



Meeting Notes – Subcommittee on Sustainability of CGVIP – Legislative and Financial

Meeting convened by Carl Schiessl and Jeremy Stein on 10/3/22, 2 PM to 3 PM

Attendees: Carl Schiessl (CHA; co-chair), Jeremy Stein (CAGV; co-Chair) Katherine (Katie) Berdy (DSS), Brian Cournoyer (CHA), Kyle Fischer (The HAVI), Vincent Russo (DCF), Pina Violano (Director of Community Engagement, Quinnipiac U.), Susan Logan (DPH; administrative support).

Not in attendance: Janet Rice

Notes:

Introductions among the subcommittee.

Restatement of the subcommittee charges: Identify existing programs and funding; seek out and publicize the existence of funding opportunities: in-state, federal, local, philanthropic, etc.

Definition of CGVIP Programs

Discussed the definition of Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention programs. Does the definition include green space programs and other environmental improvement programs, in addition to programs like HVIP and street outreach?

The subcommittee members agree that green space programs be considered in scope. Also in scope should be trauma-related programs.

Legislative policy proposals

This subcommittee should consider what policies to propose to legislature for the future legislative sessions.

Annual Report

Discussion about the Annual Report due to legislature on 12/31/22. Suggestions to merge last year's CGVIP Advisory Council Report's recommendations with the current charges of the 2022 legislation: PA22-118 Sec. 80. Want to use what this subcommittee learned in last year's Advisory Council and their recommendations, in order to move forward the work and to address the charges of this subcommittee.

Violence Prevention Budget: Fiscal Year 2023 ARPA and General Funds

Suggestion to invite Mark Pelka from OPM to talk about the OPM budget and what is earmarked for violence prevention.

Susan will share the spreadsheet she created of FY23 community violence related ARPA funding and state General Funds. The ARPA funding will run out 12/31/26, so this subcommittee needs to discuss how to sustain funding after this time.

CDC and DOJ may have funding available as part of the bipartisan funding bill and the “Break the Cycle of Violence Act” that passed the Senate.

There are forecasts for CDC funding in 2023 on www.Grants.Gov, mainly research-related opportunities.

Suggestion to look carefully at what programs are being funded in Connecticut, why we are funding certain programs, where the opportunities are for funding, and recommend having categories of funding.

Next steps:

- Work on the contents of the report – thinking high-level for this first report. Report should include short-term activities ending 12/31/22 and what should be considered 5 years out; Provide recommendations.
- Invite OPM and OTG members to the subcommittee meetings as needed; such as Mark Pelka from OPM.
- Circulate the CDC Forecasts and other funding opportunities to the subcommittee and CGVIP Commission.