

Hate Crimes Advisory Council
Community Awareness Subcommittee

Agenda - 12/14/2021

1. Discussion of Framework for Establishing Recommendations
2. Amy – Development of 1-pager similar to FBI info sheet
3. Andrew Feinstein – Anti-Bullying Legislation and Curriculum
4. (10:30) Steven Hernandez – Anti-Bullying Curriculum update
5. Action Items
6. Agenda for January 18 at 10AM

Attendance:

Chang, Slifka, Feinstein, Ginsburg, Joseph, Lombardi, Oestreicher, Farbman, Merz, Mansoor, Meyerson, Hernandez

Notes:

Frameworks Unit of Analysis/Programs and interventions/Metrics

Andy - Goals / definitions of Hate Crimes is to send a message

Amy - Charges of Council by legislation. Community Awareness Subcommittee charge:

1. Review, and if necessary propose new educational curricula on hate crimes in CT middle schools and high schools, and the resources that are needed to support this endeavor; 2. Examine current measures in CT and best practices in other states to build trust between communities and state agencies on hate crimes, and to support communities that have been the targets of hate crimes.

Steve G.- School based violence, expose the different challenges, standards for addressing hate crimes in schools -

Andy - Cautions against sentencing guidelines for students

Diana - Bullying versus Hate Crimes

Jonathan - When individuals are nonverbal and can't communicate their experience. Finding Accessible reporting for disability.

ACTION ITEM: Best Practices for accessible services for disability community.

Aida: CA report on Anti-muslim incidents

Amy: Draft state Hate Crimes reporting process in one-pager and include on Council's website

ACTION ITEM: 1 Pager for CT

Steve G.: Links to reports and info for media and community

Jonathan: Comfortable avenues in reporting

Aida: GLAD - Set of questions for bringing

Andy: hate crimes against people with disabilities is more than a mere hate crime. Need to address dehumanization of attacks on people with disabilities.

Jason: need to account for reporting of incidents that don't amount to Hate Crimes

Andy: CT Statutes on Bullying

Very broad, requirements to train teachers from SDE.

Loaded with Hate Speech Language

Hate Speech - Can't punish use of hate speech, power differential

Can Hate Speech be defined?

Anti-Bullying law was shaped by individual case of leading to suicide

Impact on individuals?

Standards for speech vary between communities

Enforcement patterns

Parent reporting

Does reduction in School behavior lead to reduction in hate speech in the community

Underidentified and underreported

Social and Emotional Learning / anti-bullying curriculum - can it do

Steve H.: anti-bullying curriculum is "Running to catch up"

There is a path to doing better

Relational and Empathy - can laws address this?

Andy: Is Hate Speech Curriculum a path?

Steve G.: Reluctant to see curriculum mandates

Diana: Safe Schools Coalition work included paper on "Bullying and the Effects on School Achievement"

Jonathan: high schools and middle schools, look for ways to invite students into the conversation, solutions they have found,

ACTION ITEM: Follow up with people who have connections to schools

Aida: how did school respond to Farbman's example of anti-semitism