

Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support (MDHFS)
Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
February 10, 2011

Members Present: Sherenia Gibbs, Lydia Lee, Marina Muñoz Lyon, Bianca Dawkins, Craig Vana, Bill Ziegler, Cam Gordon, Peter Benson, Mary Johnson, Richard Howell, Jr., R.T. Rybak, Gary Cunningham

Others Present: Diane Haugesag, Bass Zanjani, Claudia Fuentes, David Carson, Jan Fondell, Coral Garner, Gretchen Musicant, Jared Erdmann, Julie Young-Burns, Noah Schuchman, Don Samuels, Michael Sullivan

Item	Discussion	Action Steps/Discussion
Welcome Remarks	The meeting was called to order by Gary Cunningham and Marina Muñoz Lyon at 1:30 p.m. in Room 509, US Federal Courthouse. Introductions were made and a special welcome to all new committee members now serving through 12/31/12.	
Policy Discussion	The handout <i>Blueprint for Action Progress Report 2010</i> was reviewed (document attached). Each Goal was reviewed and policy discussion items were solicited on easel paper around the room (document attached). It was determined that the focus of the work of the committee will be around the red areas of the document.	An email group/ listserv will be created for members of the Executive Committee to share articles, ideas, etc. with each other around youth violence prevention. Craig Vana, Cam Gordon, Mary Johnson and Bianca Dawkins agreed to prioritize this new information and discuss at a future meeting. Bianca Dawkins and Marina Muñoz Lyon will work on developing a Survey Monkey tool which will ask committee members how they wish to prioritize the recommendations.
Announcements	A Youth Violence Prevention conference focusing on community/city partnerships with US Attorney General Eric Holder is being planned for spring. More details will be forthcoming.	People who would like to volunteer for the conference planning are asked to contact Bass.
Closing Remarks	Mayor Rybak closed the meeting.	
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	Notes submitted by: Diane Haugesag	

**Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support (MDHFS)
Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
May 26, 2011**

Members Present: Mary Johnson, Lydia Lee, Craig Vana, Bianca Dawkins, Bill Ziegler, Rev. Richard Howell, Sherenia Gibbs, Gary Cunningham, Dale Blyth, Peter Benson, Councilmember Cam Gordon

Others Present: Diane Haugesag, Bass Zanjani, Claudia Fuentes, David Carson, Jan Fondell, Coral Garner, Lt. Andy Smith, Jane Miller, Noya Woodrich

Item	Discussion	Action Steps/Discussion
Welcome Remarks	The meeting was called to order by Gary Cunningham at 1:30 p.m. in Room 333, City Hall. Introductions were made.	
Consent Agenda	<p>Minutes from the February 10, 2011 meeting were moved/seconded/approved.</p> <p>The January-March 1st Quarter report was presented. Bass drew attention to page 1 (Coordinator's Corner), which highlighted the importance of the work of the committee and its partners in reducing the incidence of youth violence.</p>	
Stakeholder Report	<p>Summer activities were highlighted by several partners. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Minneapolis Public Schools</u> – Craig Vana reviewed several handouts. MPS is planning on 10-12,000 youth (1/3 of student body) participating in summer activities. Busing within 3 sectors. Sliding fee tuition w/ scholarships offered. Credit-bearing classes for high school & summer school for K-8 – a 5-hour day + enrichment offered after class. • <u>Minneapolis Police Dept.</u> – Lt. Andy Smith reported that 16 SRO officers will continue to work on a proactive basis. Responsibilities include summer school, summer youth employment program (mentoring & proactive presence DT), Police Activities League, & Bike Cops for Kids, providing bikes/helmets to kids, seeking out kids not involved in other activities. Discussion re importance of reducing criminalization of behavior /disciplinary measures in schools & use of SROs. • <u>Hennepin County Libraries</u> – Looking at role of county in education. How is education a priority? Discussion ensued re issues youth face – truancy, bullying, monitoring media, lack of parent involvement. • <u>Minneapolis Park & Recreation</u> – Jane Miller, new Superintendent, was introduced. Want to reach out to at-risk kids & get them engaged in a positive way, finding their niche. Wants to increase diversity of park workforce. Working on Parks connecting with all youth providers. Strong interest in parks partnering w/schools – being a partner in community. 	<p>MPS – Help needed sharing information w/communities</p> <p>How much are Indian kids involved in summer programs? More coordination needed between MPS & other orgs. Is there something MPS could start w/Little Earth?</p> <p>MPD – Suggestion re downtown flyer – change language to a positive tone rather than negative “don’t”</p> <p>Parks will promote MPS summer activities.</p>
Coordinator's Report	<p>Bass gave an overview of the upcoming Blueprint for Action conference, which is being held Friday, May 27 at the McNamara Alumni Center. Attorney General Eric Holder is the featured speaker. Approximately 250-300 people are expected to attend from numerous organizations.</p> <p>A public information campaign is being led by Padilla Speer Beardsley this summer with the theme of <i>Summer 612</i>. Youth microgrants will be available on a competitive basis. More information was handed out.</p>	
Closing Remarks	Due to time constraints, the agenda item re the policy discussion on Blueprint priorities for the 2011-2012 term will be moved to the next meeting. Feedback from the Blueprint conference will also be	

