

Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support (MDHFS)
Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
February 23, 2010

Members Present: Ed Anderson, Peter Benson, David Cress, Eloisa Echavez, Craig Vana (for William Green), Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Dick Mammen, Mayor R.T. Rybak, Sondra Samuels, V. J. Smith, Mark Stenglein, Lt. Michael Sullivan (for Chief Dolan)

Guests Present: Joanne Rafferty, Julie Young-Burns

Staff Present: Diane Haugesag, Bass Zanjani, Claudia Fuentes, David Carson, Jan Fondell

Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Welcome Remarks	The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 132, City Hall. Introductions were made.	
Consent Items	Three consent items were presented and M/S/A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from 11/10/09 Executive Committee meeting • Blueprint for Action 4th Quarter Report (Oct.-Dec.). Key highlights reviewed by Bass Zanjani. • 2010 Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expansion of coordination efforts in 22 neighborhoods ○ Expand capacity of Blueprint – measure outcomes ○ Policy changes – state & federal 	
Report on Press Conference	It was noted there is great support for the hospital-based initiative. Hospitals are reaching out to community partners. Done w/no additional budget. Initiative is “structural and institutionalized” (Karen Kelley-Ariwoola).	
SPEAK UP Update	Julie Young-Burns from MPS reported that 38 texts and 28 calls have been received on hotline, with 2 activating police & MPS security response. Most calls are for resources for young people. Setting goals re calls – how to measure/tweak? Has this model been used in other settings? Important that information has been relayed in steps. Keeps message out in front. V.J. Smith suggested PSAs be locally produced for more impact. Discussion re how can communication be localized and how to involve more media. Dick Mammen stated local promotion important - remind youth workers (parks, libraries, Ys, Boys & Girls Clubs) on a regular basis re SPEAK UP.	
Policy Discussion - Juvenile Homicides in January	Lt. Michael Sullivan reviewed homicides in January. 1 homicide victim was a juvenile. 3 or 4 suspects are juveniles. 2 bellwether measures are robbery and aggravated assault. YTD change from last year – both are down. -24.7% robbery and -30% assaults.	
Guest Presentation	Joanne Rafferty , Hennepin County Planning, Policy & Quality Assurance, heads the County’s child mortality review panel. Panel tracks victims only. Have to have had social service involvement with the County w/in previous 12 months. Discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could mortality review criteria be broadened through legislation? • Perpetrator profiles would help in targeting prevention measures. Can a profile be created to examine? • What has panel learned over time? Any recommendations? • Important to be creative with recommendations. Learn from perpetrators. • Many perpetrators have a history of criminal element, lack of positive parental involvement. Resources are very important. What is in place for kids who want to change? • Can a profile of juvenile perpetrators be created to examine? 	Link in with Joanne Rafferty. Can review criteria Can criteria be expanded within the existing structure? Consider legislation – to include peer-to-peer and perpetrators

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Policy Committee Report	Due to illness, Jerome Driessen was unable to speak to the committee about Hennepin County Juvenile Corrections.	Will update the committee at a later meeting.
Community/Partner Updates	<p>V. J. Smith (MAD DADS): Minneapolis Cares has been launched; a group promoting mentoring among African-American adults. PEACE Foundation/Northside Achievement Zone –much collaboration</p> <p>Eloisa Echavez (La Oportunidad): Working with very young children; parental involvement is key. Working in schools. Their work with perpetrators of domestic violence is the only one in the Spanish language.</p> <p>Dick Mammen (Minneapolis Park Board): informal relationships very important. MPD at Parks; MPB youth workers in schools.</p> <p>Peter Benson (Search Institute): National Institute on Media & the Family (David Walsh) will be moving under the auspices of the Search Institute.</p> <p>Lt. Sullivan (MPD): School Resource Officers are very important and will be used quite a bit this summer in various locations.</p>	
Closing Remarks	Bass spoke on the possible creation of a White House Council on Youth Violence – Rep. Keith Ellison’s office wants to move on this – there is congressional support.	
	Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes submitted by: Diane Haugesag 	

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May 18, 2010

Members Present: Dale Blyth, Captain Ike de Lugo (for Chief Dolan), Eloisa Echavez, Councilmember Cam Gordon, Craig Vana (for William Green), Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Lydia Lee, Dick Mammen, Mayor R.T. Rybak, Sondra Samuels, V.J. Smith, Mark Stenglein, Noya Woodrich (liaison to PHAC), Bill Ziegler

Guests Present: Sherenia Gibbs, Julie Young-Burns, Ali Turner, Jerry Driessen, Jerald Moore, Jonathan Bundt, Sherman Patterson

Staff Present: Diane Haugesag, Bass Zanjani, Claudia Fuentes, David Carson, Jan Fondell, Coral Garner, Ann Degroot, Gretchen Musicant

