

Violence Prevention Task Force Meeting

Meeting Date: 1-23-14 **Facilitator:** Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck **Recorder:** DeLacy Taylor

Task Force Members present: Sen. Mattie Hunter (via phone), Rep. LaShawn Ford,

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

Others Present: Kim Egonmwan, Dr. Thomas Huggett, Michael Copeland, Michael Holmes (AAFC), Onie Riley (AAFC), Layla Suleiman (LFC, via phone)

Item	Topic	Summary of conclusions, decisions, Assignments, and next steps
1.	Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum – the meeting did not have a quorum. Four out of six members must be present for a quorum. Will have to hold approval of minutes for the next meeting in March.
2.	Discussion of and Approval of Bylaws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance requirements – Rep. Ford recommends that this is listed in the bylaws and removing members who do not attend. There are only 6 meetings in the year and initial recommendation was to replace members who do not attend for 3 consecutive meetings. Rep. Hunter and Ford can make recommendations for new members to the General Assembly leaders. Decision: If a member misses two (2) consecutive meetings within a calendar year and do not send a proxy/delegate, the member is subject to be removed and the Chair will contact leadership to reappoint. • Notice to the public – What are the specifics on how we give notice to the public? Answer: Today’s meeting is an open meeting as well as all others. IDPH has posted notice of the meeting and agenda on its Violence Prevention webpage, its Open Meetings webpage and on the door outside the Chicago IDPH office. Any member of the Task Force or Family Commissions are welcome to invite public at large. Recommendations: Can have IDPH’s Public Information Officer (PIO) draft a press advisory to be picked up by the media outlets. In the advisory, we can include an email address for the public to RSVP so that we can make accommodations being that our conference room is relatively small. Kim suggested that we talk to IDPH’s legal counsel, Bob Morgan, about this since he has recently done something like this. • Distribution – will make edits to bylaws as suggested and will share electronically with the members to review. Once finalized, we will share the bylaws with the House and Senate Leaders.
3.	Overview of Violence (Handouts) All handouts can be found at: http://bit.ly/1d6qGCn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myths & Facts of Youth Violence Prevention • 10 Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Illinois Residents, 2010 (Provisional) • Total Number of Homicides of Illinois Residents Ages 15 - 24 2008-2012 • Youth Violence Statistics for Illinois – CDC • Residential Locations of Homicide Victims Ages 15-24 in Northeastern Illinois 2008-2012 • Homicide Deaths by Age Group, Illinois Residents, 2008-2011
4.	Public Health Approaches to Violence Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School guidance to violence prevention - Rep Ford: Regarding the shootings at college campuses in IL (there was an incident at Northern), can we also provide guidance to the universities that informs them how to deal with these issues? We can include all elementary, charter and Catholic schools and instruct them to call the police as opposed to handling it themselves. Dr. Hasbrouck: This task force is tasked to come up with solutions for how to deal with E-

bullying, kids bringing weapons to school & mental health issues. What do we do for schools to protect/buffer themselves from this? Regarding mental health and counseling, there is funding available to address this. We also need to address the question of how do we fortify schools? Can there be balance between safe haven & fortress/jail. Structural vs/ Resources. I would like us to create a call to action to get the resources and have programs that manages the funding.

