
Prevention Work Group

Wednesday, 02/17/16

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Briefly discussed Roster and attendance. Roster handout was distributed to group. Co-chairs were emailed the responses of all individuals that missed over 2 consecutive months.
 - a. Discussed if additional organizations need to have representatives at the table and if the roster was current/what updates needed to be made
2. Went over the responses of school on-site staff. Handout was provided showing the themes and common answers. Eight individuals responded from the working groups.
 - i. 8 individuals responded (actual school staff). Majority were staff of alternative schools
 1. Feedback - Need on-site staff (i.e., Counselors)
 - a. Additional parental engagement
 - b. Lack Trauma training ---> Teachers/counselors with training are often only available on average 2 days/week and don't see kids often
 - c. Need additional social workers
 - d. Current staff limited to what they can do
 - e. Community Counselors are mostly from Methodist
 - i. Families are not willing or able to access resources or don't
3. Prevention and School work group Co-chair meeting - postponed to a later date. Co-chairs plan discuss possible collaboration/support efforts - bringing trauma care training into schools
 - a. It was mentioned that multiple work groups are trying to bring Trauma training such as JDAI (training for stakeholders/providers working with you)
 - b. Current Trauma Informed City Initiative in the works
 - i. Too many cooks in the kitchen?

New Business


4. Prevention Focus - Narrowing down group's focus and target population
 - a. Discussed working with youth during the out-of-school hours
 - b. Neighborhood Revitalization (68111?)
 - i. See handout for additional zip code "hot spots"
 - c. Need to determine target population
 - i. Age
 - ii. School
 - iii. Zip codes
 - iv. Angle of prevention
5. Neighborhood Revitalization
 - a. FSG Data (handout)
 - i. Questions raised
 1. How do we reach and identify youth?
 - a. Use schools as touch points
 2. How do we reach a wider audience?
 - a. Referrals?
 - b. Partner with existing organizations? (handout)
6. Trauma Training
 - a. Provide a deeper understanding and knowledge of training
 - b. Improve current treatment

Notes

- Discussion -
 - Trying to identify areas/population - Where to start?
 - Freshman?
 - Using schools as a connection to community agencies
 - Where are we trying to connect?

- Need to identify and evaluate the needs before establishing the services
 - Discussed 8 possible schools in the 68104 area. Other schools mentioned - Benson, Monroe, King Science, McMillian* , Nelson Mandela Elementary (private school), Omaha South, Blackburn (not in identified "stressed" zip codes), Mountview Elementary (52nd/North)
 - Creation of subgroups to speak to school principal to learn about the children/youth's needs
 - Training training for school staff
 - Reach out to Omaha Public schools to identify schools in need?
 - Mentioned Ralston's current food pantries and how that is addressing some of the students' immediate needs
 - Decided schools are a great starting point - schools are in need of help
 - McMillian* - within the last 2 weeks they had 11 fights, Facebook bullying
 - Urban League is currently in school with 2 staff members for attendance and community coaching
 - Omaha South - Violence, pregnancy, gangs, and fights
- Omaha South and Blackburn currently have existing projects with School Based Arrested Task Force and the Georgetown Capstone project
- Work with schools and partner with existing organizations
 - Touch points
 - Reach out to schools in the identified zip codes
 - Narrow down
 - Numbers talks and need to go to the areas that need the assistance

- Ecology system - youth live in various systems that impact each other (school, neighborhood, community, etc)
- Get feedback from schools on the needs of youth - Subgroup
- Universal Prevention Strategies
- Preschool to Prison Pipeline
 - Keep in mind project should be DMC sensitive
 - Not repeating and highlighting stereotypes or system racism
- Discussed
 - Prospect Village Pilot (National Program)
 - Began 2.5 years ago
 - Area includes Salem Church and Franklin Elementary
 - Bringing awareness to the selected community on existing available resources
 - Conducted Lead testing
 - Community already had the social, religious, and city entities
 - After 1 year - can not stop with all the progress made to this point
 - Near "hot" zip code 68111
 - Issues with people opening their doors - project broke down barriers. Doors are still opened
 - Second neighborhood
 - Deer Park - Southeast Omaha
 - Near zoo, I-80, and Martha Street
 - Decided area consist more of the elder population
 - Questions to keep in mind during the project

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- What needs need to be addressed to get the “biggest band for out buck?”
 - What aspects impact the youth the most in the areas identified?

Action Items

1. Survey looking for individuals interested in participating a subgroup to speak to the McMillian Principal (gathering information regarding students' needs)
 - a. Survey will also include questions regarding possible location and meeting times to better fit the needs of the group (check email)