

Washtenaw Equity Partnership (WEP) Prevention & Front End Subcommittee Meeting

August 9, 2022 5:00-6:30 pm

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Victoria Burton-Harris (Co-chair)
Liz Spring
Kevin Karpiak
Ashley Shukait
Aubrey Patino
Mary Garboden
Lisa Jackson
Belinda Dulin
Tara Dhanraj (Vera)
Angie Carpio (Vera)
Alex Roth (Vera)
Meg Siwek (Vera)

- Vera staff member opens meeting. Explains will be going through research questions and where things stand with research in different areas. Shares screen with spreadsheet.
- Vera staff member provides status update on each research question.
- Discussion about getting calls for service info from Sheriff's Office. Subcommittee member states they have received some of this info but has NDA so can't share. Vera staff members says will look into this.
 - Question about whether Sheriff's 911 call center covers whole county. Member says essentially yes – people could call individual departments but calls to 911 go through Sheriff's office.
 - Discussion about doing FOIA request for this. Vera didn't submit request because concerned about time it would take and about jeopardizing any cooperation Sheriff's Office is offering. Member says it doesn't necessarily take that long to get a response to a FOIA request. Other member says it wouldn't be hard for Sheriff's Office to share this data since it was already pulled for another project.
- Vera staff asks about contacts for various orgs to reach out to and updates about initiatives.
 - Supreme Felons – Subcommittee member says they can provide contact and other member has another contact who could be a backup. Discussion about violence interruption work that Supreme Felons does in Washtenaw (and similar work done by other orgs in other parts of country).
 - CMH millage partnership with Sheriff's Office on alternative responders – subcommittee member suggested reaching out to Lisa Gentz.
- Vera staff member asks group questions specifically about CROS.

- Ann Arbor city RFP: Members say scheduling interviews and outreach through September, but that may be extended. RFP probably won't be released until the fall. Discussion about potential limitations with outreach that is being done.
- Discussion of overlap among different orgs. Suggest reaching out to Dispute Resolution Center about overlap with work that Supreme Felons is doing and their RJ work.
- Discussion about CROS's work and timeline. Received a grant from United Way and want to do paid focus groups/interviews. Subcommittee member doesn't think there is any duplication of effort with work other groups are doing, but definitely common goals.
- Next steps – Vera staff member will send out summaries for desk research over next few weeks and will supplement that with info from focus groups as those are complete. Vera will share draft recommendations in Sept./Oct. to have those ready for the Oct. working group meeting.