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
What needs need to be addressed to get the “biggest band for our 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)