	added to the agenda.	
	Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.	
	Notes submitted by: Diane Haugesag	

Minneapolis Department of Health & Family Support (MDHFS)
Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
August 4, 2011

Members Present: Bianca Dawkins, Sherenia Gibbs, Gary Cunningham, Dale Blyth, Cam Gordon, Eloisa Echavez, Marina Lyon, Mayor Rybak, Sondra Samuels, V.J. Smith, Craig Vana.

Others Present: Abdiaziz Hussein, Claudia Fuentes, Gretchen Musicant, Brandon, Inspector Martin, Inspector Schafer, Lt. Smith, Coral Garner, David Carson, Alyssa Banks, Diane Haugesag, Jeremy Hanson Willis

Item	Discussion	Action Steps/Discussion
Welcome Remarks	The meeting was called to order by Gary Cunningham at 1:30 p.m. in Room 333, City Hall. Mayor Rybak informed the committee that the upcoming City budget will not affect youth violence prevention funding.	
Consent Agenda	Minutes from the May 26, 2011 meeting were M/S/A. The April-June 2nd Quarter report was presented and M/S/A with updates/corrections completed in a newer version.	
Health Dept. Update	Gretchen Musicant reported that Alyssa Banks has been detailed to fill in the gap for 2 positions in the dept. on an interim basis (YVP and Youth Initiatives). The YVP position will be filled on a permanent basis. 115 applications have been received. Bill Ziegler, Lt. Andy Smith, Coral Garner, & Gretchen will interview 6-8 candidates. Much time was spent soliciting questions/ideas from the Committee as to the qualities/abilities they would like to see in a new YVP coordinator. Some common themes included: ability to collaborate, understanding of community, racial diversity, project management skills, having credibility w/others, assist orgs. on how to use resources/help each other (not just w/money), public health understanding, connection with youth	Gary Cunningham asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Bass Zanjani from the committee. He asked staff to draft a letter and circulate.
Youth Violence Summer 2011	Inspectors Mike Martin and Bryan Schafer updated the committee about youth violence occurring in the North and Northeast neighborhoods. Increased numbers of kids not engaged in any summer programming. Many past programs no longer in place. Increasing crime/nuisance by girls. Park staff reassignments took youth workers from meeting with kids and put them in building management. Northeast is doing lots of enforcement, not much prevention. 3 factors: tornado, displacement, school out. Important to bring City/County enforcement together – jurisdiction/statutory issues. Need to get parks/schools back to the table. Difficult to provide summer programming in school gyms due to \$\$\$. Gyms/schools very busy during school year. Court watch – important idea – 2 systems (City/County) that see kids. Court watch would track these kids between systems. Important to develop a juvenile list of kids going between North and Northeast and work together. McKnight Foundation is funding a new organization re out-of-school time. Dale Blyth will raise these issues with them.	Councilmember Gordon was asked to arrange a meeting between Inspectors and CJCC at City Hall. MAD DADS is willing to speak to youth about crime/violence issues in these neighborhoods. Sherenia Gibbs (MPRB) would like to meet w/the inspectors to address park staffing concerns. Meeting w/CJCC and updates will be brought to next meeting (Nov. 10, 2011)
Summer 612 & Blueprint Conference Briefing	Alyssa Banks reviewed the Summer 612 campaign. Much work will go into promoting the 9/22/11 event. Will keep committee updated. Alyssa reviewed the Blueprint Conference briefing report. The department pledged to reconvene a community conference in November.	The Conference briefing report will be sent to all members via email.
Policy Discussion	There was not time to hold a Blueprint priorities discussion.	This issue will be the 1 st item on

