



Violence Free West Allis Newsletter

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Thank you to all the stakeholders of West Allis and West Milwaukee who are passionate about being engaged and involved in the Cardiff Model translation. The purpose of this newsletter is to continue to update you on our progress.

July 26, 2018 Meeting

The next meeting of the Violence Free West Allis Collaborative (VFWAC) will be held on Thursday, July 26th. The meeting will be held in the Constitution Room of the West Allis Public Library, 7421 W. National Avenue, West Allis, WI. Please be aware there is construction on National Avenue. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 pm and last approximately two hours. At this meeting, we will continue to discuss the Cardiff Model translation in the City of West Allis, review discussions from the June meeting, share the results of assault-related data gathered over the past months, and continue development of an action plan for the project moving forward.

June Meeting Small Group Discussion Summary

At each VFWAC meeting, staff from the West Allis Health Department lead a small group discussion. Each time the questions include “What reaction do you have from seeing the maps?” and “Are there any gaps in the information?” Additional questions may also be posed for discussion. These results are reviewed following each meeting. Reactions are tracked to help with data presentation at the following meeting. Gaps are reviewed to continue to improve data collection. Below is a summary of the group discussion from June 1, 2018.

What reaction do you have from seeing the maps?

- Not surprised, results are as expected
- Look at the major areas and what is near that – schools, basketball courts, populated area
- Will be interested to see what the summer data will show – time, location
- We need to explore police/fire data – there shouldn't be as many discrepancies between the two data sets

Are there any gaps in the information?

- Aurora data
- More hospital data

- Time lapse data
- Origin of victim
- Data comparison over time
- Socioeconomic data

Other thoughts

- Devote a small part of each agenda to learn about some innovative efforts to reduce violence
- Need diversity in the room

June Meeting Presentation

Bree Spencer, Director of Evaluation & Technical Assistance. Safe & Sound, Inc. presented ideas for creating an action plan based on examples. Below is a brief summary of her presentation.

Overview of Violence Prevention Approaches

- Group Violence Intervention
 - Community Residents, Community-Based Organizations, Law Enforcement
Create teachable moment to get people at high risk of committing/experiencing violence to change behavior
 - Cure Violence
 - Public Health Approach
Community-Based Organizing & Violence Interruption
Treats violence like a disease
- Hospital-Based Intervention
 - Community-Based Organization
Teachable moment intervention + resources to try and change behavior
 - Safe & Sound
 - Community Residents, Youth, Law Enforcement, Community Resources
Increase collective efficacy in neighborhoods dealing with high crime
- Policy Changes
 - Community Residents, Faith-Based & Advocacy Organizations
*Change policy to create increased safety –
Ex: Smart Gun Laws, Decrease concentrated disadvantage

Things to Consider

- Community Assets
- Funding
- Capacity for True Collaboration
- Evaluation
- City-Wide Plan to Reduce Violence
- Basic strategies that can be linked together to form a larger strategy

Partner Organizations

- Antigua Mexican and Latin Restaurant
- Apostle Presbyterian Church
- Aurora St. Luke's Hospital
- Aurora West Allis Memorial Hospital
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- Community Advocates Public Policy Institute
- Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District (BID)
- Froedtert Hospital & the Medical College of Wisconsin
- Comprehensive Injury Center
- Mayor's Office of West Allis
- Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management
- Milwaukee Police Department
- Safe and Sound
- Tavern League of Wisconsin
- University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
- West Allis Information Technology
- West Allis Fire Department
- West Allis Health Department
- West Allis Police Department
- West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition
- West Allis-West Milwaukee Family Resource Center
- West Allis-West Milwaukee School District
- West Milwaukee Police Department



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Next Steps

We will continue working to improve data procedures and quality in our four partnering hospitals. These important activities will hopefully increase the usefulness of the data for you, our stakeholders. We plan to continue to meet every other month to discuss assault-related information collected at and violence prevention initiatives in detail.

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