

Coalition on Community Violence Meeting 8/20/2024

Summary:

The meeting commenced with Sergio presenting a framework for a social media campaign aimed at addressing school violence and political violence, providing guidance for creating similar campaigns in different committees. Vanessa Baird-Streeter welcomed the attendees and emphasized the importance of addressing community violence.

Members including Shari Beck, Greg May, Michael Haynes, Elizabeth Dovell, Marc Soto, Dora Lupo, Sandra Senior, Lady Combs, Lisa Santeramo, Jenna Sachs, Amanda Cohen, Michelle Burnham, David Pinkowitz, Mai Lin Han, Jenette Adams, Olivia Frank, PJ Tedeschi, and Cheryl Williams shared personal experiences related to the committee's work.

The committee co-chairs reported on their strategy planning and outreach efforts. Marc Soto and Elizabeth Dovell discussed legislative research and data gathering on mental health, wellness, and cannabis regulation. Mai Lin Han-Victory Recovery Partners and Angela Porwick provided updates on the intervention and prevention committee meetings, focusing on postvention crisis, suicide prevention, and support systems for victims. The need for intervention tools, resource sharing, and training for service providers was discussed.

Sergio highlighted the impact of social media and technology on families and communities, discussing the negative effects on youth and the importance of sharing resources and engaging parents. Vanessa suggested partnering with superintendent associations to involve parents. Shari and David expressed their organizations' support for the initiative.

The meeting addressed topics such as social media campaigns, legislative research, data gathering, and the impact of social media on families and communities. The importance of involving parents and empowering them with an understanding of social media was emphasized.

Chapters & Topics:

Discussion on Intervention and Social Media Campaigns

Angela, Vanessa, and Sergio review the intervention meetings and consider Sherry-Ann's involvement. Sergio plans to present a framework for a social media campaign addressing school violence and political violence, aiming to provide guidance for creating similar campaigns in different committees.

Morning Greetings and Summer Reflections

Vanessa Baird-Streeter warmly greets the attendees, acknowledges the summer weather, and expresses encouragement and inspiration from the work being done to address community violence. She emphasizes the importance of full attendance at subcommittee meetings and expresses gratitude for the collaborative efforts of community-based organizations in addressing community violence.

Introduction and Summer Reflections

Vanessa Baird-Streeter welcomes the attendees and hands over to Sergio Argueta, who reflects on the remaining month of summer and introduces himself. Sergio acknowledges the progress made since the coalition's initial launch in April and encourages attendees to share their names, representing agencies, and positive summer experiences.

Personal Highlights and Memorable Experiences

Serg-Destined for Greatness, Vanessa Baird-Streeter, Angela Porwick, Kathy Rosenthal, and Yolanda Robano Gross shared personal highlights and memorable experiences, including participating in a historical event, moving to a new apartment, positive political messaging, and the joy of having a daughter graduate from college and return home.

Sharing Memorable Summer Moments

Members of the meeting, including Shari Beck, Greg May, Michael Haynes, Elizabeth Dovell, Marc Soto, Dora Lupo, Sandra Senior, Lady Combs, Lisa Santeramo, Jenna Sachs, Amanda Cohen, Michelle Burnham, David Pinkowitz, Mai Lin Han, Jenette Adams, Olivia Frank, PJ Tedeschi, Cheryl Williams, and others, shared their most memorable moments from the summer, which included personal achievements, family

gatherings, and special celebrations. The diverse range of experiences highlighted the importance of family, personal growth, and meaningful connections.

Committee Updates and Strategy Planning

Vanessa Baird-Streeter highlights the importance of introductions for personal connection, while Sergio emphasizes the significance of staying connected and focusing on health outcomes. The committee co-chairs, including Marc Soto, discuss their strategy planning, outreach efforts, and focus on gathering data and information to drive change and bring value to the committee and communities.

Legislative Research and Data Gathering

Marc Soto and Elizabeth Dovell provide updates on their legislative research and data gathering efforts, emphasizing the importance of accessing information related to mental health, wellness, and cannabis regulation. They are actively engaging with community-based organizations, private corporations, and government departments to gather data and resources, with the goal of formulating a productive advocacy plan.

