

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance  
State Agency Review and Support Subcommittee  
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Monday, October 20, 2014

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Conference call)

**Introductions**

Gail Simpson	Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Jennifer Martin	Illinois Dept of Public Health
Libby Bair	Illinois Dept of Public Health
Patricia Reedy (Chair)	Illinois Department of Human Services/ Division of Mental Health (DMH)

**Minutes from August 11, 2014**

Ms. Reedy suggested a small amendment to the minutes, which Ms. Bair will resolve. Ms. Reedy motioned for approval of the amended minutes, seconded by Ms. Simpson. All in favor, motion carried.

**Announcements**

No announcements.

**Update on State Agency Projects**

Ms. Martin reported the webinar for substance abuse preventionists is coming up in November; about 50 people have registered thus far. The recording will be archived for new employees, etc. to review who aren't attending the presentation live. The event is being promoted through the Illinois Department of Human Services' Bureau of Positive Youth Development and is included in their training calendar. Prevention First also is promoting the event. Ms. Martin sent registration information through the ISPA, and Ms. Reedy mentioned she can forward out to appropriate contacts as well. A large percentage of those treated for mental illness have comorbid substance abuse disorders, so she sees this as relevant to many on her staff. Ms. Martin will confirm there isn't a cap on attendance before Ms. Reedy forwards out information to her contacts.

Ms. Reedy inquired as to whether the training is for addiction professionals, or rather for those who need to know the basics in terms of those who have substance use disorders being more at risk for suicide. Ms. Martin said the training is more for a preventionist audience, and the training will be more of the basics.

As a follow-up to the idea the ACA would change mental health, Ms. Reedy reported there are many hospitals who are growing mental health services. The ACA is changing what public mental health looks like in a dramatic way. In the central/southern part of the state, the changes aren't being seen as much as they are from I-80-north.

**Updates on opportunities to increase professional competency**

In Ms. Thomas' absence, this item was tabled.

**Update on plans to conduct a meeting with substance abuse treatment professionals to enhance their capacity to implement suicide prevention strategies**

Ms. Martin reported there is an ad-hoc meeting working on planning this training. She presented a proposal to that group regarding potential directions the training could go. It has been decided to have an introductory conference call with administrators to consider their role in the issue/who to send to training, followed by a webinar addressing TIP-50.

Ms. Martin met with a Tennessee staff person who shared his PowerPoint related to this topic, and it was decided to recruit this staff person with experience in giving this type of presentation to serve in this capacity during the webinar.

For the one-day event, there are multiple options being contemplated. Suicide Prevention Resource Center is able to customize a training for Illinois, and this is something the department could collaborate with them with sponsorships. Another option would be to bring in a national speaker as the main draw for the day.

There are also plans to have a follow-up conference call to the one-day training. There has been consideration in having regional trainings, but budgetary restrictions may not allow for this. Ms. Martin plans to present another proposal to the group at their next meeting to work on finalizing the agenda/s.

Ms. Reedy mentioned in the past there have been national, day-long meetings in the past that had sessions video-conferenced; she suggested taking this approach to the training if there was a particular session that we wanted to encourage state-wide participation for, rather than the entire day. Ms. Martin mentioned her idea was to have a point person at each remote location the event is broadcasted at. At the last planning meeting, there was also another idea to include our training into an IAODAPCA conference in the future.

### **Old business**

Ms. Martin mentioned the ISPA leadership held a conference call to discuss the ISPA's role in the Governor's Office of Health Innovation & Transformation initiative. This resulted in the ISPA sending out a call to determine who is already involved in this as inquiring as to if they could provide updates on the process as they participate in the initiative. Also, she reported the meeting minutes are online for anyone to review; Ms. Martin and Ms. Bair are reviewing the minutes each month to determine if there are items that the ISPA should be following up on.

Ms. Reedy briefly discussed the initiative within GOHIT that is working to create an official job description for community health workers. This may be a distinction that related to peer support workers in communities, etc.

### **Update on progress to address recommendations from the Youth Suicide Prevention Consensus**

#### **Building Meeting**

##### **a. Identify appropriate resources for referral by increase awareness on the resources that are currently available**

Nothing new to report.

##### **b. Promote suicide prevention and intervention programming to schools**

Item A will impact this item as well; nothing new to report.

##### **c. Annual staff training to assist at risk youth, including college age students**

Ms. Martin recalled this was something the group decided to encourage, but not seek the implementation of a mandate.

### **New Business**

No new business.

### **Divide tasks and determine expectations for next meeting**

Ms. Martin will follow up with Ms. Reedy regarding if there is an attendance cap on the preventionists webinar, and if there is not, will forward on to state agencies.

Ms. Martin also added each workgroup will be given more time than usual to address the ISPA during the next quarterly meeting. The FOID/Concealed Carry discussion will be limited to a specific list of questions and presented interview style in hopes the discussion will be as streamlined as possible.

Ms. Reedy will converse with Ms. Thomas to determine whether there will be a report regarding the professional competency agenda item.