

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (IDPH)

Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance

August 23, 2017

10:00am - 2:30pm

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Video Conference

Chicago-James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, FL 14, ISBE Board Room/V–Tell

Springfield–IDPH, One Natural Resources Way, Floor 2 Lake Level

Audio Conference Dial-in #: 1- 888-494-4032 Access Code: 2631052766#

AGENDA

- I. Welcome & Roll Call and Introductions
- II. Review and approval of May 10, 2017 meeting minutes – accepted and approved;
- III. Update of ISPA leadership positions and member vacancies
- IV. Overview of federal suicide prevention grant proposal
- V. Discussion about Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance workgroups
- VI. Share activities planned for National Suicide Prevention Week
- VII. Workgroup updates
- VIII. Announcements

Appointed Members in Attendance

		<i>Present</i>	<i>Excused</i>	<i>Un-Excused</i>
Eric Davidson	Illinois Higher Education Center		X	
Mariann Blacconiere	Representing service members, veterans, and their families	Chicago		
Steve Moore	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Greater Chicago/Illinois Chapter	Chicago		
Mary Nigma	Survivor of Suicide		X	
Marcus Hall	Representing mental health consumers		X	
Olivia Johnson	Researcher in suicidology	Phone		
Chuck Johnson	Illinois Hospital Association	Phone		

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance

Jessica Gerdes	Illinois State Board of Education	<i>Phone</i>		
Mary Ratliff	Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority	<i>Phone</i>		
Brian Kieninger	Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)	<i>Phone</i>		
Jennifer Martin	IDPH	<i>Springfield</i>		

Stakeholders in Attendance

- Chicago
 - Stan Lewy – Suicide Prevention Association
- Springfield
 - Jill Sproat, IDPH
 - Tiffanie Pressley, IDPH
- Phone
 - Michael, Community Counseling Centers of Chicago
 - Paul Fleming
 - Megan Cambron, Bob Michel Community Based Outpatient Clinic

Welcome/Introductions

- Steve Moore (**Facilitator**) welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Review & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Copies of the minutes were distributed prior to the meeting; there were none opposed and no amendments to the May 10, 2017 meeting minutes. Jessica motioned with a second from Mariann for approval of the minutes.

Update of ISPA leadership positions and member vacancies– Jennifer Martin

- Board nominations are being reviewed.
- Representation for emergency medical services and firefighter staff are still being solicited.

Overview of Federal Suicide Prevention Grant Proposal – Jennifer Martin (on behalf of Patricia Reedy)

- The Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services applied for two federal grants. The first proposed intensive training and a regional Zero Suicide Implementation in southern Illinois. The second was specific to Zero Suicide Implementation and proposed to implement Zero Suicide in each state hospital as well as in community agencies that serve individuals in southern IL, central IL and Chicago area.
- Jennifer mentioned she was aware of three agencies in Illinois applying for the Zero Suicide grant.

Discussion about Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance workgroups – Jennifer Martin

- IDPH met with the co-chairs to discuss concerns about the resources needed to operate the volume of ISPA workgroups meetings and the inactivity of the workgroups. A few options were discussed, ranging from halting the workgroup meetings in FY18, allowing the workgroups to meet during the ISPA meeting to freezing some of the workgroups. It was decided further discussion was needed during the ISPA meeting. Members decided the workgroup would meet during the ISPA meetings to allow all workgroups to continue to meet but alleviate the volume of additional meetings. IDPH and the ISPA co-chairs will meet to discuss the logistics – 1) confirm each workgroup chair will continue as the chair in FY18 and 2) who will organize the conference lines for each workgroup since numerous conference lines would be needed to host simultaneous meetings.
- This conversation led to a broader discussion about agencies wanting to relook at the legislation to support major efforts at the state level.

Share activities planned for National Suicide Prevention Week – Jennifer Martin

- National resources for National Suicide Prevention Month/Week/Day were shared. The National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention and the American Association of Suicidology each provided templates, sample social media messages, tips and trainings.
- Hine VA is planning an art show, distributing gun locks and materials at each VA center.
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has 18 walks planned across the state in September and October.
- Adams county coalition launched a website and social media pages. They are about to launch a public service announcement and plan to approach businesses with electric signs to share suicide prevention messages. Other activities include toilet stall messages, letter to the editor, youth suicide prevention workshop and a fundraising event. Steve recommended promoting the text line in addition to the lifeline number since texting is used more by youth.

Workgroup updates:

- No workgroup updates.

Announcements

- Stan is in the process of developing a task force for Chicago.