

Community Violence Prevention Stakeholder Meeting – Lexington Agenda

Lexington Public Library (907 N Washington St.) – Benseck Margret Room
March 28, 2018; 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM CST

Introductions

Disrupting the Pathways to Violence Project Overview

- Project background and basics
- Why Lexington?
- What are the project goals?
- What is happening with the project locally and preview efforts happening locally and state-wide
- Potential community impacts

Lexington Baseline Data on Barriers to Reporting

Question and Answer Session

Next steps

More information on this project and our effort are available on our website:
<http://cve.unl.edu>



Lexington Stakeholder Meeting | Disrupting the Pathway to Violence

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10 AM – 11:30 AM at the Lexington Library

❖ **Project Background and Basics**

- Lexington Stakeholders were oriented to the grant and grant objectives.

❖ **Why Lexington?**

- Grant application focused on utilizing public health as a partner for implementing program
- Emphasis on piloting a model towards rural needs
 - Provide a toolkit for other rural areas on violence prevention
- Lexington and Kearney are the population hubs within the Two Rivers jurisdiction

❖ **What are the project goals?**

- Promoting awareness of signs of potential violence and reporting resources
- Establishing a trusted reporting resource
- Threat Assessment Teams – multidisciplinary teams to provide helpful intervention and disrupt the pathway to violence

❖ **What is happening with the project locally and preview efforts happening locally and state-wide**

- There is a structure for risk assessments and threat assessments at the school, which has seen success. General discussion on if this model could be extended to include the community.
- Discussion on the police department's initiatives to have officers as leaders in other aspects of community engagement, such as football coaches. This has created trust for the community to report potential issues to officers when they are 'coaches.'
- Lexington has one of the lowest crime rates in Nebraska
- In the past 8 years, Lexington has effectively lowered crime rates
- Lexington is a tight-knit community
- Lexington community members take a proactive approach in preventing violence and participating in this program

❖ **Lexington Baseline Data on Barriers to Reporting**

- Survey data results were presented, from which 107 Lexington community members responded to the survey that was conducted by Two Rivers Public Health Department. The survey respondents largely reflected the census demographic data of Lexington, Nebraska.
 - Survey feedback included:
 - Increasing the survey responses to 10% of the Lexington Community (currently represent 1%)
 - Issuing the survey in Spanish, Somali, and English
 - Ensuring there is a translator available to help administer the survey for individuals who need additional language assistance

❖ **Discussion on Next Steps for Lexington**

- Need increased awareness of this program

- Increased publicity
- Public Health can be utilized for education and awareness
- Officers would like to be involved in educating the community members
 - Train the Trainer packets will be available to organizations in Lexington to empower the organizations and community members to issue the trainings
- Create an easier way to report anonymously
 - Several options for creating easier reporting were discussed, including a tip line in 3 languages, an app to report, and Facebook as a tool for messaging.
- Who Is Missing from this Meeting?
 - County Attorney
 - Behavioral Health
 - A representative of the Somali community
 - Lexington Regional Health Center
 - Community Center representative
- ❖ **Action Items**
 - TRPHD and UNL Policy Center will provide translated surveys
 - TRPHD will continue to issue the survey
 - Please visit trphd.org or cve.unl.edu for access to the survey
 - Reach out to missing members for next stakeholder meeting
 - TRPHD will issue a Doodle Poll to schedule the next meeting
 - UNL Public Policy Center will provide the ‘Train the Trainer’ packets
 - UNL Public Policy Center will provide the latest survey data as a snapshot