

Coalition Meeting Summary

Madison Dane County Violence Prevention Coalition

Public Health Violence Prevention Overview

- Public Health – broad overview of unit structure and focal areas of:
 - Isthmus Safety Initiative focused downtown Madison
 - Interpersonal Violence
 - Rate of city growth and its impact on affordable housing, new developments and management issues
 - Isolation and mental health
 - Gun Violence Prevention

Primary Prevention Presentation – DAIS

Faye Zemel and Zoë Heitzinger from Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) presented on their Men Encouraging Non-violent Strength (MENS) Club, which is one of DAIS's primary prevention programs run in area middle and high schools. Before describing the program design and purpose, DAIS reminded us what primary prevention is, and how it compares to and complements other types of prevention.

Public Health Response, Engagement, and Intervention Overview

- Randy Molina spoke about the Community Safety Intervention Team (CSIT) and its various iterations and evolution as primarily a rapid response team to a multi-disciplinary team focused on response, but also information sharing, problem solving and outcomes tracking.
- Carmella Glenn described Community Violence Intervention as an evidence-based strategy to reduce violence through tailored community-centered initiatives. She spoke about the recent work of the Violence Intervention and Response teams in 6 apartment buildings in Madison, and the common risk factors for violence seen across these buildings, including out-of-state management, disengaged on-site staff, poor maintenance, pest problems, and lack of social cohesion among the residents. Carmella spoke about the desire to create a toolkit/best practices document for violence prevention to be used during the planning process, including such things as the need for bus access, schools with capacity to accept new students and grocery stores within walking distance or a short bus ride.

Breakout Engagement/ Working Sessions

- **Primary Prevention – Facilitated by DAIS**

In this small group activity, we focused on getting to know one another and our work, and identifying where our work fits in to the Levels of Prevention – Primary, Secondary, Tertiary. Discussing the overlaps and interplays that occur between the levels.

We also discussed language used in our dominant culture, media, and politics that is presented as strength to men and boys – when it is truly toxic, violent, and harmful to both female and male identifying people and perpetuates violence in our communities. We identified language that supports healthy strength that we want to promote through our work as a Coalition.

- **Intervention – Facilitated by Public Health Violence Intervention Team**

The group discussed and shared ideas to support residents in many of the areas Violence Intervention are currently working. There were numerous ideas shared that could and would lead to longer term planning around housing being built.

We also brainstormed who was not in the room and should be contacted.

There was also conversation on how to support the youth that were at the Lux apartments and how we will move forward with supporting them. Meetings have been set with MMSD, PH Emergency Response and CBO.

- **Upcoming Events and Announcements**

- Several upcoming Parks Alive dates that need at least one organized activity from 5-8 pm. Looking for a few coalition members to participate by having an activity (usually for kids) that might also involve messaging for youth or families.
 - Brentwood/Warner: July 2
 - Meadowood: July 10
 - Owl Creek : July 18
 - Leopold: July 23
 - Darbo/Worthington: July 30
 - Teresa Terrace/Hammersley: August 21

- Public Safety Forum hosted by Madison Police Department on 7/23 from 5-8 pm at Warner Park Community Center. There will be a panel on different approaches to safety in our community, chance for residents to ask questions.

- **Open Violence Prevention/Intervention positions at Public Health:**

- Prevention Coordinator (responsible for the Coalition) hopefully to be hired by end of July
- Intervention Coordinator hopefully to be hired by end of September