Intervention and Prevention Committee Reports

Mai Lin Han-Victory Recovery Partners and Angela Porwick shared updates from the intervention and prevention committee meetings, emphasizing the discussions on postvention crisis, suicide prevention, and support systems for victims of violence. They also highlighted the need for intervention tools, resource sharing, and training for service providers to address the various forms of violence.

The Impact of Social Media and Technology

Sergio delves into the history of social media, highlighting platforms like MySpace and affinity groups for different communities. He emphasizes the transformative impact of mobile phones on communication and the unforeseen consequences of widespread internet accessibility, particularly on young people.

Impact of Social Media on Youth

Serg-Destined for Greatness highlights the detrimental effects of social media on youth, such as cyberbullying, misinformation, and access to harmful substances. He also discusses the promotion of violence and disturbing content on social media, emphasizing the need to empower parents and families with understanding the realities of these issues and the impact on physical altercations.

- * Impact of Social Media on Violence

Discussion on Cell Phone Ban in Schools and Coalition Building

Sergio highlights the potential impact of a cell phone ban in schools and the need for a coalition to advocate for it. Vanessa stresses the importance of engaging parents and suggests collaborating with superintendent associations. Shari and David express their organizations' readiness to support the initiative, and Marc offers to identify evidence-based programs to address related issues.

- * Advocacy for Cell Phone Ban in Schools

- * Evidence-Based Programs for Violence Prevention

- * Collaboration and Networking for Strengthening Impact

Transcript:

4:15 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

So I'll kick it off really quick. Good morning to everyone. Happy summer. We have about a month left of summer. We're starting to feel a little bit fall-like weather today, but the remainder of the week should be good. But I'm just, I have to say that I'm so happy and encouraged by the work that we're engaged in. And I know that the summer months are difficult. We all work really hard, you know, from September to June. So we really try to use the summer months as a little bit of reprieve and self care for ourselves. However, I am finding that, you know, with the work that we're engaged in, particularly as it pertains to addressing community violence, that, you know, having our subcommittee meetings and you know, full attendance at our subcommittee meetings, as well as our meetings that we've been having over the summer, really encourages me and serves as an inspiration for the work that we're engaged in to really collaboratively look at what are the ways that we, as community-based organizations that have touch points with our community, what are the ways that we can engage in as it pertains to stemming the tide and slowing the effect of community violence as it pertains to those that we serve. So

I'm encouraged, inspired, even in the midst of not really having a major vacation this summer, but it's all good and just really appreciate all of the efforts that you have engaged in thus far. I've been apprised of the subcommittee meetings and I know they were substantive and there was a lot of discussion and dialogue and opportunities for implementation. Encouraged by that, and I welcome you all, and now I'll take the opportunity to turn it over to... He's Serge today, not Sergio. He's Serge.

6:02 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

Buenos dias, familia. How are you? Good morning. I love how Vanessa says we still have a month of summer left. I'm looking at it like, yeah, summer's already over, and we're in full gear for this new... Where did summer go? That was going to be my response. But I love the fact that we still have a month left. So I'm going to hold on to that, Vanessa.

6:25 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

Hold on to it.

6:27 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

Thank you. Thank you for speaking that into existence. So I'm in a different venue today, so my apologies for having to look back and forth. I promise you I'm not ignoring you. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Sergio Argueta, and I've had the pleasure of living on Long Island my entire life and just being a part of this coalition. This is the highlight of my month, to tell you the truth. One of the many highlights is just seeing this team of individuals that's coming together, particularly during the summer months, as Vanessa said. I know how hard that can be. So we appreciate you guys making yourselves available. I'm just going to start by, you know, our meeting for today.

7:11 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

So, you know, as was already mentioned, one of the things we wanted to do this go around is we recognize that since our initial launch in April, which was our first meeting, we're already on meeting five. So kudos to all of you that have hung with us. Right. And we're very happy with the progress that we've made. One of the things that I just wanted to do is make sure that everyone knows who's in the room. We've had some folks jump

in and, you know, kind of join us. So we thought this was a great opportunity for us just to do a quick check in. And so on that note, in terms of how great summer has been, if you could just tell us your name, right, your name. The agency you represent, and tell us one of the most memorable experiences that you've had, a positive thing, preferably, this summer, right? And so, Vanessa and I, we're tussling over this, because we don't have a lot of time, and we do have 20-something folks on, but we do want to... I think, I believe in you, and I know we could do this. If we could take 30 seconds each, right, to kind of do it, I think it'll work out. You know, me and Vanessa put a little bit of money in a pot. We'll see who comes out victorious.

