

COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)



Action Team 3: Safe & Violence-Free Community Meeting # 2: Thursday, December 4, 2014

1. What would we **experience** in a safe and violence free community?

ON THE STREET

- Children outside playing in healthy and happy ways
- Families out in the community having a good time
- No liquor stores in the community
- More grocery stores
- More banks
- No loitering
- No drugs being sold/exchanged/purchased
- No large bulk stores; more community owned businesses
- Less youth involved in gangs
- Work programs for youth
- Places of business are clean, neat and welcoming; no bars on windows and lots of street lights
- Public restrooms
- Calm after dark; no gunshots
- Conflict resolution taught in schools is practiced on street

POLICE/POLICING

- More police that reflected the ethnicity of the community
- More police
- Police involve community in solutions
- Police have personal knowledge of community members
- Police presence at neighborhood watch meetings
- More community policing
- Alternatives to jail
- Neighbors taking responsibility for one another
- Community watching out for one another and the children
- Everyone treated fairly and justly

IN THE SCHOOLS

- Extracurricular leagues and after school play activities that were free of charge
- Children eagerly going to school
- After school programs are supervised and have resource support (for tutoring with homework) that promotes graduation from high school and college entrance
- Conflict resolution is taught in school
- Every child graduates from high school

PERSONAL

- women and children feel safe
- People feel less stress
- Decrease in domestic and intimate partner violence
- All community members feel welcome to meetings intended for the community
- People who have mental/drug issues get the assistance they need
- Neighbors feel invited to neighborhood and block meetings for community improvement issues like clean streets with “men of color” included
- Pedestrians feel comfortable walking around the neighborhoods and having fun
- Neighbors feel comfortable intervening with their neighbors

2. What would be an **indicator** of a safe and violence free community that we have described?

ON THE STREET

- More youth, children, seniors and women on the street
- Fewer youth in gangs
- Less homicide
- Less murder
- Less assault and sexual assault
- Less burglary and robbery
- Less homelessness
- Less homelessness with sex offender labels
- Increased access to services needed by public (like homelessness)
- Clean and safe walkways
- Well lit streets with trees and shrubs
- People using parks
- Lots of locally owned businesses

POLICE/POLICING

- Fewer arrests (especially drug and mental health related)
- Increased number of “beat” cops
- Quick police response time
- Law enforcement demographically reflects the community they serve
- “Reentry” services are available to individuals and families
- Law enforcement live in the community they serve

IN SCHOOLS

- Children successfully completing each grade
- Children graduating from high school
- Parenting programs for adults

PERSONAL

- More adults employed
- More youth employed
- Less intimate partner/domestic violence
- More homeownership
- Mothers feel safer on street
- Fathers feel safer on street
- People feel social and spiritually connected
- People feel happy

PRIORITIZED INDICATORS

| Votes | <u>Category</u> | <u>Specific</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|---|
| 12 | In Schools | High School Graduation Rates |
| 12 | Personal | Employment Rates (adult and youth) |
| 8 | Police/Policing | Law Enforcement reflecting demographics of community being served |
| 7 | Personal | Intimate partner violence rates |