

Violence Prevention Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes 9-8-22

Meeting called to order by Peter Yuh

- I. **Rollcall and Approval of June 9th, 2022, meeting minutes:** Roll call was taken and quorum was not met. Meeting Minutes Approval of June 9th, 2022, meeting and the February 10th, 2022, meeting were tabled.

- II. **Introductions and Director Comments Director Adams:** The Violence Prevention Ad hoc is one of the most diverse and broad tables around violence prevention in the state. We're making some really good decisions, and having a lot of different voices at the table. Announced new staff at ICJIA.
 - Doesah Ford-Bey, Chief Communications & Programs Officer
 - Javon Gregoire, Chief of Staff/Deputy Director
 - Dr. Millicent Lewis-McCoy, Assistant Deputy Director

- III. **ICJIA Updates**

Institute to Innovate (i2i) goal is to launch in October. Pre-planning and planning work has been taking place and we've reached out to organizations through a request for information to have them apply.

Targeting 3 types of organizations and really centering on capacity building as well as technical assistance within the Institute. Focused on grassroots, smaller, localized organizations with a level of support so that they are successful, not only in, administering their grants and programs, but really having a sustainable impact and community where their organizations are not left vulnerable because of their inability to really ramp up and have the infrastructure in place. Funding sources may vary, whether it's City, County or State grants, or foundational and other formalized funding.

The Institute (i2i) will provide a 6-month curriculum, where we will help agencies to build their board, their organizational structure processes, increase understanding of fiscal management.

Some agencies may be eligible for up to \$100,000 grant where they will receive 1 on 1 coaching where we have staff that actually serve like surrogate employees over a 12-month period.

Unprecedented funding from Federal and State sources is creating a burden on organizations to ramp up quickly, and to meet the demand of various grant dollars. We want agencies to take advantage of this, but not be in a vulnerable situation where they have to downsize or experience massive layoffs, essentially carry the burden of this funding not being sustainable.

Government entities must continue to think about a sustainability plan. Not only fiscally, but ensuring agencies are viable and marketable and can continue to receive funding?

And then I just want to give a quick update on the inter, governmental municipal coordination and street violence, metrics, and many of the stakeholder partners with the city and the county is on as well as assistant secretary.

Intergovernmental Municipal Coordination Meetings: Currently having meetings multiple times a week to support implementation of the shared metrics reporting system, looking across the state, but focused on the city/cook county currently.

Many of you have been brought into the evaluation conversation, or brought in to look at street outreach in particular.

Communication is pushing the bounds of collaboration and we are privileged to be a part of that. Attended several national conversations in June and July, and people were very impressed about the work we are doing in IL. We can actually give real examples of the work, collaboration and can show that we are meeting regularly.

Bureau of Justice Assistance, DOJ: [Latest News: Implementing Community Based Violence Intervention Strategies Webinar Series Launching in September \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com). There's a 5 part series that I wanted to bring to you all attention and it's every month from September to January.

Family Violence Coordinating Councils: Mary Ratliff indicated that the Family Violence Coordinating Councils unit has been going through a strategic planning process creating a 3-to-5 year plan. A lot of data was collected in the last year and working with the steering committee to move forward and implementing that plan. One of the biggest things that has happened for the Councils is that the website was revised and have up-to-date information.

Updated the protocols for law enforcement and prosecutors, that were developed a couple of years ago, to respond to people who experienced domestic violence, including those who have a disability and older adults. Working on developing a curriculum or a facilitator's toolkit so that our local training teams can train people in their area working in the criminal justice system, or social service system in domestic violence cases, or sexual assault cases. Currently, have finished module 1 and about to finish module 2. There are total of 7 modules.

IV. Illinois Reimagine Public Safety Act {Presentation}

Assistant Secretary Patterson provided a presentation to update on firearm and violence prevention

- This historic commitment comes in at about \$250 Million over the next 3 years.
- To address, fire environments, we're doing that through deepening in our relationships and commitments to youth development.

- Violence prevention services, which would include street outreach, case management, victim services, and addressing trauma in young people and people impacted by fire environments.
- Addressing communities across the city and communities across the state with the intent that most of the communities underfunded are going to receive support from the Reimagine Public Safety funding.
- 16 communities, outside of Chicago, and established local advisory councils in each of these communities. The purpose of this is to make sure that we are hearing exclusively from those communities.
- A little over \$50 million dollars dedicated towards firearm violence reduction efforts across the state of Illinois for fiscal years 2023 and 2024.
- Youth Development Funding: \$125 million IDHS has partnered with Chicago city of Chicago in the Chicago Public School system, and a program called Back to our future. The program is intended to target young people who have been disengaged from school for the last 18 months also often involved in the justice system unfortunately, some of the carjackings and gun possession cases. Targeting the highest risk threshold of young people.
- Several Notice of Funding Opportunities have been released and closed. Some are open in an ongoing manner.

V. American Rescue Plan Act Funding FY23 – Line-item Appropriations

- \$82 million to 155 line-item appropriations that represented 153 entities.
- 4 program service areas with violence prevention, including street outreach, youth and emerging adult development, behavioral health, and re-entry support.

VI. Committee Discussion: Creating a public facing message to define what success looks like so people do not just look at crime reports.

The group discussed the need for a strong messaging regarding violence prevention. Communications staff from various funders came together regarding messaging the statewide Violence Prevention Plan, as well as the Reimagine Public Safety Act. Definitely a benefit of coming together again, including the VP Ad Hoc committee, and other convening groups.

What is impact? What is success? It does look very different in community than it does in media. Director Adams suggested being proactive, having a unified message, giving providers an opportunity to define in communities most impacted an opportunity to define what success is and to shift that narrative.

Avik Das, JAC, affirmed that this concept of collective impact and a shared message is very much at the heart of our intergovernmental collaboration that Director Adams. The narrative that has been presented even today is each one of us showing up. How we think about what success looks like, how did we show up? The idea that we are giving voice to providers to be able to describe the many lives touched that were provided that level of

protective support from what may be a standing challenge of shooting and violence. We want to be able to make sure that we're not just being driven by the latest headline of a tragedy, but being able to really make room for highlighting all the great work that's being done, so close to where folks need it the most.

VII. Member Updates Discussion & Presentation Ideas

Garien Gatewood, Illinois Justice Project: We are offering a communications training, community, based organizations. We support 10 at a time, and I think some of the folks on the call are familiar with it. We're happy to connect with you on some of those organizations and offer their free training.

VIII. Public Comment: No Public Comments Were Made

IX. Adjourn: 11:59 AM