



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: November 5, 2007

To: HEALTH, ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: PRESENTATION ON YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE DRAFT REPORT, AND REQUEST FOR A NEW GRANT FUNDED POSITION

Recommendation:

Council authorization:

1. to receive and file presentation on Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee draft report; and,
2. for the creation of a 1.0 FTE grant funded Family Support Specialist III/Youth Violence Prevention position in fund/org 0400-860-8605 to implement the recommendations of the report, with the final hiring contingent upon Council approved funding in the 2008 budget.

Previous Directives: November 17, 2006, Council Resolution establishing a Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee

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Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Mayor R.T. Rybak
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X Other financial impact (Explain): Filling the position is contingent upon Council approval of Mayor's funding request for Youth Violence Prevention in 2008 Budget.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

City Goals: "A Safe Place to Call Home"

Other: Department goal for "Community-involved and violence-free youth"

Background/Supporting Information Attached

On November 17, 2006, the Council approved a resolution recognizing Youth Violence as a public health problem and establishing a Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee. The purpose of the steering

committee has been to oversee efforts to significantly reduce youth violence in Minneapolis through the following:

- development of a multi-year implementation plan that includes components addressing outreach, education, communications and infrastructure to oversee implementation plans and outcomes. With special emphasis to be placed on strategies to engage and support parents and opportunities for youth to be connected to trusted adults and with their culture;
- development of a timeline and assignment of responsibility for implementation of various plan components;
- defining and measuring community-wide outcomes;
- coordinating City and County efforts to prevent youth violence;
- facilitating cross-community partnerships and communication among various groups with a stake in project outcomes;
- identification of gaps in services, policy and funding; and
- advising the City Council, Mayor and other policy makers and funders on needs for resources, programs and policies.

The presentation provides an overview of the draft report.

The department is requesting a new 1.0 FTE CDBG grant funded position to coordinate the implementation of the recommendations from the report. This position, contingent upon the Council's approval of the Mayor's recommended funding in the 2008 budget, is anticipated to be in place for two years.