



**Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee Minutes
May 20, 2014
Minneapolis City Hall, Room 333**

Members Present: Tracine Asberry, Mayor Betsy Hodges, Ben Knoll, Barbara McMorris, Dr. Happy Reynolds, Gene Roehlkepartain, V. J. Smith, Darrell Young, Shane Zahn

Members Absent: Lt. Kris Arneson, Titilayo Bediako, Dale Blyth, Bianca Dawkins, Eloisa Echavez, Sherenia Gibbs, Jose Gonzalez, Cam Gordon, Chief Janeé Harteau, Khalid Mohamed, Wokie Weah

Staff/Guests Present: Gretchen Musicant, Coral Garner, Sasha Cotton, Josh Peterson, Don Moody, Rachel Oberg-Hauser, Evan Barnett, Nicole Archbold, Jason Matlock

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps/ Discussion
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Agenda/Min Approval</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order by Ben Knoll at 2:10 p.m. Introductions of members and staff were made. Mayor Betsy Hodges addressed the Executive Committee, “glad to be on the team”, reemphasizing her commitment to the Committee’s work and how it meshes with the objectives of <i>growing our City, continue to run our City well, eliminate gaps between our diverse residence which hold us back from being more than great.</i></p> <p>Ben Knoll is leaving the United Way. This is the last meeting he will be attending.</p> <p>Agenda for this meeting and minutes for February were reviewed.</p>	<p>Tracine Asberry made motion to approve minutes; Dr. Happy Reynolds-Cook seconded; approved by unanimous consent</p>
<p>YVP Coordinators Reports</p>	<p>(please see copies of handouts provided at the meeting)</p> <p>Youth Violence Prevention Week, direct and associated activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-launch of the “SPEAK UP” campaign, an anonymous tip line for reporting acts or potential acts of violence • MHD hosting of joint Public Health and YVP weeks. Presentation from ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience) study trainer. • Peace Maker award ceremony, 11 nominees, 4 awarded plaque of recognition and received financial award (\$850) <p>My Brother’ Keeper – initiatives focused on addressing disparities faced by males of color. Presidential Task Force formed to work across executive departments and agencies. Mayor Betsy Hodges is in discussion providing the White House a summary of current work, including highlighting successful programs. Task Force is looking at how to duplicate successes on a wider basis and how to better integrate efforts of state & local officials, private sector, philanthropic community in these efforts.</p>	

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<p>YVP Coordinators Reports (cont.)</p>	<p>Community Engagement Assessment – YVP continues to meet with community leaders and attend community and organizational meetings focused on youth violence prevention and intersecting issues. How best to engage organizations and community leaders and achieve full buy-in of Blueprint?</p> <p><u>Municipal Leadership of Juvenile Justice Reform Project Leadership Academy</u> – the MLJJR is a 2.5 day training institute held in Washington D.C. Members of the health department and MPD will attend.</p> <p>Attorney General’s Defending Childhood Initiative All-Sites Meeting – will be held in June 24-26 in Memphis, TN National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention. Our Minneapolis delegation was not yet selected at the time of this meeting.</p> <p>Pop Up Parks Initiative – a partnership between Minneapolis Parks & Rec and the Minneapolis Health Department will provide pro-social activities over the summer. Mobile, assembled on-site tents with staff, music, snacks, .will “pop up unexpectedly” in communities throughout the City for 8 weeks over the summer. Staff will have Youth Development training and add’l staff will be available to be added to a location for high turnout. This effort is “Blueprint approved”.</p> <p>V.J. Smith talked about the forum at Shiloh Temple regarding how to reach youth who “didn’t want to follow in their path” and “break the cycle”. How do we help those who desire to avoid becoming entangled in that lifestyle? topic generated a lot of discussion about ‘How do you help?’ and barriers to helping. The City of Minneapolis Employment & Training Program “North 4 Youth Employment Program” (2010-12) was mentioned. Important to work to involve youth in positive activities, separate youth from the violence and violent-prone locations (stable and affordable housing is related to this aspect), need to have opportunities and alternatives to being alone (when are most prone to recruitment), uninvolved parents can be a barrier, age restrictions on sharing information another encountered barrier.</p> <p>YVP tends towards reactive, not proactive, model. Resources available for ‘Youth on Probation’, those who have encountered issues the system addresses. How to identify and connect with youth ‘on the edge’, those who have had minor encounters/ exposure below ‘system notices’ level? V.J. Smith said if they know they can intervene. Though there are barriers, such as those with experience which helps to make connection do not have the credentialing to gain school support and visa versa.</p> <p>Attempts to use data to ‘look back’ to see help identify commonalities of how youth become involved in violence.</p>	<p>Cam Gordon made a motion to give YVP Executive Committee approval to the Pop Up Parks initiative; V.J. Smith seconded the motion; approved by unanimous consent</p>

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	<p>Increase City web presence for ‘who to call?’, one place for a list of resources local to individuals.</p> <p>Work to make City and Communities agenda become the common agenda. Work on cultural norms such as having ‘where are you going to college?’ become the expected and accepted question for anyone to ask any youth.</p>	
<p>Work Group Break Out</p>	<p>Community Engagement (Sasha was in the group) Can the Heading Home Hennepin model be used for YVP? How do we access community organizations to both listen and provide ‘who we are’ details on the Blueprint and YVP? Important to use consistent language and unified messages across all efforts – do we have a one-line slogan or catch phrase?</p> <p>Policy and Research (Coral was in this group) How do we use best evidence-based practices while also being open to incorporating innovative possibilities? Try to utilize equity and reducing disparities agenda. How do we involve the community and avoid community isolation? MPD will be having training about best practices in other states.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.