St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission
Quarterly Commission Meeting

October 22, 2021 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Virtual

**Mission:** The St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC) works to reduce violent crime in the region by promoting and advocating a coordinated, well-resourced support system, policies, and interventions among area governments, institutions and agencies that serve individuals and families most at risk of violent crime.

**Vision:** VPC envisions a St. Louis region where communities enjoy quiet nights and the sounds of children playing during the days. St. Louis is a safe and desirable destination for businesses and residents. All community members feel protected and served by law enforcement and empowered to have a voice in important regional issues.

AGENDA:


2. St. Louis City Public Safety Engagement
   - [https://www.stlareavpc.org/citysafety](https://www.stlareavpc.org/citysafety)
   - Report Out from Previous Events
     - Town Hall w/Center for Policing Equity from 9/23
       1. Watch here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UyxRuHl8zk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UyxRuHl8zk)
     - Community Planning Session #1 from 10/9
       1. Process: Intro to public health approach, mayor’s priorities, public safety priorities poll & small group discussions, report out & next steps
       2. Public Safety Poll example results from Quarterly Meeting attendees:
### Takeaways from Community Planning Session #1

#### Universal theme across all areas
- Increase communication about initiatives and priorities (most people had not heard about the programs)
- Meet people where they are
- Although people had not heard of the programs, they were encouraged by the creativeness and data driven approaches
- Use informal networks to reach people (social influencers/teens/others) to disseminate information

#### Most profound comments
- 911 is the first impression -spend time and energy into making this the best customer experience
- Communicate services to people before they need it - partner with libraries, grocery stores, places of worship
- Must promote successes like homicide clearance rate and crime rate while simultaneously promoting systems change work
- Meet people where they work, play and pray - everyone can be a champion and can take ownership for violence prevention
- Empower people to act NOW - there are roles that we all can play in violence prevention

#### Important take-aways/suggestions
- Create communication campaign that is simple for a variety of audiences (churchs, schools, community leaders) that can be easily disseminated
- Communicate often & communicate early successes to increase buy-in for continued support
- Provide community organizations and leaders clear “calls to action” items
- Center and amplify community voice

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* Form strategic partnership with news outlets that will regularly report positive updates on initiatives (people could tune in to a weekly report card of Mayor’s Priorities)

- Upcoming Engagement Opportunities
  - Police Chief Listening Session - October 26

  **Reimagining Public Safety: New Police Chief Search**

  Take the survey: www.stlouis-mo.gov/new-chief-survey

  October 12th | 6pm | Virtual
  October 26th | 6pm | Virtual

  **ZOOM INFO**
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88277928478

  Give your input on what you want to see in our next police chief.

1. Topic: Domestic Violence
2. Flyer in production
3. Other topic options for future sessions (in order of preference from attendees):
   a. Youth Violence/Advisory Council
   b. Gun access
   c. Vacancy
   d. Social workers for STL
   e. Re-entry services

  Community Planning Session - November 13
Survey
1. Takes approx. 20 minutes

**HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

VPC & the City of St. Louis want to know what you think to inform Mayor Jones’ Blueprint for Public Safety.

Tell us about your neighborhood and what the police and Mayor’s office should focus on to make you feel safe!

Take our *anonymous* City Safety Survey at https://bit.ly/vpccitysafety or scan the QR code

Ten people who take the survey will win a $25 gift card.

Short Text Code
1. Meant to address equity concerns with access to technology
2. Text code & number TBD

Youth Engagement Opportunity
1. VPC wants to know how many member agencies have youth councils whose members could participate in a regional advisory council.
2. All member agencies with youth councils are asked to fill out this survey by the end of the day Friday 10/29: [https://bit.ly/vpcyouth](https://bit.ly/vpcyouth)

3. Downtown Engagement & Public Safety Initiative
   - Group of business, civid, and government leaders to address violence and crime downtown
   - Serena represents VPC on this group
   - Youth Events- VPC has the opportunity to partner with the City to offer downtown events for youth which may include silent parties and skate parties. More information to come

4. Safer Summer STL Events
   - VPC & ReCAST funded a series of projects offering safe events for youth and adults including arts, wellness, and conflict resolution programs.
   - Grantees include:
     - The Conflict Resolution Center- St. Louis
     - North St. Louis Arts Council
     - Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective
     - The Ethics Project
     - The St. Louis Arts Chamber (STLACC), ArtWorks, Pocket Parks (PP) and West End CID
     - Gentlemen of Vision
     - The T Punch Love Boxing
     - The T's Bullet-Related Injury Clinic
     - CommUNITY Arts
     - The CollectiveSTL
     - Heal Center for the Arts

5. MU Extension Resources
   - Pivot in strategy from in person community capacity-building trainings to virtual resources.
   - [https://www.stlareavpc.org/capacity-building](https://www.stlareavpc.org/capacity-building)
   - Infographics
     - Community Asset Mapping
     - Community Engagement
   - Videos
     - Leading Effective Community Meetings
     - Managing Conflict in Community Settings

6. Turning STL Purple 4 DV
   - October is Domestic Violence Awareness month
   - You may have seen different buildings and attractions lit up purple in honor of DV Awareness Month
7. BHR Presentation on CRU & 911 Diversion
   - 911 call diversion allows callers to get an unarmed clinician response if they call 911 with a mental health crisis.
     - Presented by Bart Andrews
     - Question: How can you increase diversion?
       1. Getting more calls sent from 911, but have set a high criteria for what can be transferred
       2. The goal is to get to the point where people are not calling 911 for mental health crises
     - Question: Can you get folks who are diverted next day appointments?
       1. Yes.
       - It has been operating since February.
       - A summary of the results is below:
Dashboard
911 Diversion Contact Center Dashboard TOTALS
As of Oct 22, 2021, 1:15 PM Viewing in Nicole Anley

