

St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission Quarterly Commission Meeting

July 22, 2022 | 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:

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Jessica Meyers, Serena Muhammad, Lisa Potts, Zenique Gardner-Perry
- Amy Cunningham, Isa Casey, Maurice Goree, Jason Watson, Bri Kamm, Eboni Hooper, Dell, Damon Major, N Barton, Laura Halfmann-Morris, Jia Lian Yang, Marley, Koran Bolden, Stephanie Dribben, April Walker, Wil Pinkney, Anne Trolard, Kimberly Pryor, Courtney Hinton, Peggy Maull, Becky, Afia Twumasi, James aka DJ Realla, Chris Geden, D’Juan Huddleston, Jessi LaRose, Meaghan Bailey, Cathy Gilbert, Kenya Brumfield-Young, Kristin Watt, Courtney Shaw, Craig Schmid, Margie Williams, Susan Scribner, Shante Lampley, Joy Clarke, North Newstead Association, Juanisha Byrd, Josephine Smedley, Paula Southerland, Malika Poindexter, Bran-Dee Jelks, Mike McLively, Ben Cooper, Tonnie Smith, Sydney Theerman, Susan Colangelo, Constance Siu, Anthony Franks, Mary Schuman, Arlice Thompson, MaChelle West, Kateri Champan-Kramer, Sal Martinez, Gerald Watson, Claudine Allen, Hope, Melanie Davis, Felice McClendon, Christina Brimm, Nicole Robinson, Melanie Davis, Shandria Marshall, Iyah, Lashona McGrew, Eli Wennstrom, Jessireé Jenkins, Cheeraz Gorman, Victoria Anwuri, Arthurine, Jackie Dace, Keiana West

2. VPC Staffing Announcement

- Zenique Gardner-Perry has joined VPC as Project Director. She will be working on the Youth Safe Spaces Taskforce and Youth Safe Spaces Pop Up Event Grants.
- Jessica Meyers has been promoted to Director of the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission

3. Youth Pop Up Events

- Zenique Gardner-Perry (Zenique@stlareavpc.org)
- See powerpoint “Youth Pop Up 7.22.22” at stlareavpc.org/quarterly-meeting-notes

Apply to Host a VPC Youth Safe Spaces Pop-Up Event

We want to fund events that engage youth ages 16-25 including:

- block parties/BBQs
- neighborhood beautification events
- arts events

Applications are due on the 7th of each month.

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Grants made possible through a partnership with the City of Saint Louis using American Rescue Plan Act funds.

For more info & to apply, visit [stlareavpc.org/youthevents](https://www.stlareavpc.org/youthevents)

- Youth Pop Up Grants Link: <https://www.stlareavpc.org/youthevents>
- If you are looking for an area to have your event, you can consider the City's priority areas:
 - Dutchtown
 - Wells/Goodfellow
 - Hamilton Heights
 - Walnut Park
 - Columbus Square
 - Peabody Lasalle
 - O'Fallon
 - Fountain Park
 - College Hill
 - Baden

4. Update on CHIP/CHA

- Ebonie Hooper-Boateng, St. Louis County Health Department
- Have completed 4 assessments:
 - Data
 - Force of Change
 - Community Themes & Strengths
 - Local Public Health Systems
- VPC was an action team for the last CHIP/CHA for violence prevention

5. Community Violence Intervention Grants

- Wil Pinkney
- The City of St. Louis has awarded grants (part of \$5.5 million in ARPA funds) to a cohort of community violence intervention providers.
 - Mission St. Louis- does anger management, conflict resolution and will be expanding their programs

- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri- offer family law assistance to victims of domestic violence. Hired outreach for neighborhoods, an attorney, and a social worker
- Organization for Black Struggle
- Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation
- The T STL
- Employment Connection- expanding Cure Violence-like violence interruption services to Clinton Peabody LaSalle neighborhood
- Urban League
- Freedom Community Center
- There is also a bill that is awaiting the Mayor's signature that will create an Office for Violence Prevention and allocate another \$10million for violence prevention
 - Board Bill: <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/city-laws/upload/legislative/boardbills/floor-substitute/BB65FS%20Combined%202.pdf>

6. Stop, Lock & Drop It Gun Safety Campaign Preview

- Serena introduced the VPC Stop, Lock & Drop It campaign with drafts of the videos and PSA
 - The videos, poster, and PSA will be made available to partners for distribution and use at their events
- Story Stitches is working on messaging for younger kids
- From Kenya, is this being done in conjunction with events to distribute gun locks or other info?
 - Yes, If you want a group to distribute gun locks, reach out to Lock It for Love: <https://womensvoicesraised.org/lifl-event-request/>
- Koran Bolden would like groups working on violence prevention to join him for a show on 100.3 the Beat/iheart
 - Koran@BoldMovesAgency.com
- From Jason: Should upload to TikTok
- From Craig: To be trauma-informed, should we have some kind of warning?
- From Eboni: @tru_wag is a social media influencer who does a lot of st louis content
- From Sal Martinez: The 3 current Cure Violence teams canvass their assigned areas each work day. They are happy to include other info as part of their canvassing work.

7. Risk Terrain Modeling Discussion

- Anne Trolard, Wash U
- See powerpoint "Aggravated Assaults in St Louis City Using RTM" at stlareavpc.org/quarterly-meeting-notes
- Jamboard to give feedback: https://jamboard.google.com/d/1liM-5fXrOI-9PbA_FCOFNSdka-KAqLNd4dkaK7gXnxl/viewer?f=0

8. Forward Through Ferguson's Transforming 911 Project

- Jia Lian Yang, Forward Through Ferguson
- Transforming 911: <https://transforming911.org>
- See powerpoint "Transforming 911 Presentation" at stlareavpc.org/quarterly-meeting-notes
- Civilian First Responder Pilot Petition: bit.ly/FirstResponderPetition

- From Jessica, 911 and alternatives to police contact were also among the priorities that VPC identified through our community engagement on police legitimacy:
https://www.stlareavpc.org/_files/ugd/afc6b1_ef9abf20e2e3478987bf705fec43cce.pdf

9. Firearm Safety Among Children and Teens Survey

- Jessi LaRose, Missouri Foundation for Health
- MFH is preparing a survey on firearm safety and wants to know:
 - Are there any questions or challenges that you are grappling with in your efforts that might be informed by survey data?
 - Ideas or concepts that you are testing out that you would like to pose to parents or teens?
 - Things you would like to better understand about teens and parents as it relates to firearm/community violence and related topics?
 - Please email Jessi LaRose @ jlarose@mffh.org

10. Partner Announcements

- Jackie Dace: Please join St. Louis ArtWorks, July 30, 2022, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for the premiere of our violence prevention documentary. To rsvp, call 314-899-9734
- Mike McLively Giffords Law Center is conducting a study of violence prevention in St. Louis County. If you want to have input on it, email mmclively@giffords.org. The St. Louis City report is available at <https://giffords.org/lawcenter/articles/addressing-community-violence-in-the-city-of-st-louis-existing-strategies-gaps-and-funding-opportunities/>

11. Quarterly Meeting Evaluation

- <https://bit.ly/vpcjuly2022>

Next Quarterly Meeting: October 28, 2022