Item	Discussion	Action Steps/Discussion
Welcome Remarks	The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rybak at 9:05 a.m. at The Minneapolis Foundation. Introductions were made.	
Consent Items	Consent items were presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from Feb. 23 Executive Committee meeting • Memorandum of Understanding w/University of MN • Department of Justice Report • Results Minneapolis • Child Mortality Review memorandum • Blueprint for Action 1st Quarter Report (Jan-Mar) and accompanying Executive Summary 	Consent items were presented and M/S/A
Stakeholder Report– <i>Hennepin County Corrections Juvenile Programming</i>	Jerome Driessen (Hennepin Co.) & Jerald Moore (JDAI) – Both spoke of the work of Hennepin Co. Juvenile Services correctional out of home placement. OHP decreased 36% in 10 mos. – reinvesting money into evidence-based practices. Juvenile Detention Center reserved for high-risk youth. In 4 years, 60% reduction in Detention Center use. Youth reallocated to alternatives inc. The Bridge, Catholic Charities, ERC at Shiloh. Court calling reminder program decreased failure to appear by 40%. Court outreach workers helping kids get to court - 400% decrease in # of warrants outstanding. Using community coaches. Many partners coming together. Currently designing a female curriculum – issues of significant trauma/abuse/PTSD.	
Stakeholder Report– <i>First Responder Protocol</i>	Jonathan Bundt (Minneapolis Emergency Preparedness) – Spoke on emergency & community responses to trauma & preventing retaliation. Need for unified response system by schools, parks, libraries, police, EMS. Discussion ensued: How do we take 1 youth who is shot & make sure a 2 nd youth isn't shot – are we on the right track if we're only planning for large scale events? Need to talk about protocol if 1 student is shot. Important to include youth in Backpack exercise. Let's be ready for what we deal with every day. Retaliation issue – community engagement vital Urban violence – who coordinates planning? Who's involved? Urban violence is a different type of exercise.	Suggestion to take 1 incident that has happened. Who will be at table? Dissect incident. Bring those players to the table. Brainstorm scenarios. Small workgroup should be pulled together to discuss this level of urban violence. Cam Gordon will be part of this group.
Policy Discussion – Assessment of BP Implementation	Gaps and recommendations requiring attention/resources	TABLED
Summer Youth Activities	Park, Libraries, Schools, MPD – inventory & gaps. Each shared summer plans. What's happening in evenings/on weekends?	Dick Mammen will get info to The Mpls. Foundation re amount needed (\$55,000) to keep parks open & staffed later in the evenings

Closing Remarks/Sharing	June 12 – Resource Fair at McDonald’s on Broadway Avenue July 9 – Youth Leadership Conference Sept. 11 - YCB – promoting We Want You Back campaign – goal is reaching 200 kids who’ve dropped out to return to school	
	Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.	
	Notes submitted by: Diane Haugesag	

**Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support (MDHFS)
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August 24, 2010**

Members Present: Ed Anderson, Dale Blyth, David Cress, Eloisa Echavez, Councilmember Cam Gordon, Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Lydia Lee, Dick Mammen, Gary Reiersen, Sondra Samuels, V.J. Smith, Mark Stenglein, Lt. Mike Sullivan (for Chief Dolan), Craig Vana (for MPS Superintendent), Noya Woodrich (liaison to PHAC), Bill Ziegler

Guests Present: Julie Young-Burns, Jerry Driessen, Rocco Forte

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

Item	Discussion	Action Steps/Discussion
Welcome Remarks	The meeting was called to order by David Cress at 9:35 a.m. at City Hall, Room 333. Introductions were made.	
Consent Items	<p>Consent items were presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from May 18 Executive Committee meeting • Blueprint for Action 2nd Quarter Report (April-June) and accompanying Executive Summary <p>Bass reviewed the committee term reappointment process. All terms end 12/31/10. Those who wish to continue serving should fill out & return the reappointment application.</p> <p>Bass summarized the 4 options presented in the Child Mortality Review memorandum. Feedback loop important. What will we do with information? What system is in place to deal with data? Panel would summarize themes and make recommendations for future – system level.</p>	<p>Consent items were presented and M/S/A</p> <p>Application forms will be emailed to all committee members.</p> <p>Recommendation made to develop state-wide pilot.</p>
Stakeholder Report– <i>Project CeaseFire Debrief</i>	<p>Gretchen Musicant (Commissioner of Health – MDHFS) Gretchen gave a background on Project CeaseFire and MDHFS grant request. If grant is approved, there will be 2 sites, if not there will be 1 pilot site. CF builds on work already being done. Much discussion among Committee about future work and moving forward.</p>	
Policy Discussion – <i>Homicides in Minneapolis</i>	<p>Where does Blueprint fit in context of homicides this summer? Are there gaps? What should we be doing better? How to prevent homicides?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kids do not have enough to do. Parks can only do so much. Grief/trauma/family issues. Some parents condone & promote behavior. Work in jails is important. • Denial by parents that kid is in trouble. Education needed for parents. • Engagement – community collaboration needed. • “Interstate immigration” – silent. People disconnected from their families. Need to identify families & connect with them. Provide resources to social orgs & an understanding of our values, resources. • Important to also highlight good things happening. Important to follow violence & crime, not just homicides. • How to develop resiliency? How to control impulsivity? We know direction to take, but scale of city is huge. How to expand scale? 	
Emergency Preparedness Plan	<p>Rocco Forte (Emergency Preparedness) City is making a plan for emergency recovery – who is called after an event? What are needs in community after an event? Discussion focused on developing protocol around individual incidents. A school district crisis recovery plan is in place.</p>	

