

ICJIA Violence Prevention Ad Hoc Meeting

February 10, 2022, at 10:00am

Rollcall and Approval of Minutes

- o Meeting called to order by Mr. Gatewood
- o Scott Risolute took roll call

Welcome and Introductions

Ad Hoc Violence Prevention Member Attendance	Present	Telephone	Absent
Delrice Adams, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority	x		
Jenny Aguirre, Department of Healthcare and Family Services			x
Emmanuel Andre, Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender	x		
Joshua Brooks, Restorative Justice Hubs			x
John Carroll, Attorney General's Office	x		
Frances Collins, Illinois Department of Human Services	x		
Avik Das, Cook County Juvenile Advisory Council	x		
Yaacov Delaney, Justice, Equity and Opportunities Initiative	x		
Heather Dorsey, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts			x
Mackenzie Eisen, Governor's Office			x
Dr. Rachel Garthe, UIUC School of Social Work	x		
Garien Gatewood, Illinois Justice Project	x		
Meghan Golden, Survivor Recovery Center-Southern Illinois School of Medicine	x		
Paul Goodrich, Mayor's Office of Chicago			x
Ryan Goodwin, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services			x
Teny Gross, Chicago Institute of Non-Violence	x		
Andrea Hall, Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission			x
Emily Harwell, Illinois Lieutenant Governor's Office	x		
Omar Jamil, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice			x
Evan Krauss, East Sign Aligned	x		
Dawn M. Lochbaum, STRIVE Trauma Recovery Center-Peoria	x		
Kristen Marshall, Illinois Department of Human Services	x		

Jennifer L. Martin, Illinois Department of Public Health			X
Liliana Mejia, New Life Centers			X
Dr. Kimberly Miiller, Advocate Aurora Health	X		
Mary Morrissey, Illinois State Police	X		
Dr. Keyuana Muhammad, Cook County Sheriff's Office			X
Brian M. Pastor, Department on Aging	X		
Christopher Patterson, Illinois Department of Human Services	X		
Karrie Rueter, Illinois Department of Human Services	X		
Keyria Rodgers, Millikin University	X		
Dr. Doug Smith, UIUC & Center for Prevention Research & Development			X
Vickie Smith, Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence	X		
Floyd Stafford, Steans Family Foundation			X
Carmen Terrones, Connecting Restorative Justice Communities	X		
Teresa Tudor, Illinois Department of Human Services			X
Molly Uhe- Edmonds, Illinois State Board of Education			X
Kelly Vabric, Illinois Department of Public Health			X
Carrie Ward, Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault	X		
Charles Watkins, Lt. Governor Stratton's Office			X
Paula Wolff, Illinois Justice Project			X
Therasa Yehling, STRIVE Trauma Recovery Center-Rockford	X		

I. Minutes of the February 10, 2022

Motion: Ms. Terrones moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meetings. Mr. Gatewood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

II. Introductions and Member Updates

Members introduced themselves and provided brief overview of their work related to violence prevention.

III. Overview of Plan and meeting purpose

The 2020 Statewide Violence Prevention Plan incorporates violence related data, interviews and stakeholder input to outline broad strategies. The plan uses a public health approach,

putting equity in the forefront, presenting goals and strategies at the individual, family and community levels. The plan is available here: <https://icjia.illinois.gov/news/statewide-violence-prevention-plan-2020-2024/>

Ms. Desai reviewed how the Plan informed the FY 22 Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Notice of Funding Opportunity. It was directed to small, community rooted organizations with annual budgets of \$3M or less; included 5 equity bonus questions which were the first selection criteria; prioritized communities with high violence rates and asks applicant to utilize data profiles. The program design gave applicant flexibility to propose program that meets their community's needs while still covering primary, secondary and tertiary prevention. It included training on trauma informed services and restorative justice ICJIA received 134 applications totaling over \$19 million dollars.

Mr. Krauss asked about the geography of the applicants. Ms. Desai stated she would get that information and share it with the group. The Dec 16, 2021 Supplemental Budget Committee Document, available here and attached <https://icjia.illinois.gov/news/meetings/> includes the geography of the selected applicants.

Mr. Terrones asked how many years the applicants have been in business, doing this work. Ms. Desai stated that we asked about their budget size, not how many years in business.