8:29 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

So just an example, my name is Sergio. I'm a consultant with a firm called Destined for Greatness. And one of the most memorable parts of my summer is the fact that we've designated in my home particular days where my family has to be together. So as you can imagine, my 15-year-old daughter tried to fight me, but I won, and as a result, we've been spending a lot of great time together. So that's one of my most memorable experiences. I'm going to pass it over to Vanessa, who's going to set the bar. Go ahead, Vanessa.

9:02 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Good morning, good morning, good morning. Vanessa Baird Streeter, I'm president and CEO of the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island. I'm happy to be here we serve as the convening entity for our work as it pertains to community violence. And I think one of the memorable that's actually coming up this week on Thursday is I also run a performing arts organization, and our students were asked to perform at the

9:29 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

the ship, the Amistad, is going to be coming into Montauk Point. And we were asked to perform an African piece to celebrate the arrival of the Amistad. And I really think for the students, it's really a historical moment. You know, when we think about the Amistad and we think about the mid-Atlantic slave trade, you know, we don't necessarily think about Long Island as part of that. And I do think that it will be a historical time. It's an educational opportunity for the students, but also just feel very blessed and honored

that we were asked by the Southampton African-American Museum for the students to participate. And I'm gonna turn it over to Angela.

10:14 - Angela Porwick

My name is Angela. I'm the Events and Communications Coordinator here at HWCLI. And one of the most memorable parts of my summer Honestly, it's probably just been a transition for me. I'm moving. So just doing that adulthood step, getting my first apartment has been exciting. A lot of work. And technically, our gala comes before the summer ends. So that will be the most memorable part of my summer. So I highly recommend you all join us on September 12 if you're not already going to be there. And if you have any questions about the gala, I'd be happy to send some information to anyone interested.

10:56 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Angela, let's kick it over to someone else.

10:58 - Angela Porwick

How about Kathy?

11:02 - Kathy Rosenthal, Family Service League

Good morning, everybody. Kathy Rosenthal, I'm the senior vice president for programs at Family Service League. I'm in my head tossing around various things. Some of them are maybe potentially I don't want to open a Pandora's box, but I have to say that on the political front, we finally have some positive messaging that really, in my mind, dovetails with what this coalition is about. And I've been literally taking notes at some of the rallies and speeches that have been delivered. And one of my favorites was when Kamala and Tim Walt, they first came out in Pennsylvania as a team. And they said, we are here to lift people up, not knock them down. And I just love that. And some other, I've been taking notes, like I said, for some of our work here. So that's, leave it at that. And I will pass the baton to my friend and colleague, Yolanda Rabano Gross.

12:09 - yrobanogross

Good morning, everybody. I am Yolanda Robano Gross. I'm the CEO over at Options for Community Living. A lot's going on this summer, so I will tell you what my favorite thing is, though I'm sure it's not my daughter's. My daughter graduated from college in May, and she's doing a similar job, it sounds like, to what Angela's doing there over at New Ground with Shannon, and she loves it, and I'm thrilled to have her home, though I'm not sure she's not thrilled to be home. And she would rather be with her friends. But for a single mom of an only child, I'm very, very happy to have her back. So that was the highlight of my summer. And I will pass this on. Let me see some names. I will pass this on to Shari Beck.

12:59 - Shari Beck, Nassau Region Director (NY)

Hi, my name's Shari Beck. I am the very new region director for Nassau Region PTA.

13:09 - Shari Beck, Nassau Region Director (NY)

And Greg, are you Laurie's daughter? Laurie's son? Sorry.

13:14 - Shari Beck, Nassau Region Director (NY)

Yeah, I am.

13:16 - Shari Beck, Nassau Region Director (NY)

I thought so. His mom used to be in my role a while ago. But anyway, so I just have been trying to sit in on various partnerships that we have to see what you guys all do. But the best part of my summer was I got to spend nine days in Portugal with both of my adult children. So that was a very nice family vacation. And since I already name checked him, I'm going to throw it over to Greg May.

13:43 - Gregory May - Island Harvest Food Bank

Hi, good morning, everybody. Greg May. I'm the director of government and community relations here at Allen Harvest Food Bank. And my most memorable event this summer, my seven year old daughter basically taught herself to ride a two wheeler on her own. It

was the most incredible thing to see. I'm going to pass it to my buddy, Mike Haynes, if he's still on.