		the November agenda.
NEXT STEPS:	A work group planning meeting will be planned for early-mid October. All committee members are invited and encouraged to attend. Agenda is to create action items, building off of strategic recommendations. Staff is charged to work on items. What could committee help with through coordination?	
	The November EC meeting will be 2 hours in length. Agenda is further refinement of Blueprint – committee's response to Blueprint Conference feedback.	
	Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Notes submitted by Diane Haugesag	

**Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
November 29, 2011
Room 333 City Hall**

Members Present: Gary Cunningham, Sherenia Gibbs, Council Member Cam Gordon, Eloisa Echavez, Marina Munoz Lyon, Mayor Rybak, V.J. Smith, Craig Vana, Noya Woodrich

Members Absent/Excused: Ed Anderson, Dale Blyth, Bianca Dawkins, Richard Howell, Jr., Mary Johnson, Lydia Lee, Gene Roehlkepartain, Bill Ziegler

Others Present:

City of Minneapolis: Alyssa Banks, David Carson, Jared Erdmann, Claudia Fuentes, Coral Garner, Gretchen Musicant, Lt. Smith, and Kim Stringfellow. Minneapolis Public Schools: Corky Wiseman. Youth Coordinating Board: Ann DeGroot

Item	Discussion	Action Steps/Discussion
Welcome Remarks	The meeting was called to order by Gary Cunningham at 3:13 p.m. in Room 333, City Hall.	
Consent Agenda	Minutes from the August 4, 2011 meeting were motioned, seconded and approved by all.	Council Member Cam Gordon was not able to get meeting with inspectors. Gretchen Musicant will write the letter of appreciation to Bass Zanjani.
Youth Violence Prevention Highlights	Quarterly Report July-Sept: Mayor Rybak thanked Alyssa Banks for her hard work. Results Minneapolis for MPD showed that juvenile crime has decreased. In 2011 there were five youth deaths, which is five too many. The Minneapolis Compac should have youth around the table. Parents and teachers will be held accountable. YCB is working with partners, asking what they can commit to. Keep and recommit to the value system.	
MDHFS Update	Staff Changes: Gretchen Musicant announced that Alyssa Banks is officially the new Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator. In addition to this transition, Kim Stringfellow will be stepping in for Diane Haugesag, who has resigned from her position in Health and Family Support. Draft of Youth Violence Prevention Newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNITY and STRYVE features Minneapolis in articles • National newsletter examples: Seattle puts out a Youth Violence Prevention newsletter. Minneapolis should be reinforcing the importance of this work, highlights, the community work being done, and what works and what doesn't work. Concern from community organizations and executive committee they didn't know what we were doing. • Gretchen and Alyssa will take members feedback and work on how to communicate the work more comprehensively. • Explore the possibility of including a template for an annual report that highlights salient work accomplishments and investments in youth violence prevention. Executive Committee Newsletter Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to further define who the audience is, where this going is and who is receiving it. • Cam – should include info on neighborhood organizations 	Gretchen and Alyssa will take members feedback and work on how to communicate the work more comprehensively.

and businesses, include links to website, quarterly reports, plans, etc.