District Totals
- Caller was hard transit: 34
- District 1: 24
- District 2: 23
- District 3: 42
- District 4: 40
- District 5: 57
- EMSE: 140

Caller Type Totals
- 911 Call Taker: 330
- Assessment: 1
- Caller was hard transit: 17
- EMSE: 140
- Officer in the field: 13

Active Agency Totals
- ADAPT: 1
- ADAPT: Prehension Paralytic: 1
- BJC: 3
- BJC: BM: 1
- BJC: BM: Compass: 4
- BJC: BM: Hopeworks: 1
- BJC: BM: Salvation Army: 1
- Compass: 1
- Compass Preferred: 1
dCUTMECA: 1
- Regional: 1
- HopeWorks: 2
- HopeWorks: Compass: 1
- HopeWorks: Regional: 1

Outcomes
- Sum of Case: Unique Cases
- Diverted (No Police): 210 (41.18%)
- Police Involved: 300 (58.82%)

Race
- Asian: 2
- Bi-Racial/Multi-Race: 3
- Black/African American: 185
- Decline to Disclose: 11
- Hispanic/Latino/a: 2
- Hispanic or Latino: 1
- Native American/Alaskan Native: 1
- Unknown: 20
- White: 66

Age Range
- Sum of Client Name: Unique Accounts
- Age Range:
  - 18+: 156 (37%)
  - 13-17: 358 (87.45%)
  - 0-12: 4 (0.9%)
  - <1: 4 (0.9%)

Inbound Calls by Tour
- Tour 1: 6:30am - 2:00pm: 280
- Tour 2: 2:30pm - 10:00pm: 165
- Tour 3: 10:30pm - 6:00am: 116

Inbound Calls: 800
Outbound Calls: 2,254

Follow Up Cases
- # Calls Abandoned >20 sec: 65
- Avg Speed to Answer: 60
- 183

Export this report to calculate # repeat clients: 428
Presented by Felicia Spratt
Co-responders that ride along with police
6 units working 7 days a week from 7am-11pm, responded to more than 2500 calls since Feb 8
A summary of their results is below:

The CRU clinicians have responded and engaged 2,569 citizens in St. Louis city alongside their police partners who presented with the following top five behavioral health needs year-to-date:

- Acute psychiatric crisis (542)
- Self-Sufficient Need (474)
- Housing (338)
- Currently Suicidal (243)
- Education and assistance with referral (242)

The CRU has also provided the following outcomes in response to those in a behavioral crisis:

- Resources offered and accepted on scene (970)
- Referred to community behavioral agency (769)
- Referred to hospital psychiatric unit for evaluation (515)
- Referred to existing provider for follow-up (185)
- Referred to medical facility for medical reasons (91)

The CRU has diverted the following since February 8, 2021, until present:

- 80% (2053) of those engaged were diverted from hospitalization
- 99% (2537) of those engaged were diverted from jail

8. Economic Distress Zone Funding
   - Missouri Department of Public Safety announced the SFY 2022 Economic Distress Zone Grant (EDZ).
   - Goal to provide funding to 501(c)(3) organizations who provide services to residents of the State of Missouri in areas of high incidents of crime and deteriorating infrastructure for the purpose of deterring criminal behavior.
   - Eligible applicants include nonprofits that provide services to the Village of Riverview, City of Pagedale, City of St. Louis, Village of Hillsdale, City of Vinita Park, City of Moline Acres and City of Madrid
   - Project Period: 11/15/21-5/30/22
   - Application is due October 29 at 5pm

9. Partner Announcements
   - Meaghan Bailey:
     - On **Wednesday, November 3rd at 11:30am**, Amanda Stoermer from the St. Louis Integrated Health Network (IHN) will present “Leveraging Local Expertise to Accelerate Health Equity & Improve Health Care Delivery.” This session will highlight the IHN’s Network Community Academic Partnerships (NCAP) which seeks opportunities for partnership between IHN community health centers and academic institutions. Amanda will discuss the history of NCAP, the process of working with NCAP and IHN's community health centers.
and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), common pitfalls of community-academic partnerships, and more.

- Secondly, registration is open for a Collaborative Cafe on **Friday, November 12th at 12:00pm**. Carissa Minder and Mitchell Saulisbury-Robertson from WashU’s HRPO will present *"IRB: Research with Community Individuals and Organizations"*, followed by Q&A and networking. This session covers the process, timeline, and helpful hints for navigating IRB approval when working with community partners.

- **Hannah Kramer:**
  - Saint Louis County Department of Public Health has re-posted the Substance Use Health Education Coordinator position and would appreciate if you could share the opportunity throughout your networks! This role will primarily be responsible for conducting outreach and education throughout the community in regards to substance use and our Community Narcan Distribution Program, with focus on a culturally-sensitive and trauma-informed lens. Folks with lived experiences of substance use are encouraged to apply for this role. The posting will close on 11/9/2021. For more information and to submit an application, click here: [https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis/jobs/3159902/health-education-coordinator](https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis/jobs/3159902/health-education-coordinator)
• Carlette Lewis-Rhone  
  o The Elevate Conference planning committee is pleased partner with BHR on it’s upcoming conference. Please sign up to attend virtually or in person. https://www.mgcelevate.com/

• Victoria Anwuri  
  o Institute for Public Health Annual Conference on Oct 27.  

10. Coalition Effectiveness Survey  
    • Please complete no later than Friday, October 29

11. Quarterly Meeting Evaluation  

2022 Quarterly Meeting Dates:  
    • January 28  
    • April 22  
    • July 22  
    • October 28  
    • All will take place from 1-3pm  
    • Location/Virtual Link will be announced closer to each date