- **1115 Waiver – Rep Ford:** There should be something in it for violence. **Dr. Hasbrouck:** Violence Prevention would fall under the Health Hub carve out that’s in the waiver.
- **Community - Holmes:** When drafting the guidance deliverables, we should pay attention to make it understandable at the community level. **Dr. Hasbrouck:** implementation must be at the community level. GetIn Chicago will award money this summer. We must ensure community readiness. We can’t put money in the community that doesn’t have the capacity to implement plans. We must make sure that they have the resources to build capacity at the community level.
- **Building capacity – Copeland:** What does that look like? **Suleiman:** Communities with high needs and low readiness need the resources the most. The key is to get the community ready so that when they apply for grant funds, they will have the systems in place to complete a proper application, a proper vehicle to administer the grant funds according to the grant agreement. Some communities don’t have the people resources necessary for this. It may take some training or identifying trained leaders in the community that can assist with these processes. There are many state resources that go unused or are underused because people are not aware of them (ie: Redeploy IL is administered by DHS. Communities need time and support to put together a good plan to apply for these resources) Powerful challenges will be to look across state agencies. How can we bring DCEO to help coordinate resources to create jobs? We need to think about education, employment, etc...**Dr. Hasbrouck:** The call to action to state, philanthropic, businesses, etc... must be a comprehensive approach that will include the funding, intellectual and other resources.
- **How do you map what’s needed in a community? – Dr. Hasbrouck:** a sound voice from the community can assist with this solution. We can head up a community survey to find out what the community values and what they see as the problem. CDC is working on a survey instrument to help tailor it to IL. IDPH has an EIS officer from CDC who is assigned to work on this. They can assist with the implementation of the community survey. **Suleiman:** Little Village has been looking at their violence data to try to track it and use interventions. Perhaps we can reach out to them to get their perspective on how they use data. **Dr. Hasbrouck:** it’s important not to only get/analyze data but to report it back to community to make them aware/keep informed. **Sen. Hunter:** I’ve partnered with several programs for youth violence prevention. One of the requests for the program was that the parents had to participate. There were workshope with parents to get their information ideas on what they are dealing with. Nothing was done with the data but would make it available for us to analyze. **To Do: DeLacy will follow up with Sen Hunter’s assistant, Janice for sponsor and participant information for these programs.**
- **Review of IL Violence Death Reporting System handout -** we want to take this to scale and we would like them to be one of the

		<p>groups that come to present.</p>
5.	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Resources to support Family Commissions – Rep Hunter/Ford can amend legislation to request money for the Commissions. Rep Ford sent an email asking for \$50K that’s been allotted to the group. <u>To Do: Will follow-up on this and provide update for next meeting.</u> • Dr. Hasbrouck’s City Club Presentation slide review - https://vimeo.com/81557566. • Maps - for every homicide, there are 10 violent non-fatal crimes committed. • PH approach to violence – define problem, identify risk protective factors (what’s the company that they keep that causes risk? Hopelessness/helplessness), develop strategies (parent training, conflict resolution, mentors, scared straight don’t work), ensure widespread adoption (this is where community participation is important). This process is what worked for designing tobacco/cessation programs.
6.	Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next agenda will include presentations- if there are groups that you would like to hear from, let DeLacy know. Suggestions: Judge Sophia Hall who leads Restorative Violence, Cook County Commissioners, Chicago Area Project (David & Cheryl Whitaker), Bridges program. • Dr. Hasbrouck’s vision – To focus 1st on programs that are: (1) tackling violence prevention, (2) education, (3) jobs • What about the communities’ response? Ms. Riley: how would we address organized crime within various police departments/crooked cops. Dr. Hasbrouck: this information will be incorporated into the survey for the community. If those things come up in the responses, we can address this. • Defined roles for the Family Commissions? Rep. Ford- what are the Commissions poised to do? We’re gonna have to take this outside of these walls into the community. Should we have defined roles added to the bylaws for them. Holmes – We have a Community Initiative across the state to find out issues & the impact of them. We are working with black businesses to help create jobs to keep people off the streets. Suleiman – We’ve been having community dialogues within many communities that have high concentration of Latinos. We’re working with primary providers of violence prevention so that we have a model for disconnected youth. Will share and forward this info to you. <u>To do: If you have any reports, white papers, forward to DeLacy.</u> Dr. Hasbrouck: prefer to leave it open and not include defined roles for the Commissions in the bylaws. • Questions: Dr. Huggets- CDC stats for IL. How did the rates cut in half? Would like to learn more from them on this.