

Roanoke Gun Violence Prevention Commission
Meeting Minutes
 October 18 2022 at 530pm @ Melrose Library

The following were present:

Joe Cobb, Stacey Sheppard, Nicole Ross,
 Elliott Major, Kathy Cohen, Tim Harvey, Shakira Williams,
 Chris Roberts, Eric Anderson

Topic (Agenda Item)	Notes from Discussion	Actions for Follow Up	Person(s) Responsible
Approval of minutes from Sept 2022	Motion by Tim Harvey Second by Elliott Major Approval of minutes carried/passed unanimous		
CURRENT BUSINESS	Moving the meeting times to the third Tuesday (monthly) as the second Tuesday conflicts with school board nights		
Lori Haas John Hopkins	Daughter shot twice @ VA Tech and survived Speaking from John Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Studies Works for Non-Profit to take evidence approach Speaking about Risk Orders "A history of violence is the single biggest predictor of violence" A risk order needs to be obtained/considered when a risk of violence is predicted, harm to self or harm to others A risk order goes before a judge- it is a temporary, it is civil order, two weeks long, two weeks, then LEO back before the judge before a perm. order then it is a 6 month order. Often used for cases of mental health, domestic abuse, alcoholism, addictions Law includes punishment for those who perjure themselves and falsely obtain a risk order Disarming an individual is best for short term intervention VA will be getting money to work for implementation of risk orders There is a program for childhood trauma (used in WVA for many years) "Handle W/Care" Roanoke City Schools are using it.		
Dr. Daneen Evans Social Work Educator	Presentation on mental health services to culturally responsive services and marginalized communities Impact of homicides and gun violence are higher for communities of color Shared some of the experiences that have been shared with Mosaic Counseling services. Behaviors being exhibited by children are a result of trauma, and children have significant PTSD. Children are afraid to attend school.		

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	<p>Suggestions of collective conversations with the black community churches. "They must be involved"</p> <p>Suggestions made to invoke the same services within each school that were put in place for VA TECH.</p> <p>Public health issue- children killing children</p> <p>Call to Action by Dr. Evans to ensure all are helping in the faith community to ensure that youth are being served as needed</p>		
Group conversations	<p>The group had in depth conversation about the efforts and "measurable" things. Conversation was had that many of the efforts being conducted cannot be measured. Conversation was also added that a call to action to do more, would be helpful and promote the events that are happening in our community.</p>		
Rabbi Kathy Cohen	<p>Requested \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 to buy books for the reading program</p>		
Report provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decca requested funding for the second video for parenting \$1,125.00 video cost • Nicole requested funding for the student talent show March event to be held at the Berglund Center, Youth run, Youth done, highlighted. Marketing \$13,500 budget (television, social) 		
RPD stats and crime mapping report	<p>RPD stats provided and reviewed</p>		
RESET team update Lloyd Merchant	<p>No report</p>		
Youth & Gang Violence Prevention Team Chris Roberts Antonio Stovall Ms. Brown	<p>No report</p>		
NEW BUSINESS			
Announcements Joe Cobb	<p>Roanoke Remembers Nov 20th 330pm Patrick Henry HS</p> <p>Bridging The Community Gap Dec 8th</p> <p>FED-UP received 501-c3</p> <p>FED-UP is hosting grief and support groups monthly</p>	<p>Tim Harvey asked that we connect with victims' families and that the flyer be shared as much as possible.</p>	

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	Boxing and Brawling was awarded a grant, and then, realized they were not a non-profit, but, now are a non-profit		
Violence Interruption Grants	Each commissioner ID 2-3 grants of the 25 to stay in touch with to connect and check in- respond to Joe with the ones Reports will come back to the commission in October		
Adjournment Joe Cobb	7:26pm		

Others present:
 Laura Carini
 Angie O'Brien
 Lori Haas
 Media