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, volunteered 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.