IV. Intergovernmental Meetings on Violence Prevention

Director Adams explained the Joint Readiness Summit held virtually on February 4, 2022. It was a joint convening of the Chicago, Cook County, ICJIA and IDHS agencies to share information about the coming ARPA violence prevention grant solicitations. She recognized Asst. Secretary Patterson and Mr. Das who were also there. On June 21, 2021, President Preckwinkle sent a letter to the Governor and Mayor asking for their partnership in aligning and coordinating the historic investments of more than \$10B of federal relief across Illinois that was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2020.

All three units of government committed to the collaborative and identified executive level staff charged with the strategic planning and implementation of ARPA investments to participate.

Shared priorities of interest across the collaborative include Violence Prevention, Mental Health, Infrastructure and Economic Development. A Violence Prevention sub-group was formed, with the expectation that additional sub-groups would be created as needed to advance the overall work.

Since August 2021, the Violence Prevention sub-group has held planning workshops and meetings to coordinate investment efforts to reduce violence in Cook County leveraging the significant American Rescue Plan federal relief funds.

Initial planning discussions by the Violence Prevention sub-group included:

- Established the common goal to work together to reduce duplication of efforts and increase coordination and impact in communities who have disproportionately been impacted by violence and disinvestment of infrastructure and resources
- Established common definitions for violence reduction efforts, using a public health lens
- Reviewed data on current year funding at the program, grantee and geographic level
- Shared priorities for upcoming funding (including ARPA)
- Agreed on two priorities for coordination going forward, and
- Launched two working groups to focus on these priorities.

Those working groups are: Intervention Solicitations and Capacity Building

Director Adams closed by saying how we want to tell a real impact story related to this historic investment. We need listen to community to hold up successes in the short term and while developing long term outcomes.

Director Adams then shared how ICJIA State Violence Prevention Plan and the Reimagine Public Safety Act(RPSA) intersect. ICJIA's plan is broad and includes all types of violence while DHS addresses mental health, youth employment, substance use and now firearm violence. Both the Plan and RPSA cover gun violence, youth violence, youth development, sexual assault, intimate partner violence and teen dating violence.

Director Adams shared projected FY 23 violence prevention funding. She also raised up the Institute to Innovate program that will provide training and technical assistance to smaller organizations that struggle to receive state funding. This will also involve a grant coaching model. Another way ICJIA is addressing equity is by developing an advance pay and working capital policy. She asked if Assistant Secretary Patterson and Avik Das wanted to add anything. Sec. Patterson stated how this effort should be an example of collaboration. Both Sec. Patterson and Mr. Das shared how important the joint readiness summit and look forward to continued collaboration.

Mr. Gross asked over how long can the ARPA funds be spent? He stated that planning staffing and consistency of staffing is a key responsibility we all face.

Director Adams shared the readiness summit presentation link where members can see a projection of investments. She also shared that ARPA dollars have to be spent by 2024. Asst. Secretary Patterson stated DHS is developing a strategy to address what happens after the ARPA funds are over.

Ms. Terrones applauded the agencies work and added that she would like to have more discussion on what community agencies are doing on short and long-term outcomes. We need to support agencies and we need to see real outcomes.

V. Discussion

Group discussion: How can we collect shared metrics across VP interventions - such as street outreach, youth violence prevention, etc.? (so we can assess the impact of ALL these efforts?)

Dr. Garthe and staff have been collecting behavior measures, across all types of violence, that programs can use.

Ms. Smith stated that numbers don't tell the whole story. The impact on people and staff is important.

Mr. Gross shared the history of his work and staff. He said that so many measures that are really business like as opposed to the most important part of the work-love. How do you measure love? He shared a story about a client and all the gaps in services.

Ms. Yehling shared her experience doing this work for 25 years. She stated she keeps collecting the same data over the years. She shared some of the challenges for both staff and clients.

Ms. Morrissey mentioned that outcomes for policy makers is important too. We need a public facing message to define what success looks like so people don't just look at crime reports.

VI. Public Comment

Michelle Machenany, new staff at ICADV, expressed appreciation for the discussion today.

VIII. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Mr. Krauss and 2nd by Ms. Ward. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed.