

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance
State Agency Review and Support Subcommittee
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Monday, June 8, 2015

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

Introductions

Amaal Tokars	Kendal County Health Department
Jennifer Martin	Illinois Dept of Public Health
Jessica Gerdes	Illinois State Board of Education
Lora Thomas	NAMI Illinois
Mary Ratliff	Illinois Criminal Justice and Information Authority
Nanette Larson	Illinois Department of Human Services/DMH
Patricia Reedy (Chair)	Illinois Department of Human Services/ Division of Mental Health (DMH)
Paul Fleming	Survivor

Minutes from April 13, 2015

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

Announcements

Ms. Martin announced several state agency representatives' term were expiring. She asked her deputy director to submitted a request to the Department's governmental affairs office to send correspondence to the various state agencies to confirm their representative serve another term or identify another representative. Ms. Martin will let the representatives know once the letter is sent so they can follow-up internally.

Ms. Larson shared information about a Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) training which will be extended to the faith community. There was an interest to promote the CRSS credential in faith communities as a way to bring peer support within the faith community, which can be the first place for people to go for help. The training will be June 18-19, 2015 in Springfield. Ms. Larson will forward information about the training to the workgroup members. This training is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services / Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

Dr. Tokars recently conducted two all day trainings for law enforcement. The training involved partnership between the Health Department, law enforcement, fire district, and state's attorney office. The training also emphasized care coordination and prevention of mental health issues within the population as well as within first responder professionals. The trainings contained three parts: legal requirements of the petitioning process (including matters of suicidal risk), mental health and developmental disabilities and first responder self care.

Ms. Gerdes is following the status of senate bill 1793. It passed both houses and is waiting the governor's signature. If signed, the Illinois State Board of Education will be required to develop model youth suicide

awareness and prevention policy, in addition to compile, develop and post recommended guidelines and resources on the internet.

Ms. Reedy announced the Illinois Department of Human Services does not intend to apply for the federal funds for suicide prevention. They initially planned to apply but decided to wait until the next round of funding to apply.

Update on State Agency Projects

No update.

Updates on opportunities to increase professional competency

Ms. Thomas provided an overview of a power point presentation she and Ms. Jones created for training points for core competencies education. This will be the first attempt at reaching out to professional organizations so it starts with basic information. The key objective is to insure adequate preparation, improved confidence and quality care in order to insure effective suicide intervention. The audience = influence many professionals in different setting. The presentation highlights the core competency recommendations from expert authorities on suicide prevention in addition to recognizing technology and learning can increase competency. Ms. Thomas and Ms. Jones invite the members to review the power point slides after the meeting and share their thoughts. They are meeting bi-weekly to update the information.

The members provided the following ideas:

- It was recommended to outreach to the National Association of Social Workers – Illinois Chapter.
- Give examples of other states.
- Would other managed care organizations be interested?

Update on plans to enhance capacity to implement suicide prevention strategies

1) Update on planning for the meeting with substance use disorder providers

- Ms. Martin reported she just received the evaluation results from training with substance use disorder treatment providers on the March 17th. Had an average score of 4.5 (out of 5) for all categories. Topics they'd like more information on: suicide issues within law enforcement, suicide prevention programs in rural areas, drug overdoses, service members and their families, suicide trends among LGTBQ, suicide and personality disorders, suicide prevention with the probation/parole population and protocols for officers. The next step is to reconvene the planning group to identify next steps.

2) Update on planning for the meeting with juvenile justice professionals

- Ms. Martin is gaining more feedback from committee members on potential speakers. She sent a request to Lindsay M. Hayes; however his training is not stand alone, it's done with an assessment. She also outreached to Dr. Coccozza, co-chair of national task force. She spoke to Dr. Wendy Blank about her trainings. She has done trainings with the Illinois Courts
- Ms. Martin also spoke with a detention center administrator about best way to reach center staff. This administrator agreed to distribute the training survey to the detention center administrators. The survey generated many responses and several administrators joined the planning committee.

3) Update on planning for the preconference on suicide prevention health and behavioral health care systems

- Around 80 people attend. Ranging from healthcare systems, community providers, local departments, boards of mental health, education, etc. The evaluation team sent a survey to learn how we can provide continued support. Ms. Martin followed up with the participants to share links to connect with the national efforts.

4) Review guidelines for training clinical workforce – document by the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention (*collaboration with ISPA Education and Training Workgroup*)

- Ms. Reedy, Ms. Martin and Ms. Diedrich met to discuss a few options for introducing the guidelines to professionals and who the audience would be. A few ideas included collaborating with professional associations, distributing the guidelines with a cover letter or highlighting the information in a webinar. The committee recommended looking at the 24 core competencies for suicide prevention. A more details proposal will be developed for review at the next meeting.

Update on progress to address recommendations from the Youth Suicide Prevention Consensus Building Meeting

- **Identify appropriate resources for referral by increase awareness on the resources that are currently available** Ms. Martin mentioned the webinar series is helping to address this strategy. Hope for the Day hosted a webinar in May and the Catholic Charities LOSS Program (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) will conduct a webinar in August. Staff from the Illinois State Board of Education will record a webinar in August also.

Old business - None

New Business

- Set meetings for FY16 – the workgroup decided to keep the same day and time for workgroup calls.

Divide tasks and determine expectations for next meeting

- Add Ms. Larson and Ms. Jones to the workgroup membership