- Mayor – needs to include the communications office (contact, distribution, etc.) – Claudia will work with Sara Dietrich – goals based on results indicators, should have a larger reach and include schools and parks, large electronic audience, include as a city newsletter.
- VG – -discussion about using the newsletter as a marketing tool for the blueprint and a way for people to “buy-in”.
- Stan Allen or Rachel Hicks – Craig will work on getting this linked to website, schools. Corky – community education books are sent to 190k households.
- Marina – communication, reference Bianca’s email. Part of communication is listening to youth. “What are we hearing” columns for youth to comment.
- Format should be structured around 4 goal areas, include a section on community resources for groups/practioners and what can groups start to do, include data on results indicators-things that tell an interesting story, include youth perspectives on issues(YCB?), success stories/importance of listening to young people, information on the public health approach, collaborations other city depts.(CPED, JSC), newsletter should link to or integrate the quarterly report

Quarterly Report Feedback

- Highlights of community partners not just Minneapolis, can provide input about their community work.
- Mayor – would like to include 3-5 smaller features as opposed to just 1 agency
- Cam – could be good to also include results Minneapolis – quarterly info and trends
- VG – total # of kids impacted by programs and services – bigger better picture. Include number graduated from programs; recognize that there would be duplication; align indicators with goals – recommend highlighted indicators/different indicators. Homework – kids talk to parents about
- Gary – let Alyssa take ideas and work on what’s feasible
- Alyssa – This is a draft-work in progress. Inter-related to quarterly report. Contact Alyssa with comments about quarterly report. Instead of doing an annual report, will explore possibility of creating a high level summary for the entire year.

Updates from last meeting:

- Action: share results of topic summer Youth Violence issues (Mike Martin and Brian Shafer).
- Uptick in youth violence would be how to coordinate resources and address issues.
- Schools – work with Hennepin County Library security.
- Reached out to Sherenia – issues in the parks. MDHFS – work with street outreach workers, assigning and realigning, Summer 612 Project did small mural project in 2 northside parks.

Blueprint For Action Conference Feedback

- Evaluation report includes a summary of what was said at the conference, including surveys and conversations with

	<p>presenters and youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations on Page 6 – How can we incorporate information into 2012 strategic priorities? • How do we see the alignment of goals and recommendations? 	
<p>Blueprint Priorities for 2012</p> <p>Proposed Action Plan for Blueprint Priorities for 2012:</p>	<p>Downtown Youth Violence: Late in the evenings youth can be seen hanging around downtown on 7th Street and Nicollet Mall. There is violence and fighting, and downtown leaders are concerned. What intervention is available for these youth?</p> <p>Discussion re: proposed structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form subcommittees and workgroups to work on goals. Create an action plan and ask what other organizations are able to commit to. • Increased need for more focused conversations as a committee to engage. Take on one aspect of the blueprint, commit to one area individually to work on and help coordinate action around that. • Who are the logical players around our table to work on goal area, and who is not around our table that should be? <p>Ideas for Goal 1C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop mentorship round table. Pull them together and have them talk together. Through live experience. • Craig Vana suggested contacting Maureen Seelor with ECFE. • Put together non-violence training. Nominate idea of round table and parent strengthening. • Link with school support services, Julie Young-Burns. • Do a monthly report. Already being done by NAZ, Minneapolis Cares, Bolder Options, Kinship, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Most of the kids dying are African American youth. • Cam recommended cannot give up on kids, need reentry and family support. <p>Alyssa proposed finding one tactic area under each focus area. All agreed to focus on these four goal areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals are not equal. (RT) • Strategies are needed to reach kids who are not being reached and activities should engage youth to be sounding board and engage youth in all activities and goal work. • All approved to break into subgroups including members of committee and community. • Which specific areas to commit (soft commit) their organizations. Gather electronically and announce at next meeting. Who will do what and who else should be present at the table? It is the expectation that youth will be involved. Ann and Alyssa will work on. • Gary committed active role with Alyssa Banks and Gretchen Musicant. 	<p>Need for further discussion</p> <p>Gather info on members interest in priority areas electronically and announce at next meeting</p>
<p>Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm</p> <p>Notes submitted by Kim Stringfellow</p>	