MEETING SYNTHESIS

Participants: Josephina Alvarado Mena, Dale Amaral, Don Blevins, Deane Calhoun, Larry Cohen, Danice Cook, Betty DeForest, Anna Gee, Chet Hewitt, Bob Jackson, Lisa Jackson, Seth Kaplan, Andrea Marta, Alexandra Mattucy, Arnold Perkins, Jessica Pitt, Suzanne Shenfil, Darryl Stewart, Junious Williams

The second Leadership Council meeting focused on building from the previous meeting to systematically inform the Council’s work. The meeting also focused on ensuring that all members were well-versed in the content of the Blueprint by giving members an opportunity to come up with 1-3, and 3-5 year objectives for this effort. These objectives will also inform translating a vision into action over the next five years.

One Key Learning from the Previous Leadership Council Meeting
Don Blevins and Arnold Perkins, Leadership Council Co-Chairs, opened the Leadership Council meeting with a welcome. Participants were asked to introduce themselves and share one key learning from the first meeting. Those that didn’t attend the first meeting had an opportunity to share their overall thoughts based on the meeting synthesis. Many participants appreciated the presentation by Billie Weiss about the Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles (LAVPC). They were particularly impressed with the collaborative format of the LAVPC and were amazed at its accomplishments given its size. Leadership Council members also liked that the LAVPC had a paid staff person and think that it’s important that we set up a strong process for hiring the Coordinator. Participants also thought that LAVPC’s public health law enforcement model with a focus on primary prevention was impressive. Overall participants feel that this effort is on the right track and brings a sense of hope to reducing violence in Alameda County.

What’s working, what needs improvement, and next steps
Participants that weren’t involved with the Advisory Board or Core Group had an opportunity to share the primary focus of their work, what is working, and possible next steps. The discussion also focused on what is working generally in the county around violence prevention. Council members thought that the violence prevention resource book developed by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center is a useful source of information. Participants emphasized the importance of looking at relevant information to draw from as we move forward, such as the Healthy Kids Survey, which is a comprehensive youth self-report data collection system that provides essential and reliable health risk assessment and resilience information to schools, districts, and communities. Next steps included developing a county-wide campaign which could coincide with a violence prevention conference and would bring visibility to this effort, systems reform to ensure that county and city departments are communicating effectively and spending their resources in the most appropriate way, and developing effective and sustainable policies to
reduce violence in Alameda County. There was also consensus around the importance of raising the necessary funds to implement the Blueprint and hire a Violence Prevention Coordinator, and it was suggested that some of these funds might be available through the federal funded faith-based initiative. Based on the importance of funding there was a proposal to have a resources ad-hoc group (see ad-hoc groups below) to look at this issue further.

**Overview of Blueprint objectives and preliminary outcome measures**
In order to ensure that the vision emerges from the work that has been accomplished to date, Prevention Institute presented the major content objectives -- children and youth, families, neighborhoods-- of the Blueprint, the recommendations, and their associated outcome measures. This information helped to inform the next section of the meeting. It can be found in more detail in the working Blueprint and the Blueprint overview.

**What will this look like in 1-3 and 3-5 year increments?**
Participants then had an opportunity to delineate outcomes they want to see in the next 1-3 and 3-5 years as a result of the work we are doing. This information will inform what actions are needed and how to prioritize them, and can be modified as appropriate over time. Participants thought about outcomes they want to see in the context of the Blueprint content objectives -- children and youth, families, neighborhoods. More outcomes emerged for the 1-3 year period, so the participants decided to resume discussing outcomes for the 3-5 year period at the next meeting. Participants developed the following list:

1-3 years

*Information and Tools*
- Web-based resource directory / guide / toolkit that includes best practices, data, etc. (x13)

*Coordination and outreach*
- Effective coordination among city / county (x4)
- Sector outreach
- Business outreach plan

*Resources*
- Consistent money (x3)
- Increase crime stoppers money

*Action and Outcomes*
- More emphasis on intervention / prevention (x3)
- Decrease in murders (x2)
- Taking to scale what’s working (x2)
- Translate success into action

*Programmatic*
- Violence prevention curriculum in all Elementary Schools (x12)
- Public / private employment program for individuals coming out of prison / jail (x9)
- Prevention program for individuals 18-24 years (x4)
- Family / community support services (culturally component) (x3)
- Education in juvenile justice system (x2)
- Programs for youth who have experienced violent crime (x2)
- Economic development policy (employment & affordable housing components) (x3)
3-5 years
- Violence prevention curriculum in all secondary schools (x3)
- Legislation related to schools

Ad-hoc Groups
Participants had an opportunity to participate on either the mission statement ad-hoc group or the resources ad-hoc group. Thus far Deane Calhoun and Suzanne Shenfil volunteered to be on the mission statement ad-hoc group and Lisa Jackson and Dale Almaral volunteered to be on the resources ad-hoc group. Please contact Don Blevins (dblevins@acgov.org) if you are interested in participating on the mission statement ad-hoc group, and Arnold Perkins (Arnold.Perkins@acgov.org) if you are interested in participating on the resources ad-hoc group.

Next Meeting
Date: Friday March 25, 2005
Time: 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Location: Eden Area Multiservice Center
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