

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance (ISPA)  
State Agency Review and Support Subcommittee  
**Approved October 24, 2016**

**Monday, July 11, 2016** 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Conference call)

**Introductions**

Trina Diedrich	Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
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

**Approval of June 8, 2015 minutes**

Dr. Diedrich motioned for the approval of the minutes with a second from Ms. Reedy, all in favor, motion carried.

**Announcements**

- Ms. Gerdes reported a downloadable copy of a model suicide awareness & prevention policy is available. (IASB PRESS policy 7:290, *Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention*)
- Ms. Ratliff stated the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council was not funded in the current budget.
- Ms. Martin reported the Department received the Core State Violence and Injury Prevention grant.

**Update on state agency projects**

- IDHS Division of Mental Health – 1) Ms. Reedy mentioned DMH is looking at the degree of discharge into continuing care and ways to improve access to care and Medicaid funding. 2) The Joint Commission has highlighted suicide prevention. Ms. Reedy will share a link to a two part webinar series on suicide prevention issues in hospitals and post discharge. The second webinar will be in December. DMH is looking at ideas suggested in webinar.
- IDPH – Ms. Martin reported the Veteran Suicide Prevention Task Force completed a round of public hearings and began to compile the information. A report is due by the end of the year.

**Update on opportunities to increase professional competency**

- No update from subcommittee. Ms. Reedy mentioned they are trying to coordinate meeting which will encourage police, mental health and others to collaborate.

**Discuss mission of the group**

- The members agreed since the subcommittee didn't have defined projects, they noticed participation dropped. The members reviewed the survey results again and were inclined not to disband based on those results. Members recognize if they continue to meet then they need to have something that engages people. It was determined to focus of the meetings will be to learn what each agency is doing around suicide prevention. The members want to try this approach and reevaluate in a year.

**Update on plans to enhance professional capacity to implement suicide prevention strategies**

- *Update on the meeting with juvenile justice professionals* – Subcommittee ran out of time so this update was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

**Old business** – no update

**New business** – no update

**Set agenda items for next meeting** – do a survey to see if a different day works better for people. Not Monday and not the second Thursday.