Violence Prevention Commission
January Quarterly Meeting
Today’s Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Strategic Planning Update
- Mayoral Priorities
- Cure Violence Update
- Partner Announcements
- Quarterly Meeting Evaluation
Strategic Plan Update
2021 Refresh and Priorities
Please open the survey on your computer or phone to give feedback through our Strategic Plan Update:
Annual Update

- Affirm mission, vision, role, and goals
- Identify emerging issues and changes in the landscape
- Set priorities
- Revisit structure
VPC Role and Purpose

**Role:** To align, convene, communicate and connect the organizations addressing Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction.

**Goal:** A reduction in gun related crimes, injuries, and deaths throughout the St. Louis Region focusing on high-risk youth.

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

1. Improve community level response to nonfatal shooting

2. Advance trauma-informed and evidence-based violence prevention practices in community, systems, and service delivery

3. Activate communities to strengthen police legitimacy
2020 Priorities

- Police legitimacy recommendations
- Trauma informed care/ safe spaces for youth and young adults
- Response to nonfatal shooting
- Supporting evidence based program implementation
- Community engagement and leadership development
- Advance racial equity in violence prevention agencies & programs
Emerging Issues

- Refining Police Legitimacy Strategy
  - Collective Bargaining Agreements
- Youth Leadership
- Municipal Engagement
- Youth Safe Spaces
  - Pop-Up Events
- Evidence Based Programs
  - Cure Violence Steering Committee
- Response to Nonfatal Shooting
  - Co-Responder model
  - 9-1-1 Call Diversion
2021 Priorities

- Strengthen communications
- Build out home/auto repair options for nonfatal shooting response system
- Capacity building for youth safe spaces
- Procedural justice training
Structure

CONTINUING

- Community Engagement
- Policy & Systems Change
- Violent Injury Prevention/Cardiff
- Evaluation - meet quarterly
- Service Delivery - meet quarterly

NEW

- Communications/Cobranding Committee
- Safe Spaces Taskforce
- Municipal Engagement Taskforce
DRAFT Mayoral Priorities
Infrastructure Recommendations

- Maintain funding for the Office of Children, Youth & Families in the Mayor’s Office with continued focus on violence prevention programming
- Commit to funding public health infrastructure to support the public health approach to violence prevention
- Assign staff to participate on the VPC Leadership Council and committees as appropriate
DRAFT Investment Recommendations

- Continue to fund Cure Violence, Cops & Clinicians, 911 diversion as an alternative/supplement to traditional enforcement policing
- Invest in remediation of known, evidence-based drivers of violence in St. Louis including vacancy abatement & remediation
- Invest in safe spaces for youth and young adults
- Use a rigorous, comprehensive strategy to allocating Prop S funds
DRAFT Policing Recommendations

- Community voice in police department collective bargaining negotiations
- Revamping the police performance evaluation process to include community policing
- Implement a rigorous mental health program for officers including mandatory preventative mental health evaluations by qualified clinicians and access to adequate resources to meet their mental health needs including time off and available mental health professionals from outside the department
SPEAC Mayoral Forum

Gun Violence Response Network

211 Intake
Partner Announcements
Next Quarterly Meeting:
Friday, April 23 from 1-3pm