



# Willowbrook Community Action for Peace – Meeting Minutes

## TRAUMA PREVENTION INITIATIVE

Virtual • Wednesday, October 7, 2020 • 1pm – 3pm

“A comprehensive, place-based approach to build trauma, resilient communities”

Los Angeles County Trauma Prevention Initiative  
<http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/ovp/TPI.htm>

### Meeting Objectives:

- Check in and share member updates
- Hear updates from OVP and TPI
- Discuss Next Steps for CAP

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Lead(s)
<p><b>TPI Updates</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Both TPI leads, Keith for Westmont West Athens and Aarti for Willowbrook are back to TPI work at the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) 50% of their time. They are still assigned to Covid 19 work for the other 50% of the time.</li> <li>2. Award for the FY 2020-2021 Community Engagement Contract is still pending. TPI will announce the awardee as soon as it is released.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A \$10,000 mini-grant for each TPI community is built into this contract to be used by a voted upon CAP agency for community engagement.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Currently requesting dollars from Department of Probation to extend street outreach and HVI.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. You should see more of these kinds of activities coming out of the OVP</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. TPI Stipends for the Steering Committee (SC) members are in arrears from last FY 19-20.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. SC members were reminded that they were recently emailed the paperwork which needed to be signed and returned to Patty ASAP. This is not applicable to Brad Carson who is a full time, permanent employee of the LA County Department of Probation.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. SC for current FY, 20-21               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Due to the current Covid 19 pandemic, should the Steering Committee members from the previous FY 19-20 remain and then resume elections for a new committee for FY 21-22?                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Most of the CAP members in attendance agreed that they should.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>4) SC Members will return stipend documents to Patty to submit for stipends</p>	<p>SC Members</p>
<p><b>Check In</b></p>	<p>CAP members each checked in with one positive outcome they have experienced since the start of the COVID 19 pandemic. Below are some outcomes:</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>All</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spending more quality time with family</li> <li>• Learning technology w/ computers and zoom</li> <li>• Getting in better shape</li> <li>• Learning a lot about the resiliency I have for myself and being able to help a lot people</li> <li>• Connecting w/ family I have never met via Zoom</li> <li>• Able to refocus and enjoy the outdoors, in nature exploring</li> <li>• Time to work on home projects that I had put off</li> <li>• Received many donations to be able to serve the community</li> <li>• Agency has been able to reach out to a lot more with the help of technology</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Discussion: Next Steps?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does WWA CAP merge w/ the WAW TF? Or does the WAW TF merge w/ CAP?       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CAP is a moving part of the community, but the WAWTF is stable w/in the community. We need to make sure that we stay in touch w/ them and connect to each other. We need to have a conversation to be certain that we understand what each other want out of community engagement and how can we support each other.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Twin: I think the WAW Task Force should be a part of this. I think we should build an infrastructure within their infrastructure. There is a base relationship with the community with them for many years, they are well connected to the community and they relate to law enforcement.</li> <li>3. Consider joining as a community partner w/ the WAWTF – having a day with the community partner</li> <li>4. Partner up individually with other CAP agencies to continue to do the work that we are doing. We should highlight the work that we have done together because we are all doing great work.</li> </ol> <p>Idea from previous community engagement contractor, LAM: prior to the pandemic, an idea to form a neighborhood council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a neighborhood council at St. Andrews Park already. Where would this one meet? How would this one be different?</li> <li>• BRAD – 100% with the neighborhood council – we could roll this idea into the WAWTF. The Manchester Vermont project is thinking of the same thing and could all collaborate.</li> <li>• Joel – would we join the join the WAW TF into this council?</li> <li>• Keith- we will continue to flush this out with the Steering Committee</li> </ul>	<p>These potential next steps with will be shared with the future community engagement contractor by DPH staff.</p>	
<p><b>Community Safety Updates</b></p>	<p><b>SEA:</b> The Community Interventionists have been very busy with street outreach and intervention, Grab n Go food distributions, Covid19 outreach – distributing PPE supplies.</p>		

- There are many protestors at the local sheriff station, which is another segment of community safety the CIWs have consider.
- CIWs are coming up with ways for the community to still experience safe and fun Halloween festivities without violating the current Health Officer Orders.

Concerns about those who have been recently released from the jails are not being followed up sufficiently by their probation officers.

- Concerns for being prepared when COVID 19 winds down and ends should be one of our priorities at this time.
- Focus should be put on what we have now and what we will need moving forward; we need to be ready.

