



Nashville Community Coalition for Youth Safety (NCCYS)

Friday, July 18, 2008, 12:00-1:30 PM

McGruder Family Resource Center

2013 25th Avenue North

Nashville, Tennessee 37208

MINUTES

Present Kimberly Bess, Doug Perkins, Paul Speer, Todd Lake, Yvonne Joosten, Maury Nation, Neely Williams, Vicente Samaniego, Brenda Scott, Beverly Taylor, Brandon Hill, Tiffany Israel, Carmen Moore Minor, Blaine Ray, Maxine Chandler-Auguste, Tina Atchison, Meshia Ellis, Camencita Espada, Won Choi, Eric Brown, Leslie Boone, Raymond Mitchell, Marco Robinson, Diane Eson, Timi Adegoke, Denise Bentley, and two youth from Youth United program at Oasis Center.

Opened: 12:00

Adjourned: 1:30 pm

Chairing: Rev. Williams

Agenda	Discussion & Outcomes
Welcome	Members introduced themselves and stated what organization they represented.
Research Core Update - Community Asset Mapping Study	<p>Mapping Community Assets: a Conceptual Model for Preventing Youth Violence- Paul D. Juarez, PhD, Brandon Hill, Vicente Samaniego, MPH, and Paul Speer, PhD</p> <p>Community Asset Mapping Study- The primary objectives of these focus groups were to answer research questions, including: What community attributes are identified by youth as important in promoting safety? Where are these community assets located in their neighborhoods? Does the absence of community assets play a role in the occurrence of youth violence? Is there a relationship between number and types of community assets and rates of youth violence? Based on the data collected, some of the findings and implications were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Safe Places</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – When safety is sought, youth are almost as likely to identify a person (n=98; 44%) as a place (n=112; 50%); schools were not mentioned by youth as a safe place. – Community agencies (n=54; 48%) are the most common places youth are likely to turn for safety; Family members (n=40; 41%) are the most common persons. – Some places are identified as both “safe” and “unsafe”. – Youth perceive safety differently than adults; Safety is more commonly associated by youth with people than with a physical space. – Youth tend to identify safety with people whom they have a positive relationship. – This may be why school is not identified by youth as a safe place. • <u>Mentoring</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – People (n=102) are more likely to be identified by youth for mentoring than places (n=60) or opportunities (n=5); The church (n=33; 32%) and family (n=31; 30%) are the most frequently identified place youth look to for mentoring. – School personnel are the most frequently identified persons as mentors (n=33; 32%) – Youth are largely unaware of formal mentoring programs and opportunities. – There is a need to increase linkages between mentoring programs and youth in need. – Since youth identify the church as a place they can go to for mentoring, it has the potential for playing a greater role in mentoring of youth.



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Research Core (Cont.)

- Jobs/Employment
 - Youth are as likely to identify community agencies as a source of jobs as fast food restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses; Youth make a clear distinction between a job (with a paycheck) and other employment opportunities.
 - There seems to be a disconnect by youth in understanding the role of college in preparing them for work/careers; Greater attention needs to be given to helping youth get jobs now (e.g. to earn money).
 - Greater attention needs to be given to helping youth understand how to prepare for college as a career development pathway; Youth want to be exposed to successful role models who can tell them how they got to where they are today.
- Walk Around experience & lessons learned- Two youth from Youth United gave a brief description of their walk around experience in the Antioch, TN. There were some of the same patters as described in the asset mapping project.
- There was a brief Q & A session about the study results, walk around experience, linkage of assets to a reductions in youth violence, and the underutilization of assets.

Organization Network Study- Update

- Update: The Organizational Networks research project has conducted about 70 follow-up interviews with local organizational representatives about the youth violence prevention work they are doing in their agencies and in collaboration with other organizations. We greatly appreciate those individuals and organizations that have participated and have a few more to finish the survey this summer. We especially want to make sure we interview someone from every organization surveyed during Year 1 of NUPACE-- if your organization has not been interviewed this year, or you want to check, please contact courte.c.voorhees@vanderbilt.edu. Note that this year's interview is much shorter. We also have been busy analyzing our Year-1 data and will share those interesting and exciting results in the future.

Bullying Intervention- Middle School Project Update

- Update: The Middle School Project completed the end of the year by collecting data from students, faculty and staff in the project schools. Also, we conducted debriefing sessions with some of the principals regarding next steps for the coming school year. There have been many changes in the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools during the summer. Rezoning has resulted in one of our schools (Ewing Park Middle) being slated to close. Pending principal approval we will be working in Brick Church Middle, which is where Ewing Park students are being rezoned. Also, we will be doing some internal reorganization for the coming year. This will include filling open coordinator positions, coordinator training, and more community-based work. You will be hearing more about these efforts in the coming weeks.

Information Core- Injury Surveillance Data Cube Update

- Development of an injury information system for Nashville/Davidson County. Currently meeting with Metro Schools, Metro Police, and Metro Public Health to develop protocols for collection and sharing of data into a unified software system.



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Work Group Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All work group meetings are open to all interested members but need to RSVP via email to: vsamaniego@mmc.edu. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Training and Job Opportunities Work Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Next Meeting- August 8, 3-4 PM, NCAC, 621 Mainstream Drive, Suite 210 ii. Update: Youth-friendly employer bank & questionnaire ➤ Adult Mentors Work Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Next Meeting- July 25, 1-2 pm, IMF, 1102 10th Ave, North ii. Update: List of Mentoring Programs & Survey (<i>Timi</i>) ➤ Safe Places Work Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Next Meeting- July 28, 3-4 pm, Oasis Center, 1221 16th Ave. South ii. Update: Safe Place Badge/Info Card for students (<i>Diane</i>)
New Business/ Coalition Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There was a brief discussion on process for next NCCYS nominations and all members were invited to be part of the planning for next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Input on process for next NCCYS Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bylaws to be drafted by executive Committee ii. Organizational structure – (e.g., work groups, members) iii. Marketing package (e.g., brochures, logo) ➤ Annual conference on Youth Violence Prevention (e.g., best practices, CBPR)- Dr. Lake From Belmont stated that they could host the conference, tentatively for May of 2009; highlights of partner activities with a focus on youth violence prevention. ➤ Think about new time for NCCYS meeting to accommodate more participation- Most felt that the current days and time were good; members who have other ideas can email Vicente at: vsamaniego@mmc.edu for alternative days and times.
Next Meeting	Next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2008, 12-1:30 pm Further details TBD via email.