

**Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support (MDHFS)
Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
February 10, 2009**

Members Present: Ed Anderson, Darlyne Bailey, Peter Benson, David Cress, Eloisa Echavez, Cam Gordon, William Green, Frederick Huballa, Lydia Lee, Richard Mammen, Gary Reiersen, R.T. Rybak, Sondra Samuels, Mark Stenglein, Bill Ziegler.

Members Absent: Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Sharif Mohamed, Efrem Smith, V. J. Smith

Staff Present: Gretchen Musicant, Diane Haugesag, Bass Zanjani, Jan Fondell, Coral Garner, Claudia Fuentes, David Carson, Jared Erdmann, Bryan Schafer, Ike de Lugo

| Item | Discussion | Outcome |
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| Welcome Remarks & Introductions | Mayor Rybak and David Cress called the meeting to order and gave welcoming remarks at 11:30 a.m. in Room 333, City Hall. Members introduced themselves and why they were interested in the work of the Committee. | |
| Review of Charge and Role of Committee | Cam Gordon reviewed the initial Council resolution establishing the Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee and the amendment creating an Executive Committee. The charge to the Committee is to be a "board of directors" to help implement the Blueprint for Action. | |
| Overview Development of Blueprint | Gretchen Musicant gave an overview of the Boston model and its focus on seeing youth violence through a public health lens. The Blueprint has brought the City a vision using this community model and encompasses 6 parts (see Blueprint for Action: page 5). | |
| Review of Quarterly Report | Mayor Rybak led the review of the October-December quarterly report. Activities related to Goal 1 of the Blueprint for Action were reviewed in detail. Much discussion ensued regarding additions of program activities and follow-up on a number of issues will be considered. | |

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next Executive Committee meeting: May 12, 2009

Minutes submitted by Diane Haugesag

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May 12, 2009

Members Present: Darlyne Bailey, Peter Benson, David Cress, Isaac de Lugo (for Timothy Dolan), Eloisa Echavez, Cam Gordon, Craig Vana (for William Green), Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Lydia Lee, Richard Mammen, Gary Reiersen, Mayor R.T. Rybak, Sondra Samuels, Efrem Smith, V. J. Smith, Mark Stenglein, Noya Woodrich, Bill Ziegler

Members Absent: Ed Anderson, Frederick Huballa, Sharif Mohamed

Staff Present: Gretchen Musicant, Diane Haugesag, Bass Zanjani, Jan Fondell, Claudia Fuentes, David Carson, Jared Erdmann, Ann DeGroot

Guests Present: Larry Cohen and Rachel Davis, Prevention Institute, Oakland, CA

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| Welcome Remarks/Update | Mayor Rybak called the meeting to order and gave welcoming remarks at 10:00 a.m. in Room 319, City Hall. Members introduced themselves. Two consent items were presented – Results Minneapolis and a national legislative agenda for youth violence prevention. | Mayor Rybak suggested that the legislative agenda emphasize the 4 key goals of the Blueprint at the beginning of the document. |
| Presentation of UNITY | Rachel Davis and Larry Cohen presented a broad overview of UNITY and the Prevention Institute. Their experience is that the big challenge to youth violence prevention work is that it is difficult to sustain. Goals of their work are to create a roadmap of strategies/successes & get cities talking to each other. | Bass, Gretchen & Lt. Schafer will be attending the 1 st UNITY conference in Oakland in June. |
| Overview of Blueprint Goal #4 | Karen Kelley-Ariwoola introduced Beki Saito from the U of M Extension Service who is developing a public information campaign through The Minneapolis Foundation. She reviewed “Re-Weaving a Culture of Peace” & the information campaign. | Phase 1: Launch & Strengthen Capacity will be rolled out the last half of May. The entire campaign is a 6-month endeavor. |
| Discussion on Public Information Campaign | Discussion included the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIM Team – rename as a word, not acronym. • Visibility, inc. billboards, are important • Need to determine how campaign & message will be maintained • Important to work with what activities are currently in place (Eloisa Echavez) • Engage hip-hop culture & faith community (Efrem Smith) • As a UNITY city, how do we sustain these efforts & go to national foundations for funding? (Mayor Rybak) | People are encouraged to speak with Karen and Beki with any suggestions. Beki can be contacted at saito015@umn.edu . |
| Report from Project Coordinator | Bass Zanjani reported on several upcoming issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first quarter (2009) report will be sent out shortly • The next Executive Committee meeting will include a policy discussion around neighborhoods and their inclusion in the work of targeted youth violence prevention efforts. Discussion around preventive (macro/entire city) and reactive (focus on specific areas) efforts. • A Congressional hearing with Congressman Ellison was held May 1. Representative Ellison will be meeting with Representative Conyers on a violence prevention bill, adding prevention language into Juvenile Justice funding legislation. | |

