**Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention**

**Date: September 13, 2023**

**Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**Location:** [**Zoom**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85027692993?pwd=aWszK3VzbTRSQ1Y0ajd1dnVYOGNMdz09)

**Attendance:** Carl Schiessl Esq, Jacquelyn Santiago, Leonard Jahad, Ebony Epps, Andrew Woods, Jeremy Stein Esq, Harold Dimbo, Dr, David Shapiro, Dr. James Dodington, Dr. Charles Johndro, Dawn Spearman, Deborah Davis, Dr. Kyle Fischer, Colleen Violette, Susan Logan, Sara Moriarty, Dr. Kerri Raissian, Dr. Pina Violano, Janet Rice, Karl Jacobson, Dr. Manisha Juthani, Vin Russo, Dr. Bradley Richards, John Frasenelli, Patrick McCormack, John Bucherati, Johanna Shubert, Dr, Lucy Paredes, Kevin Borrup

**Opening remarks from Commissioner**

**Approve Meeting Minutes** **Dr. Pina Violano:** would like to be added as an attendee to last month’s meeting. **Dr. Violano** makes a motion to approve with the addition of her name, **Andrew Woods** makes a second.

**Public Comment** **Commissioner Juthani:** calls for public comment, no public comments. I want to make note for the record, there is an AI collecting notes for **Johanna Shubert**

**Presentation on Capital Improvements and Gun Violence:** **Dr. Lucy Paredes** is a general surgery resident at Yale studying health policy. She is a national clinician scholar who worked with DPH this Summer on capital improvements. The reason for this was because of bond commission funding that we have been entrusted with to identify areas that we can use this funding specifically for capital improvements and how this might be able to relate to gun violence prevention in our communities is something that we wanted Dr. Paredes to look into further. Dr. Paredes shared a slide presentation titled: Capital Improvements: An Opportunity to Address Community Gun Violence

**Jeremy Stien**: Regarding cost. Has there been any studies regarding place-based initiatives done in other cities such as Bridgeport, New Haven or Hartford and if so do you have any comparison in the cost of those or effectiveness verses some other modalities in reducing gun violence?

**Dr. Paredes**: Not to say they don’t exist, but I have not seen any studies out of this area. A study out of UPENN, showed that a return on investment for prevention of gun violence prevention was $5 and $79 for every dollar spent on abandon building remediation and $26 and $33 for every dollar spent on vacant lot remediation. That was one of the more robust cost analyses I’d seen.

**Dr. Violano**: Charlie Brais in New York has done a lot of studies and we should take a look at his work

**Dr. Fischer:** most of the good research is in Philadelphia, they are the leaders in this space, what I would add is there is the bond initiative for the funding, but I haven’t heard folks talk about funding from the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

**Sub-Committee on Home Health Care:**  **Dr. James Dodington:** honored to co-lead. People will receive outreach from DPH soon regarding about a first meeting and out mission. **Deb Davis** has stepped forward as a co-chair of this group. I would like to highlight Harriet Home Health care.

**Media Campaign: Colleen Violette**: encouraging members to complete and share the survey. Colleen will share both the survey and the doodle link at the close of the meeting. Please complete by Friday. Reach out to Colleen with questions.

**Subcommittee Updates:**

1. **RFP Grant Criteria and Award Subcommittee:** **Colleen Violette**: committee has not met since the last meeting. **Commissioner Juthani:** Any update on the RFP?

**Colleen Violette:** RFP subcommittee met to review RFP’s. They went out for second review process, I’m not sure if you have more of an update?

**Commissioner Juthani**: we should have an announcement on awardees soon, the process is coming to a conclusion and people will be hearing about that shortly. And part of the charge moving forward will be with the additional funding we will receive for the next 2 fiscal years, I think one of the charges for the subcommittee will be if we want to have more targeted RFP’s that address specific areas, specific concerns, specific groups. That can be outlined in a new RFP and that is what this new RFP subcommittee should be thinking about. This group could also come up with the approach to the bond funding.

**Dr. Kerri Raissian** there can be middle ground on qualifications. Preferred for someone who has not been funded yet.

**Jeremy Stein:** To piggyback on what Dr. Rassian said different categories on the RFP’s, we may want to consider instead of all or nothing, small and large grants. Municipal partner grants.

**Susan Logan**: Along the line with what Jeremy aid along the lines of small grants or large grants or municipalities, I’m not sure how it will be done but it could be discussed in the subcommittee, but we could have different categories like green space and prevention and intervention, organizations that serve victims of violence. The projects vary and would fit into those categories.

**Jackie:** is TA being considered for smaller organizations?

**Kevin Borrup:** There will be a person who works with each agency to see what there needs are for TA and they will have that support.

**Dr. Kerri Raissian** UCONN Arms will be offering a training on Excel and data entry. Committee may also want to consider whether the unfunded projects are able to get TA from CCME. How can we move all the proposals forward in some way?  We need to think about the development of the next RFP and what it looks like.

1. Sustainability – Financial and Legislative **Carl Schiessl:** met on Aug 29th , focused on how we would approach submission to annual report. In short, we plan to use the report as a template with respect to our annual report. We will review and update the information. Next meeting is September 26th.

**Jeremy Stein**: upcoming legislation was discussed. Its critical to figure out how we maintain funding. Legislatures may have questions on the timeliness of the RFP process. Critical to DPH that we iron out the difficulties we’ve had and ensure its much more streamline in the second round.

1. Partnerships, Programs, Stakeholder, and Community Engagement

**Andrew Woods:** highlight activity CBI groups will be in Chicago for a convention CABG has a luncheon today. Chief Jacobson and I felt good about the listening sessions within the community. Asking members of this committee if you want to host a session, we will work with you on that, please reach out to Mr. Woods or Chief Jacobson if you are interested.

**Johanna Schubert:** Thanks to the Ct hospital association for their work getting the meeting set up. November 7th 9am inviting guest speakers, general updates on violence prevention across the state and how to get involved. More information and an agenda to follow.

**Chief Jacobson:** looking forward to the community listening sessions, hearing feedback from the community.

**Susan Logan** posted as a reminder to the Commission members, regarding the ARPA funding: It needs to be obligated by 12/31/2024 and expended by 12/31/2026.  DPH was also allocated state General Funds of an additional $3.5M for 2 years, FY 24 and FY25 (ending 6/30/25).

**Data Evaluation and Analysis of Grant-funded Programs**: **Dr. Kerri Raissian:** Data dashboard update accepted the proposal and moving ahead. Within the next few months, we will have both a monthly publication and a data dashboard available to stakeholders. Better update on both topics at the next meeting.

**Commission Next Steps :**

1. Report due to DPH Staff November 3

Recommendations need to be action orientated, realistic, and evidenced informed.

1. Monthly Subcommittee meetings/ Structure of subcommittees moving forward Commissioner Juthani office of firearm safety being created within DPH
2. Upcoming Meetings (October 11th and December 20th)

**Adjourn meeting:**  **Dr. Violano** made a motion to adjourn, **Jackie** second