



Westmont West Athens Community Action for Peace – Meeting Minutes

TRAUMA PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Virtual • Wednesday, August 26, 2020 • 1pm-3pm

Meeting Objectives:

- Check in and share member updates
- Hear updates from OVP and TPI
- Discuss Next Steps for CAP

“A comprehensive, place-based approach to build trauma resilient communities”

Los Angeles County Trauma Prevention Initiative

<http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/ovp/TPI.htm>

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Lead(s)
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPH: Keith Baker, Patty Hernandez, Kelly Fischer • Crystal Pitts, Naomi McSwain, Brad Carson, Joel McLafferty, Kevin Orange, Hattie McFrazier, Mary Lee, James Sims, Kisha Thompson 		All
Check-in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooten increased referrals for virtual tutoring, collaborating with CRSSLA • Need all-in model to address digital divide and systemic racism • Shootings and homicides increasing in community • Westmont Counseling Center is busy, hiring new staff; shout-out to CRSSLA and Naomi • Self-care 		All
Steering Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal commended all members using mini grant to help community, provide care packages with family games and food to more than 2,000 families. Branded with CAP sticker. Direct support and appreciation most important. • COVID-19 gave opportunity to connect and be hands on. 		Steering Committee
TPI Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing and CAP Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognition to Cheryl Branch and LAM team for the wonderful work they did supporting CAPs and adapting to COVID. Much appreciation for their dedication and support. ○ TPI staff have been reassigned to COVID full-time since March. Patty returns this Thursday! Keith and Aarti returning 50% time in September! ○ We are between facilitator contracts. TPI staff will coordinate CAP and Steering Committee meetings until new contract is in place, hopefully by around October. Scope of work will include mini-grants again. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please review draft OVP strategic plan and provide your feedback by September 15th to: ovp@ph.lacounty.gov • Nonprofit Impact Team request for assistance: http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/ovp/Nonprofit_Impact_Team.htm 	Kelly Fischer

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TPI Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-Profit Impact Team is still accepting requests for assistance. Workshops no longer in the plan; continued focus on 1:1 short-term technical assistance for agencies. ○ TPI Achievements Report highlighting work from 2015-2019 being finalized and will be shared with CAPs. ● Office of Violence Prevention Strategic Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Released and shared with CAPs and others for public comment. ○ Safe & Thriving Neighborhoods goal includes recommendations to expand TPI strategies in scope and reach, including community engagement, street outreach, capacity building ● COVID-19 guidance and resources provided (see PowerPoint) 		
Discussion: CAP Priorities and Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Law Enforcement Relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kevin: Need to build relationships with Sheriff’s Department. They are providing notifications about incidents but no follow-up with community. ● Engaging Hardcore Gang Involved Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Naomi: How do we get young gang involved members engaged in the work and intentionally engage youth in CAPs? A lot of kids unsupervised, released, nowhere to go. Need less arts, more services designed for gang involved youth. More direct engagement in TPI and OVP. ○ Job services and programs not reaching the gang involved youth. ○ Crystal has curriculum from her brother’s book. Need to address prevention as early as elementary school, including bullying, not just gang participation. ○ SEA, RACE, APUU are engaging gang involved youth, establishing relationships. Need more capacity and funding to do the work. ○ Need to engage youth and their parents, caretakers. ○ Survey gang youth – they are not used to being listened to. Why are they joining gangs? What do they need? ● Coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kevin: need unrestricted funding to respond to community needs, flexibility in contracting, collaboration with philanthropy. ○ Need to organize and leverage existing resources, not wait for funding to arrive. ○ Collaboration for local wraparound services – create a workflow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kelly to schedule meetings with Sheriff Captains ● CAP/Steering Committee to develop recommendation around programming for gang involved youth for TPI and OVP. ● TPI to draft survey of gang involved youth – what are their needs? Can purchase gift cards. But need commitment from members to engage youth. ● TPI to start developing google doc to capture CAP member info and resources to facilitate referrals. ● Naomi to work with Patty to use Wix event scheduling 	<p>Kelly</p> <p>Steering Committee</p> <p>Keith/Kelly</p> <p>Patty</p> <p>Naomi</p>

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Announcements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joel: Youth social media project, Westmont Counseling Center Instagram account, created infographic for mental health issues for youth and videos interviewing Black youth 2. Wooten: Free private tutoring and homework assistance -- www.wootencenter.org/online. 3. Jobs Create Peace designed to provide jobs for active adult gang members. Send referrals to Brad. 4. www.crssla.org/events-- Case management training on Sep 1, 6pm 	Information Sharing	All
Next Meeting	Wednesday, October 7, 2020 from 1pm-3pm (Virtual)	Invite other community members and leaders	All