David Cress concluded the meeting by stating that it is important to sustain the work that everyone is doing. While it feels good to share, the importance of keeping the momentum going was stressed. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Executive Committee meeting: August 11, 2009

Minutes submitted by Diane Haugesag

Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support (MDHFS)
Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
August 11, 2009

Members Present: Ed Anderson, Peter Benson, Dale Blyth, David Cress, Michael Sullivan (for Timothy Dolan), Eloisa Echavez, Cam Gordon, Craig Vana (for William Green), Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Lydia Lee, Richard Mammen, Mayor R.T. Rybak, Sondra Samuels, Steve Gershone (for Mark Stenglein), Noya Woodrich, Bill Ziegler

Members Absent: Frederick Huballa, Sharif Mohamed, Gary Reiersen (exc.), Efrem Smith, V.J. Smith (exc.)

Staff Present: Gretchen Musicant, Diane Haugesag, Bass Zanjani, Claudia Fuentes, Jared Erdmann, Ann DeGroot, Coral Garner, Barb Kyle, David Carson, Jan Fondell

| Item | Discussion | Action Steps |
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| Welcome Remarks/Update | <p>Mayor Rybak called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in Room 319, City Hall. Dale Blyth from the U of M Extension Center was introduced as the newest member. The Mayor announced that his budget address will be given on 8/13, with NO money cut for youth violence prevention. State legislation passed this year (H.F. 1328)- Minneapolis is a model for cities statewide</p> <p>Three consent items were presented and M/S/A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from 5/12/09 Executive Committee meeting. • “Comprehensive Assessment of Services Intended to Prevent Youth Gang Crime in North Minneapolis” report. • Blueprint for Action 2nd Quarter Report (April-June 2009). Key points reviewed by Bass Zanjani. | <p>The 2nd Quarter Report will be posted on the City website after this meeting.</p> <p>Activities from the 2nd Quarter Report will be compiled in to Comprehensive Activity Report and posted on website.</p> |
| Policy Discussion- Selection Criteria for Neighborhoods | <p>Original neighborhood selection criteria focused on number of homicides. Discussion focused on other criteria to consider and trends. Jared Erdmann reviewed neighborhood and criteria data. Four approaches outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A) Current criteria – highest level of homicides • B) Modified - broadened criteria • C) Tiered risk levels – more prevention activities • D) City-wide approach – every neighborhood <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When crime is reduced, is it actually being reduced or is it moving somewhere else (due to business development, for example)? Trying to pinpoint criteria and neighborhoods is difficult. • Data doesn't tell us what to do – what causes violence or prevents it. Need to build a vision for what we wish we had in City. (See Outcome) • Original Blueprint focus correct – a tiered approach now recommended through entire City. • Use 2009 crime data – violent crime, not just homicides. Include robberies, aggravated assaults. • Bring in neighborhood groups for discussions. Each could develop own plan with a tiered approach. • Objective criteria should determine neighborhoods. What are we going to provide? Can we deliver on this promise? <p>Committee preferred option C (tiered risk level). Discussion on implementation plan and implications. Which neighborhoods rise to the top? Other indicators besides those presented? Domestic violence and child abuse reports may be important indicators.</p> | <p>Mayor asked Peter Benson to convene a subcommittee defining what we have in City/what we wish we had in terms of strengths and assets.</p> <p>Create workshop on criteria for neighborhoods.</p> <p>Create workgroup on forward-looking criteria – what do we want?</p> <p>Adopt interim set of criteria. Staff will flesh out implications agreed upon. Asked to take park data off and map out-of-school time, with resources provided by Youth Coordinating Board.</p> |
| Announcements | SPEAK UP tipline is going “live” in Minneapolis early September | Press conference will be scheduled and members invited |

