

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (IDPH)**

Illinois Suicide Prevention Alliance

August 23, 2018

10:00am - 1:00pm

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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 9, 2018 meeting minutes – no quorum. Unable to approve minutes.
- III. Update of ISPA member vacancies
- IV. Guest Speaker(s) – Suicide Data Presentation(s)
- V. Overview of suicide prevention legislation
- VI. Update on the 2018 statewide training planning
- VII. Partner Sharing – share your agency’s plans to observe Suicide Prevention Week/Month
- VIII. Agency Announcements

**Appointed Members in Attendance**

		<b><i>Present</i></b>	<b><i>Excused Un-Excused</i></b>	
Eric Davidson	Illinois Higher Education Center	Phone		
Mariann Blacconiere	Representing service members, veterans, and their families	Chicago		
Steve Moore	American Foundation for Suicide Prev. – Greater Chi/IL 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	Springfield		
Stan Lewy	Survivors of suicide loss (a person who lost a loved one to suicide) – 1 of 2 positions		X	
Jenna Farmer	SP program serving rural communities (Centerstone)	Phone		
Mike McCarter	Representing emergency medical services	Phone		

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance**

Jessica Gerdes	Illinois State Board of Education	Chicago		
Mary Ratliff	Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority		X	
Brian Kieninger	Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)	Phone		
Dr. Teresa Glaze	Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Mental Health	Chicago		
Jennifer Martin	IDPH	Springfield		

## Stakeholders in Attendance

- Chicago
  - Carie Johnstone – Madrigal Consulting and Counseling, LLP
  - Kelsey Hoepfer, Elyssa’s Mission
  - Judy King
- Springfield
  - Maribeth Grant, IDPH
  - Hannah Chapman, Bob Michael Community Based Outpatient Clinic
- Phone
  - Beth Morrison, SIUC (GLS Grantee)
  - Dave Kunicki, Hope For the Day
  - Trina Diedrich, IDPN/SUPR
  - Susan Blaha, Ann Marie Foundation
  - Paul Fleming
  - Maryann Mason, Injury Control Research Center
  - Tandra Rutledge, Riveredge Hospital

## Welcome/Introductions

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

## Review & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Quorum reached and minutes for the May 9, 2018 meeting were approved.

## Update of ISPA leadership positions and member vacancies– Jennifer Martin

- New appointees introduced themselves:
  - Stan Lewy – Representing one of two survivors of suicide loss positions
  - Dr. Teresa Glaze – Representing the Illinois Department of Human Services/Division of Mental Health. She is the Chief of Social Work.
  - Mike McCarter – Representing emergency medical services. He is the EMS systems coordinator for Blessing Hospital in Quincy.
  - Jenna Farmer – Representing a suicide prevention program serving rural communities. She works for Centerstone in Alton
- Reminder – Ethics training is due October 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Guest Speakers: Jessica Gerdes, Maryann Mason and Jennifer Martin – Suicide Data Presentation(s)

- Jessica Gerdes gave an overview of the Youth Risk & Behavior Survey (YRBS), which has been done in conjunction with the CDC for approximately 20 years. The YRBS is a sampling of all Illinois high school students. The data presented at this meeting was taken from a 109 page report summarizing the results of the survey and analyzing trends in suicide-related questions from 2007-2017. The survey included five questions regarding suicide (#s 26-30); please see the handouts for data broken down by gender/age/race. The Peoria school districts are considering doing their own survey, but are unsure if they will actually follow through as the process requires funding and is labor-intensive.
- Maryann Mason presented two data briefs: [Suicide rates among Illinois youth ages 10-17](#) has increased overall in Illinois from 2010-2017; and a report regarding suicide among the elderly will be released in September 2018 to coincide with Suicide Prevention Month. A member asked if there are data on incarceration. It was explained a certain number of cases are needed to report dat. Teen suicide is rare and incarcerated is rarer. Dr. Olivia Johnson shared she has some county data for this population.
- Jennifer Martin gave an overview of the subway map (page 26 of the data book) showing the leading causes of injury/death contained within the [Making Illinois Safer: Injury, Violence, and Suicide Prevention Data Book](#) among different age groups. The book also includes cost data and rates for suicide/suicide attempts by age and gender. Members asked why the “subway” map states suicide is the 5th leading cause of death for ages 15-24 - ISPA members thought it was the third leading causes.
  - In follow-up to the meeting, Jennifer consulted with data staff to provide the following clarification. The subway map is the leading causes of injury deaths... not all mortality. Also, the subway map includes very large “buckets” of topics, such as firearm and motor vehicle, would be lumped into unintentional, probably TBI too... then Suicide is 3rd

