

Kearney Stakeholder Meeting | Disrupting the Pathway to Violence

September 4, 2018

1 PM – 2:30 PM at the Kearney Public Library (North Platte Room)

- ❖ Introductions
 - People heard about the meeting by: e-mail, attended previous meeting, voluntold to attend
 - History Program
 - Review of previous minutes

- ❖ **Captain Jon Sundermeier- Ret. Captain of Lincoln Police Department**
 - Threat assessment
 - Identifying behaviors of concern- not necessarily criminal
 - Do an investigation of the person- to put the behavior into context
 - Assess the behavior
 - ✓ Low-little concern
 - ✓ Moderate- mild concern
 - ✓ High Violence is imminent
 - Gathers more information to create a comprehensive look at the person in order to manage the situation
 - ✓ Many of the situations do not qualify law enforcement intervention
 - ✓ Most people who commit violent actions are following the pathway to violence
 - What the Threat Assessment Team does
 - ✓ Lincoln group started through UNPPC- trainings and meetings
 - ✓ Started at the Lincoln Police Department
 - ✓ In general, police departments are not oriented toward violence prevention
 - ✓ Police previously looked for a law violation to create some safety, this generally has a short impact (if committed also usually for a short period of time)
 - Lincoln, LTAT (Lincoln Threat Advisory Team), made the decision to create the team through the urging of the PD.
 - Does not keep physical records, the team does not own the case
 - ✓ Learned through the Salem Oregon team
 - ✓ This protects the members of the team as well as the individuals' privacy
 - ✓ A member of the team brings the case to the team
 - ✓ Meet 2X a month, over a lunch hour
 - ✓ Look at new and old cases during each meeting
 - ✓ 60%-65% of cases have a domestic violence component
 - ✓ Members
 - ✓ LPD/ Lancaster County Sheriff Office
 - ✓ Southeast Community College
 - ✓ Bryan Health System
 - ✓ Adhoc member from the Veterans Association
 - ✓ Mental Health

- ✓ Region V
- ✓ Crisis Center of Lincoln
- ✓ Probation
- ✓ Lincoln Public Schools
- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ County Attorneys
- ✓ City Personnel Director
- ✓ Other Adhoc members
- ✓ Tend to monitor cases over longer periods of time
- ✓ Do initiate interventions if needed
- ✓ Keep in mind that this person presented as a high threat level, continued monitoring may be necessary
- ✓ The team is generally about 10 members
- ❖ **Questions**
 - ✓ Confidentiality barriers?
 - ✓ MOU borrowed from Salem regarding the confidentiality of the situations
 - ✓ Advocacy can only intervene when a person has signed the MOU
 - ✓ Those with mental health knowledge can help to navigate the situation
 - ✓ Meetings
 - ✓ 2nd and 4th Tuesdays over the noon hour
 - ✓ How does this dovetail with 1184 activities?
 - ✓ A couple members are also associated with 1184, cannot fully share due to confidentiality
 - ✓ What ages do you see the most violence?
 - ✓ Half the cases are through domestic violence involving staff members, students, volunteers
 - ✓ How does LPS do violence education
 - ✓ Advocacy steps in to provide education
 - ✓ Need robust reporting system including an anonymous system for reporting to create a feeling of safety for those reporting and those who are reported
 - ✓ When mental illness is involved, is there help for those with low-income?
 - ✓ Yes, LPS added more School Resource Officers, and a threat assessment officer
 - ✓ There is about \$250,000 for resources
 - ✓ Can an agency that is not a member of the team bring a case to the team?
 - ✓ Yes, a confidentiality agreement will be signed at the time
 - ✓ How were agencies identified during the formation of the team?
 - ✓ There was a mix of interested agencies, and tapped members of the community for participation
- ❖ Interest in the committee? –Grant resources may be available for training for the team
 - ✓ Police- interested, need to address the redundant committees, and budgeting
 - ✓ Look for value-added people
 - ✓ Who have passion for this idea
- ❖ Train the trainer
 - ✓ Will be offered to ALL organizations
 - ✓ Will help to have the correct questions answered from the report to find a solution
 - ✓ Ideally, people will expect action-
- ❖ Will contain

- ✓ What to report; why it's important to report; when to report; how to report; confidential; anonymous
- ❖ **See Something Send Something App**
 - ✓ Darrin Lewis explained the new app for schools for an app that will be used to make reports, the city of Kearney and Buffalo County are already participating this
 - ✓ Will be able to spread through South Central PET region in Nebraska
 - ✓ If something is seen that is out of the ordinary, it is a report that goes straight to law enforcement
- ❖ **Action Item**
 - ✓ Consider as an organization your level of commitment and ability to add value to a future community threat assessment team
- ❖ **In Progress:**
 - ✓ A train the trainer packet and training will be offered soon.