Hood days are in effect, and more are on their way. Currently, there are a lot of guns in the community

- Comments: How does this information get out to the agencies? How do we learn more about this? How do agencies that are dealing with kids get informed and educated about the issues like these? If we have kids, and we learn that they are gang-involved, where or how do we refer the kids to interventionists or get the interventions to the kid(s), i.e., CIW, to the youth and vice-versa.
- From Naomi: LAUSD reports that there is a great increase in the number of kids expressing suicidal thoughts due to covid19. We need to be able to provide simple resources to bring some happiness to the youth (something to consider for the CE contractor to put together).
- We need some trauma informed trainings to help us get prepared for the aftermath of COVID-19
- From Twin: Could we combine our resources with the City? This is a very untraditional time and things that we are going through, and I think we need to try untraditional mechanisms to try to help all of us out.
- Naomi recommended the group to visit the Community Response System of South LA at their website, CRRSLA.org <https://www.crssla.org/>

**Concerns expressed by Woodcrest Library** – the community calls and wants resources. Many call to express concerns about community safety issues, such as people not from the community gathering where there has been a community incident, or porta potties being set up in the community. Other than the sheriff department, who can the community call to disburse the crowds and remove the porta potties? Where can I refer community for these issues, and we are also getting calls from people who are experiencing anxiety

- Kisha Thompson of DMH was present to provide her contact information, [KThompson@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:KThompson@dmh.lacounty.gov). Her information is also listed in the Updates below.

<p><b>Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>I'm A Movement Not A Monument</b> is going viral with their tutoring services. They have 20 tutors and need 100 youth. Please refer any students to Duran at <a href="https://imamovement.org/">https://imamovement.org/</a> , 310-493-8607. There is an \$150 stipend available per student.</p> <p><b>South LA AJCC</b> - send all employer hiring opportunities and job seekers to South LA AJCC in partnership with LA County Office of Reentry and LA County Probation called "INVEST", <a href="https://investprogram.net/">https://investprogram.net/</a> . For more information, contact Brad Carson (323) 806-1093</p> <p><b>South LA AJCC we offer internships for youth ages 14-24 and all job related duties</b>, such as helping with resumes, job searches, schooling, etc. Contact Forrest Riley for skills development and orientation at <a href="mailto:forrest@aye-la.org">forrest@aye-la.org</a> , <a href="mailto:friley@ajcc.lacounty.gov">friley@ajcc.lacounty.gov</a>, office 323-241-5028</p> <p><b>Mental health needs and resources</b>, please contact Kisha Thompson, LCSW, from the LA County Department of Mental Health at <a href="mailto:KThompson@dmh.lacounty.gov">KThompson@dmh.lacounty.gov</a></p> <p><b>Woodcrest Library:</b> just opened sidewalk pick up service for books, DVDs, and printed documents. Hours are Tuesday, 11am to 8pm, and Wednesday through Saturday from 9am to 6pm</p> <p><b>Al Wooten Jr, Youth Center:</b> offering online private tutoring, 1-on-1 sessions for 45 mins per session, up to 3 sessions per week. The center is offering world languages and culture, Teen Talk, Girl Talk, all for free! This is offered for students in grades 3 to 12. For more information, go to <a href="http://www.wootencenter.org">www.wootencenter.org</a></p> <p><b>Giving Tuesday is coming up</b>, non-profits ought to sign up to this opportunity to be able to collect donations. Go online to <a href="https://www.givingtuesday.org/">https://www.givingtuesday.org/</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>LAUSD and ISD</b> is seeing that 4.0 students are failing classes, those who are working with educating youth need to get together to help these youth thrive.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) academics</li> <li>2) mental health</li> </ol> <p><b>Community Reflections</b> – Provides a food bank every Friday at 10020 S Western Ave., from 12pm-3pm. Please practice social distancing and wear your masks when you arrive. Recipients will receive 2 to 3 boxes of food; if you are walking to the agency, please bring a cart for these boxes.</p> <p><b>WCC</b> – we provide counseling for mental health needs. Please call us; we are getting a lot more calls these days, which is good and not good because it tells us that there is</p>	<p>Patty and Aarti will research how</p>	<p>Aarti</p>
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	<p>no question that our community has been negatively impacted on mental health. Call us at 323-531-0565. We are located at Western/Manchester, next door to Ralphs.</p> <p><b>** Reminder, about our own mental health, all of us on the streets, running food banks, reaching the youth. Please remember to be intentional about carving time out for yourselves. **</b></p>		
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday, November 4, 1pm – 3 pm (Virtual).</b> Microsoft Teams link will be sent in advance.</p>	<p>Invite other community members and leaders</p>	<p>All</p>