
Facilitating Crosscutting Collaboration to Address Violence Prevention

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“Violence is a **public health concern.**

As the largest public health department in the nation, CDPH, together with its local partners, can play a leadership role in bringing people together to have a meaningful dialogue about violence, how it impacts our communities and how **it can be prevented.**”

- Message from Karen Smith, Director and State Public Health Officer
California Department of Public Health

Violence Prevention Task Force

- Specific events have heightened attention to the significance of violence as a public health concern.
- Current state and local public health involvement:
 - Response and recovery in San Bernadino
 - Public health programs engaged in many forms of violence prevention
- Interest expressed by CDPH staff and leadership in assembling an internal task force to explore and clarify the role and contribution of governmental public health in violence prevention



Emerging Issue Awareness

- When a new or existing issue becomes prominent as a public health risk and CDPH leadership acknowledges the need for further exploration
- Consideration arising for an issue broader than a single program
- Developing a process for CDPH to consider the public health role in emerging issues

Assessing Emerging Issues

- Fusion Center – Office of Strategic Development and External Relations
 - Facilitating internal and external opportunities and partnerships to inform, explore and advance the future of public health.
- Assemble program partners across CDPH
 - Share information about current efforts
 - Explore and evaluate limitations and opportunities
 - Provide recommendations



Task Force Structure

- Composition
 - Executive Sponsorship (Directorate)
 - Facilitation Team
 - Center/Office Leadership and Program subject matter experts from programs currently addressing violence prevention
- Evolving process building on participant feedback
- Scalable meeting process
 - Formal Task Force meetings (full group)
 - Extended Work Sessions (in-depth follow up)



Task Force Participation

- Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
 - Chronic Disease and Injury Control
 - Environmental and Occupational Health
- Center for Family Health
 - Maternal Child and Adolescent Health
 - California Home Visiting Program
- Office of Health Equity
 - Health in All Policies
- Center for Health Statistics and Informatics
- Legislative and Governmental Affairs
- Emergency Preparedness Office
- Office of Public Affairs
- Directorate
- Fusion Center



Task Force Process

- Data overview
- Current program activities
- Opportunities to enhance efforts
- Evaluate based on impact and feasibility
- Develop recommendations
- Facilitate implementation

- *Serve as pilot process for emerging issue assessment*

Examples of CDPH Programs

- Child maltreatment (abuse and neglect)
 - Mental health, trauma
 - Domestic violence
 - Teen dating violence
 - Sexual violence
 - Bullying/harassment
 - Crime (assault, robbery)
 - Suicide
 - Workplace violence
 - Elder maltreatment
 - Community safety
- *Safe and Active Communities Branch-Violence Prevention Unit*
 - *Rape Prevention and Education Program*
 - *Domestic Violence Training and Education Program*
 - *Essentials for Childhood Initiative*
 - *California Home Visiting Program*
 - *California Electronic Violent Death Reporting System*
 - *EpiCenter – California Injury Data Online*
 - *Health in All Policies - Action Plan to Promote Violence-Free and Resilient Communities*
 - *Vital Records*
 - *Open Data Portal*
 - *Let's Get Healthy California*
 - *Healthy Community Indicators Project*
 - *Surveys (BRFSS, CHIS, CHKS, MIHA, CSCS, YBRS, CalEVDRS)*
 - *Office of Public Affairs*
 - *Legislative and Governmental Affairs*
 - *Emergency Preparedness Office*
 - *Workplace Violence Prevention Program*

Examples of Public Health Approach

Promote safe, nurturing, healthy relationships and environments for children, families and communities

Collect and analyze data to better understand the causes and contributing factors

Communication and collaboration with many partners to share information, promote effective interventions and support policies that build and sustain healthy strong communities

Initial Results

- Internal awareness of issue data, approach and current program efforts
- Leveraging Safe States Alliance Framework
 - Recommended Roles for State Level Public Health Agencies
- Identification of themes and opportunities
- Discussion and clarification of barriers and obstacles
 - Highlighted need for both extended and rapid process for addressing issues
 - Clarifying role and threshold for policy recommendations

Evaluation of Opportunities

Opportunities evaluated by impact and feasibility for each category in the Safe States Framework

- Filtered to top three
- Presented to Task Force as Draft Recommendations
- Prioritization process
 - Comparison of group and individual rounds
 - Rating by “significance” and “where to start”
- Arrived at consensus for top nine recommendations

Task Force Recommendations

1. Develop a State-level communications plan to frame violence prevention from a social determinants lens and message the public health role in violence prevention
2. Develop a CDPH Statewide [data] report on [gun] violence as a public health issue
3. Survey Local Health Jurisdictions to identify current efforts in violence prevention and opportunities for collaboration
4. Convene public health and related stakeholders to discuss and elevate violence prevention
5. Expand California's Violent Death Reporting System (VDRS)

Task Force Recommendations

(continued)

6. Collaborate with Department of Health Care Services and Department of Social Services around mental health, violence prevention and home visiting.
7. Develop a statewide action plan on violence prevention
8. Explore and create new external [gun] violence prevention funding (see matrix for details)
9. Provide opportunities for education and engagement for CDPH staff

Operationalization Strategy

- Meeting with Center Leadership
 - Primary programs currently active or with specific related roles to the recommendations
 - Relationship with existing efforts and assessment of resource gaps and opportunities
- Proposed strategy for operationalizing recommendations
 - Cross-program project teams with coordination support from Fusion Center
 - Strategic Leadership Group and Project Implementation Teams

Communication and Implementation

- Present recommendations to executive leadership, managers and supervisors, and staff
 - Confirmed proposed approach to elevate and implement as shared departmental priority
- Evaluation of Emerging Issue Process
- Outreach with key local and state level partners
 - Share current process
 - Link to related efforts and invite collaboration

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- Engage stakeholders to inform and assist
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 - Survey local health jurisdictions, interdepartmental linkages, convene stakeholders
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 - Expand CA VDRS, action plan, explore new funding

Activities Underway / Next Steps

- Cross-program Implementation Teams
 - Issue Framework and Strategic Communications
 - Data Report
- National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)
- Local Health Department Survey

Local Health Department Survey

- Understand scope and focus of current activities
- Identify gaps and opportunities for collaboration
- Requested consolidation of response following internal dialogue among multiple program sectors addressing violence prevention in each local health jurisdiction

Local Health Department Survey

Survey Results:

Responses submitted as of 9/26/16.

Preliminary analysis to be made available for presentation on 10/04/16.

Thank you!

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