Closing Remarks	Karen Kelley-Ariwoola asked Committee members to read the Blueprint Quarterly report. (See Action Steps)	What areas need work? Where are the gaps? What key strategies need to be in place?
	Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.	
	Notes submitted by: Diane Haugesag	

**Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support (MDHFS)
Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
December 2, 2010**

Members Present: Peter Benson, Councilmember Cam Gordon, Frederick Huballa, Karen Kelley-Ariwoola, Lydia Lee, Dick Mammen, Sondra Samuels, V.J. Smith, Jerry Driessen (for Commissioner Stenglein), Lt. Mike Sullivan (for Chief Dolan), Craig Vana (for MPS Superintendent), Noya Woodrich (liaison to PHAC), Jay Bad Heart Bull (for Bill Ziegler)

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

Item	Discussion	Action Steps/Discussion
Welcome Remarks	The meeting was called to order by Karen Kelley-Ariwoola at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall, Room 333. Introductions were made.	
Consent Items	Consent items were presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from August 24 Executive Committee meeting • Blueprint for Action 3rd Quarter Report (July-Sept.) and accompanying Executive Summary • All terms end 12/31/10. Reappointments and new applicants have been presented to the appropriate committee and the full Council. 	Consent items were presented and M/S/A
Minneapolis Public Health Advisory Committee–Alcohol Use & Youth Violence	On behalf of the PHAC, Noya Woodrich formally submitted a memorandum for approval re preventing youth violence involving alcohol use. An informal coalition has been headed by Julie Young-Burns (MPS). The coalition would like to create a formal link with the YVP Exec. Comm. to mandate this committee. This new recommendation supplants 2I in Blueprint.	M/S/A Approval of recommendation: <i>“To strengthen the existing youth drug & alcohol use community-wide coalition to include a dedicated focus on the intersection of alcohol use & violence in 10-24 year olds. Coalition efforts should specifically address youth binge drinking, youth access to alcohol, & messaging to youth & families.”</i> M/S/A Add 4 th point (pg. 4): <i>“Focus on counseling, assessment, counseling for youth”</i>
2008-2010 Accomplishments	The Milestones in the Implementation of the Minneapolis Blueprint for Action timeline was shared by Karen Kelley-Ariwoola.	
Stakeholder Reflections	A DVD was shown with remarks by Mayor Rybak, who was attending a meeting in Denver. Several committee members shared their reflections on the work of the committee.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dick Mammen – Proactive response to Park Board was very helpful (funds from TMF) for expanded hours. 2000+ youth involved at parks this summer. Relationship w/police at parks very good. • Lydia Lee – Need to see a cultural shift in how heroes are portrayed in society. Kids get the idea violence is OK. Media/violence link. Goal #4 most challenging society-wide. • V.J. Smith – Past year very difficult re youth homicides. Not much complaining about decreased funding – have challenged us in our work. • CM Gordon – BP is under-resourced plan. How to leverage resources? • Craig Vana – Coordinating work happening. Need to continue looking at problems in a diverse way & coming up with solutions • Peter Benson – How do we mobilize caring adults? 	

	<p>Infrastructure for relationship building is broken. Need to take a look at new innovations/delivery systems. How does a city bond its adults to kids?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt. Michael Sullivan – Police Dept. feels supported by YVP Comm. Now using officers in other ways – doing long-range planning – not just responding. • Beki Saito – Not just looking at homicide rates – decreasing violence important. • Frederick Huballa – Keep working on behalf of young people. • Karen Kelley-Ariwoola gave her thanks to the committee and their work around youth violence prevention. 	
Announcement for Conference	MDHFS is organizing a conference for the first quarter of 2011 which will focus on community/city partnerships. Would like to bring in a national speaker. Also include national focus as it relates to local youth violence prevention work. Brainstorming meeting will be held later in December.	
	After the group photo of the current committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.	
	Notes submitted by: Diane Haugesag	