Next Executive Committee meeting: November 10, 2009

Room 132 – City Hall

Submitted by Diane Haugesag

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November 10, 2009**

Members Present: Ed Anderson, Peter Benson, Dale Blyth, David Cress, Lt. Isaac DeLugo (for Timothy Dolan), Eloisa Echavez, Councilmember Cam Gordon, Craig Vana (for William Green), Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Lydia Lee, Richard Mammen, Gary Reiersen, Mayor R.T. Rybak, V. J. Smith, Noya Woodrich, Bill Ziegler

Members Absent: Frederick Huballa, Sharif Mohamed, Sondra Samuels (exc.), Efreem Smith, Mark Stenglein (exc.), Mai Moua Vang.

Guests Present: Dave Dvorak, Michael Resnick, Andy Furco

Staff Present: Gretchen Musicant, Diane Haugesag, Bass Zanjani, Claudia Fuentes, Jared Erdmann, Ann DeGroot, Coral Garner, David Carson, Jan Fondell, Sgt. Michael Sullivan

| Item | Discussion | Action Steps |
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| Welcome Remarks | Mayor Rybak called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in Room 132, City Hall. Introductions were made. | |
| Guest Presentations | <p>Dr. Dave Dvorak, emergency room physician with Fairview Hospitals, shared the work he has been collaborating on with HCMC and North Memorial relative to a hospital-based protocol for violently injured youth presenting to an emergency room.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently hospital responders in place for domestic abuse victims at North – who are volunteers for this new program? What agencies will they refer people to? • What models are currently in place? Will be discussing. Hospitals will choose their own partnerships among a “list” • Other concerned family members should be engaged; i.e. teacher, neighbor, etc. • Community members are very important in this process • This is a first step in the right direction. Need to take some time re responder role. • Hospital responders will be listening to social workers – credentials important. • 6 months is a short period for data collection. Will this be extended? • How to involve law enforcement? What is the protocol? • How to include community service orgs – a wide variety is important. <p>Andy Furco, U of MN Dept. of Educational Policy and Administration, has proposed formalizing a partnership between the U and the Blueprint to bring together existing orgs/entities working separately with a common agenda. Over 3 years, 3 VISTA volunteers would work to link programs with common agendas/ goals.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are zones determined? (Currently in Cedar Riverside) • U of M could also provide academic research/work re risk factors, etc. – enormous potential & resources | None |
| Guest Presentations | Michael Resnick , U of MN Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine, spoke about developing an Academic Center of Excellence (ACE) at the U. Currently there are 10 in the U.S. funded by the CDC in 5 year blocks through competitive grants. Centers develop and evaluate evidence-based projects around YVP. Must prove strong community support; research on work already being done. Communication and dissemination. | M/S/A to continue a dialogue in support of a CDC ACE, pursuing both the Engagement Zones and an ACE as ways to partner with the U of M around youth violence prevention. |

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| | <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could Blueprint be a large core project for grant? | |
| Discussion on Neighborhoods | <p>Bass Zanjani reviewed the Risk Level map and proposed selection criteria and rationale for expanding prevention efforts to additional neighborhoods. Jared Erdmann analyzed the data for the committee.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How were criteria selected? Are we locking ourselves into this going forward? • Is there a way of deciding on colors? (Red/orange) Goal could be to set a level and see less red/orange in the City as a whole. | <p>M/S/A Recommendation to adopt all related criteria and target neighborhoods for a period of 1 year, to be reviewed when more data is available. More criteria will be pulled in as data becomes more sophisticated.</p> |
| /Consent Items | <p>Three consent items were presented and M/S/A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from 8/11/09 Executive Committee meeting • Acknowledgement of National League of Cities Report Blueprint for Action 3rd Quarter Report (July-Sept.). Key points reviewed by Bass Zanjani. | <p>The 3rd Quarter Report will be posted on the City website after this meeting.</p> <p>Activities from the 3rd Quarter Report will be compiled into Comprehensive Activity Report and posted on website.</p> |