## **Overview of Suicide Prevention-Related Legislation – Steve Moore**

- The National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act (3-digit suicide hotline) was signed into national law on August 14, 2018. The intent is to study the current effectiveness of the hotline, the feasibility to add a 3-digit number, what the cost will be, and how to pay for a 3-digit number.
- The Firearms Restraining Order Act was signed into Illinois law (Public Act 100-0607) and will become effective on January 1, 2019.
- HB 4658 - School Code – Mental Health Awareness - is now Public Act 100-0903. Provides that, at least once every 2 years, a school board shall require in-service training of licensed school personnel and administrators (rather than school guidance counselors, teachers, school social workers, and other school personnel) who work with pupils in kindergarten through grade 12 (rather in grades 7 through 12) to identify the warning signs of mental illness and suicidal behavior in youth (rather than in adolescents and teens).
- Other bills related to mental health
  - SB 1707 - School Code – Booking Stations - is now Public Act 100-0204.
  - HB 5111 – Behavioral Health Workforce Education Center Task Force – is now Public Act 100-0767.
  - HB 5109 – Community Behavioral Health Care Professional Loan Repayment Program – is now Public Act 100-0862.
  - SB 2951 – Early Mental Health and Addictions Treatments Act – is now Public Act 100-1016.
- Chuck Johnson and Steve Moore had a teleconference with Senator Jill Tracy. Senator Tracy had a call with IDPH Chief of Staff Erik Rayman which resulted in a letter to the IDPH Medical Director, Dr. Nirav Shah. Dr. Shah asked the ISPA to identify what they want to do but can't do to lack of funding. Please email Steve with ideas and suggestions, to express interest in participating in this ad hoc committee, or to offer resources whether it be time, money, etc. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Illinois Chapter believes more resources are needed for suicide prevention. Steve Moore, along with Chuck, are developing an ad hoc committee to brainstorm on ideas of what is needed and what can be done with more resources. If you are interested in this committee, please contact Steve Moore at [smoore200400@yahoo.com](mailto:smoore200400@yahoo.com).

## **2018 Statewide Training Planning**

- Tandra Rutledge provided an overview of the training and the four topic areas the training will cover. The event is scheduled for September 21 and the speakers will cover the four topic areas. There will be 6-10 regional trainings on Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk throughout the state. Contact Tandra if you are interested in partnering on the trainings.

## **Partner Sharing – Share your agency's plans to observe Suicide Prevention Week/Month**

### **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (Steve Moore)**

- AFSP has walks around the state in September and October. There about 16 walks scheduled; check [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org) for walk schedule. Chicago walk scheduled for 9/22 in Grant Park

### **Elyssa's Mission (Kelsey Hoepfer)**

- Developed a social media campaign. Sent emails to schools with guidance on observing suicide prevention month.

### **VA Hospitals hosting events (Marianne Blaccionere and Hannah Chapman)**

#### Hines and Iliana events

- 9/5 – Art exhibit expressing loss due to suicide – Hines VA Hospital - 5000 S 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- 9/7 – Mental Health Summit – Danville Community College; showing “The Ripple Effect”

- 9/12 – Community Mental Health Summit at Brookfield Zoo from 10am – 4pm
- 9/17 – 12-1pm - Lunch & Learn on Danville Community College campus; Topic is Minority Groups & Suicide

### **Other VA Hospital events**

- Booths at Peoria (9/10), Mattoon (9/14), Springfield (9/19), Decatur (9/26). All from 10am-2pm

### **Adams County Suicide Prevention Coalition (Chuck Johnson)**

- Celebrity Pour at Harrison Hyvee Market Grill Express from 5-9 pm - the tips and proceeds go to the coalition. There will be t-shirts sells.
- Stories of 5 suicide survivors will be shared on Facebook and television.
- Letter to editors and letters to churches will be sent.

### **Riveredge Hospital (Tandra Rutledge)**

- Partnering with NAMI to offer QPR Trainings.
- Partnering with Elyssa's Mission, NAMI and AFSP for the local walk.
- 9/7 After Suicide: Rekindling Hope & Healing w/Dr. Mary Stemming
- 9/21 Suicide Summit

### **Hope For The Day/Sip of Hope (Dave Kunicki)**

- Partnering with a Safety and Health fair and 1 mile walk on 9/9 planned in Elgin.
- NBC Today Show filming piece for World Suicide Prevention Day. Need to fill up the place – contact [dkunicki@hftd.org](mailto:dkunicki@hftd.org)
- The Obama Foundation will film a piece on 9/4 highlighting local efforts.

### **Agency Announcements**

- Jessica Gerdes announced her retirement effective October 15, 2018.
- National Louis University is a new SAMHSA campus suicide prevention grantee in Illinois.
- The next meeting will be held in mid-late November.