

Violence Prevention Task Force Meeting

Meeting Date: 11-21-13 **Facilitator:** Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck **Recorder:** DeLacy Taylor

Task Force Members present: Sen. Mattie Hunter (via phone), Rep. LaShawn Ford, Dr. Tom Huggett, Pastor Corey Brooks Members

Task Force Absent/excused: Sen Tim Bivins, Rep Bryan Stewart

Others Present: Kim Egonmwan

Item	Topic	Summary of conclusions, decisions, Assignments, and next steps
1.	Discuss Interests and what each member would like to see accomplished through this Task Force.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen. Hunter – Would like to: address lack of employment and social justice issues; document findings, strategies and solutions to deal with the cause of violence in the community • Rep. Ford – Personal mission: Believe in fairness across the board and would like to reduce the number of people that lose their life to violence. Interests: Black on Black violence, youth violence & reducing the number of youth killed, wants us to adhere to the public act. • Pastor Brooks – Interests: gun violence and youth violence in high crime areas and the science of it. How are faith-based organizations addressing this issue: becoming more aware of social issues that weren't addressed before. Because of the prevalence of violence, there is more involvement from the faith based community. • Dr. Hasbrouck - Would like to: develop a blueprint for action for many of the high risk areas across the state; partner with other organizations with violence prevention missions, especially those with greater resources; go further than just the document and would like each member (incl Rep. Bryan Stewart, Sen. Tim Bivins, Latino and African American Family commissions) to be ambassadors to get others involved across the state.
2.	Approaches to Violence Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science-based/Research – describe the national and state-wide problem. We need a big picture view throughout the state and we need to identify where all of the hot spots are located. • Best Practices – we need to distinguish between evidence-based things vs. things that make you feel good but aren't proven to work. (ex: scared straight method and trying kids as adults. These examples have negative impact and are not proven to work. • ICJIA – they can assist with hotspotting, mapping. They hold the Team Reach Grants and Neighborhood Recovery Program • Coordinating efforts across the state – What is the landscape? What are the assets? Northwestern (Dr. Crandall), Lurie's Children (IL Violent Death Reporting System), Cure Violence, GetIn Chicago (amassed \$50M from private funders for youth focused public safety initiative) Rep Ford – There are other committees/task forces that can help HR95 reveals them all. • Untapped Resources – We need to identify these throughout the state and bring in those who weren't previously involved (e.g.: FBO, CBO, philanthropic orgs, trusts, etc..) • Educating public – Use press (PIO's) to mobilize us as a team of ambassadors to inform the public across the state into schools, churches, general assembly.
3.	Mental Health Issue?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hasbrouck – from experience working on violence issue in Jamaica, many Jamaicans carried machetes and through research, found that several issues preceded violence, poverty, lack of employment, overcrowding/lack of adequate housing, etc... • In violence hotspots throughout IL, we need to identify the things that are missing (e.g. deficits) in their communities (ie: parenting,

		employment, Access to health, etc...) and leverage the assets in the communities to solve these problems.
4.	Additional questions and comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Ford – In future meetings, we need to decide what the message is that we will share with the public. If there is a need to amend law, we will do this. The Task Force has \$50K appropriated and we need to make sure we get this from DHS (Randy Wells?) <u>To Do: Sen. Hunter will follow up on this</u> • Sen. Hunter – The key is talking this issues is coordination of services, dissemination of information and resources. We need to come up with an evidenced-based solution • Rep Ford – Can we look at the impact that the criminal system has on family and community. It’s a huge problem in the Austin community. Is the criminal system causing this (continued violence)? There are two communities that are poorer than Austin but they aren’t doing as bad. How do you explain this? Dr. Hasbrouck – We need to look at the deficit model –removing someone from the home creating a deficit because their help or resources are no longer available; when they are released and brought back into the community and are unable to get a job, this joblessness creates another deficit. We need to look at the compositions of the family and ask what is happening at the community/family level (investment in schools? Type of family? Are the parents in the home? Are the parents engaged in their kids’ lives or communities? Other factors include environmental and community violence. • Race – want to make sure that violence isn’t only considered a Black issue – Race is a risk marker, not a risk factor. A proxy measure for true risk factors (e.g. having delinquent peers, poverty_ For example: Blacks are at a higher risk to have several deficits (within the home or community) that may lead to violence. • Sen. Hunter – we are headed in the right direction. 5 years ago I began work with the Criminal Justice Task force called TASC and they compiled a justice impact study and addressed racial disparities. Rep Davis wants to extend the Disparities Task Force. • Dr. Huggett: Adjunct Professor at UIC SPH. Perhaps some interns can assist with the research. • Dr. Hasbrouck – How do we best utilize staff at the Latino and African-American Family Commission? They are huge resources, Dr. Layla at LFC is big on research. • Report is due on December 1st - We will report the list of the members and that we had our first meeting. VPTF has no sunset.
5.	Future Meeting Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule – Meet every other month. Next meeting in January, after than in March. We will line up agendas prior to meetings. <u>To Do: DeLacy to forward possible dates for upcoming meetings.</u> • Next meeting - Summarize Science – get educated first. What is violence about? What does it look like across the state? <u>To Do: IDPH will forward briefs and other reports to review before the next meeting.</u> • 3rd and 4th meetings – invite key stakeholders/partners to get their perspective and present their findings: CDC; ICJIA, FLY etc... <u>To Do: If you know of anyone we should invite to present, please send their contact info to DeLacy delacy.taylor@illinois.gov</u> Statute states that we are to have the “full cooperation” of state agencies (Human Services, ICJIA, State Police, etc...)