

10/1/14      Violence Prevention Action Team Meeting Summary

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Participants: Members of the Community Health Services Advisory Committee and Community Health Improvement Plan Committee

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The Violence Prevention Action Team kick-off produced engaging discussion around the impact of violence on youth. Participants identified several areas of interest for exploration to address the action team strategies and objectives.

Key next steps identified included:

- a. The need to research and create an inventory of community resources and programs promoting healthy youth development and community engagement around youth.
- b. Include membership of youth in the Violence Prevention Action Team.
- c. Identify specific population of youth and how to define success for efforts of Action Team.
- d. Identify legislative policy initiatives that support out of school time for youth and strengthen family support systems.
- e. Categorize topics discussed this evening and select priority goals for action.

Topics discussed:

Media, Drugs and chemical use, Gun access, Human trafficking, Suicide, Culture in relation to violence, Peer education, Mentorship, Employment opportunities, Coaches groups, Empowerment through skills that enhance communication and connection.