

Injury & Violence Prevention Work Group Kick-Off Meeting #1

Agenda

April 19, 2013

10:00 to 12:00

Commissioner's Conference Room
Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs
Veteran's Home and Hospital
287 West Street
Rocky Hill, CT

1. Introductions
2. Injury workgroup – Context, process and deliverables
3. Goal setting
4. Scoping / Sequencing
5. Any other business
6. Date of next meeting

Meeting Notes:

INTRODUCTIONS:

Attendees:

Amanda Durante (Co-chair), Nadine Fraser, Faith Vos Winkel, Deb Shulansky
Pina Violana, Garry Lapidus, Peggy Gallup, Carol Bower (DPH)

Amanda Durante opened the meeting by introducing herself and reviewing the agenda.

Individual introductions were conducted.

It was explained that the Areas of Concentration were topic areas from Healthy People 2020, changed to reflect suggestions from the January 31 Coalition Meeting breakout session on ID. The health improvement plan is intended to be long-term, broad, and comprehensive, and inclusive of injury prevention interests throughout the state.

In addition, the following was reviewed/discussed:

- This is a data-driven process, so review of the available data and a request for additional data is appropriate
- Injury Work Group (WG) will work together to develop a broad goal statement, measurable objectives and evidence-based strategies
- Several group members mentioned various data sources including: CT Kids Report Card, Legislative reports, others
- Recommendation was made to inventory what is being done throughout the state (develop an Excel spread sheet) and then select what the Injury Work Group should focus on

- There was discussion about whether Injury WG would address occupational injury, or if it should be addressed by the Environmental Health and Risk Factors Work Group.
- There are good data available in the CT State Health Assessment presentation that was delivered on January 31st, but additional data are needed.
- DPH is prepared to provide additional data needed by the Injury WG. The most recent hospitalization and ED data available are from 2011.
- Group agreed to gather more data and make it available through the Injury WG Dropbox for review prior to next meeting.

GOAL SETTING

- Amanda led the group through an informal goal setting process. A draft goal statement was presented just to get the group going.
- Draft goal statement: To create an environment in which exposure to injury, self-injury and accidents are minimized.
- There was discussion about why the word accident was used as well as the use of the word violence vs. intentional injury.
- Group members wanted to make sure that the goal statement would be understood by a broad audience (stakeholders, community groups, legislators, etc.)
- Group member suggested that the goal should include “creating an environment where we can reduce unintentional injury and violence (homicides, suicides, etc.) among CT residents.
- Group engaged in lengthy discussion about what language to use in the goal statement and ultimately decided to keep the goal statement simple, but to make sure that there were clear definitions in the introductory section of the report regarding intentional injury, unintentional injury, violence, accidental injury, etc.
- After much discussion, group agreed on the following goal statement:

Create an environment in which we reduce the burden of injury in Connecticut.

SCOPING AND SEQUENCING

- There was a brief discussion about the five areas of concentration listed under the Injury and Violence Prevention focus area
 - Five areas of concentration:
 - Unintentional Injuries (Falls, Accidental Poisoning, MV Accidents, Drowning, Fires)
 - Intentional Injuries (Suicide & Attempted Suicide, Assault, Homicide)
 - Child Maltreatment
 - Sexual Violence, including domestic violence
 - Occupational Injury
- The group briefly reviewed the criteria that should be used when determining which of the five areas to focus on.
 - Criteria to be used included relevance, appropriateness, impact and feasibility (from Focus Area Selection Criteria 3-14-13)
- Group agreed that it was important that there be a proven strategy as well as the will to address a particular area of concentration.

DATA PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

- Amanda presented slides covering the data on injury from the January 31st meeting, and some additional slides, including those showing population groups at highest risk for certain injuries. Reinforced that plan is to be data-driven and that in this focus area in particular, it would be important to look at sub-populations (elderly, young children, youth, sex and race)
- There was discussion about what questions were on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
- There was mention of reviewing MMWR as another data source that had information broken out by state with a specific report on injuries.
- Group agreed to review the HP2020 Goals and Objectives (to be provided by DPH) and that Nadine would provide additional hospital and ED data, to be put in the Injury WG's Dropbox.
- Amanda asked that any additional data be send to her so that she could put it in Dropbox for the group to review

OTHER BUSINESS

- Group wanted to know about the timeline for getting all the work done. The WG needs to have goals, objectives and strategies developed by mid-June
- Group discussed inviting others to join the WG, and attendees agreed to send in recommendations

NEXT MEETING

- Group agreed that they should meet every two weeks.
- Amanda will send out an email to find out if Wednesday, May 1st or Friday, May 3rd (in the afternoon) works best for the majority of group members.
- The next meeting will be hosted in New Haven at the old AT&T building (Amanda to provide exact address)
- Several people in the room mentioned that they might participate via conference call in the future.

Resources mentioned during the meeting:

Planning Coalition main page and materials archive: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/SHIPcoalition>

Work Group Page: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/SHIPworkgroups>