup activities

Update on data matrix

Mr. Mulhall also noted specific interest in the continuum of measures and indicators that are part of primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention programs. Ms. Martin referred back to the data matrix Mr. Mulhall initially constructed, which related back to this topic. Ms. Martin, Mr. Arbise, and Ms. Bair met to look over the document which Ms. Martin had been working on. There was discussion on whether actual data should be included, whether links should be added for data sources, etc.

Ms. Martin referred to Mr. Mulhall to determine whether the project is on the right track, who gave his support to the progress. He expressed interest in figuring out how to not only link data to the levels presented, but linking the data to related programs for the age groups involved (potential state agency involvement).

New business

Review recommendations from the final report from the Youth Suicide Prevention Consensus Building Meeting, which were assigned to this workgroup

Ms. Martin reported on a recent meeting with school personnel to discuss the interpretation of the recommendations. She asked about the notion of "referral," which according to those on the call is a very large project to take on. They also noted there are different layers to consider and were considered with our capacity to take on the project; it would be hard to develop a process that fits every community in the state.

Those on the call added our focus should probably follow the second half of the recommendation: increasing awareness of resources currently available.

Work on other recommendations is already in progress, according to Ms. Martin; the data matrix is helping to address several of these.

The "*Review of Illinois Suicide and Suicide Attempt Data Sources*" document was resubmitted as new for internal review. Staff received edits; however, further discussion is needed. Possible concern might be that it was from several years ago, but Ms. Martin believes it is a valuable baseline for us as we talk about data.

Set FY15 Meeting Dates

Members agreed to meet every other month on the second Monday of the month at 2pm.

Minutes submitted by Libby Bair, reviewed by Jennifer Martin