14:09 - Michael Haynes

Hello, everyone. Mike Haynes, the VP of Government Relations, Advocacy and Social Policy over at Long Island Cares, the Harry Chapin Food Bank. And my most memorable moment this summer was welcoming my twins along with my wife. My twins, Lisa and Maisie, came in June and they're doing great. And I'm going to pass the baton to Liz Dovell.

14:37 - Elizabeth Dovell

Good morning, everyone. Apologize for my camera being off. I'm actually homesick with my toddler today, but happy to be here in the spirit of everything. I would say my most favorite moment this summer has been kind of multifaceted, definitely being part of this group, my incredible coach here, Mark Soto. And then I also got to echo, you know, the sentiments of the fellow parents on the call. I have a little boy who's turning two in about two and a half weeks, which I still can't believe. And he's just such a joy. And it's a two-year-old summer is very different than a one-year-old summer. So it's just been, he's just been such a joy and he really informs a lot of the work that I think that we're doing in this group. So, echoing a lot of the sentiments that the fellow parents are saying.

15:24 - Elizabeth Dovell

Elizabeth, if you can just indicate where you're from

15:27 - Elizabeth Dovell

Oh, I'm so sorry. I am from the New York State Department of Labor.

15:33 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Great, thank you. Thank you. Pass the mic.

15:37 - Elizabeth Dovell

I will pass my mic to my incredible co-chair, Mr. Mark Soto.

15:41 - MarcSoto

You're kind. Mark Soto, Director of Prevention and Community Services at Youth Enrichment Services, otherwise known as YES, the Suffolk County version of YES, not the Nassau County version. And I guess my most prized moment this summer was I take my daughter who is soon to be 14 going on 25 to Puerto Rico every year to celebrate her culture and her ancestry. And we spent eight days focusing on that and getting to know each other more and love each other more. Sharing memories that will last a lifetime. So that is my most precious moment this summer. And I will pass it over to Dora.

16:32 - Dora L

Good morning, everybody. My name is Dora Lupo. I'm the clinical coordinator at Palomine. And my most memorable experience was The arrival of all my siblings who have scattered all over the United States from Connecticut to Florida to Texas, and we all came together to have just a wonderful family weekend.

17:02 - Dora L

And I'm sorry, and I'll pass this on to Sandra.

17:08 - Sandra Senior

Good morning. My name is Sandra Senior and I'm the director of programs for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island, where we fund social justice ministries. One of the most memorable moments of my summer was seeing my nephew graduate with honors from high school. Getting a presidential scholarship to an HBCU in Birmingham and moving him in and being able to celebrate this with family and with the village and that includes his father who's a single dad and my siblings and the village even includes And that includes Sergio's mother-in-law, who's been my best friend, who is my best friend, that has been, it's not past, is my best friend and we started out teaching together. So seeing, sharing her joy, watching her grandchildren, and her watching Isaiah, it's been

wonderful. And also celebrating my nephew becoming a, was a teacher and he's now the head resource teacher of the high school. And my niece, who is a real estate mogul, she has an MBA, and she just flipped her third house, as well as developing a major project in Atlanta. So this has been part of my wonderful summer. And I've learned, if anything, a lesson, and my lesson is letting go is harder than holding on. So that's it for me. Thank you. And I'm gonna turn it over to, let me see, Lady Combs?

18:43 - Unidentified Speaker

Combs?

18:45 - Lady Combs

Good morning, everybody. My name is Lady Combs. I work for EOC of Suffolk. I'm the CBI for Brainful Center, I think in North Bayshore. And one memorable thing for this summer, I will say it was a surprise lunch for my birthday, even though on that day, my husband gave me COVID afterwards.

19:04 - Unidentified Speaker

Yeah.

19:07 - Lady Combs

I will pass it on to Lisa.

19:12 - Unidentified Speaker

Sandra?

19:13 - Lisa Santeramo

Yeah, hi, it's Lisa Santeramo with Catholic Health. Great to be here. My favorite part of the summer is all the adventures. I have three boys and we go on lots of adventures during the summer. We go kayaking, we go on vacation, we go to the beach, so I've just been having a lot of fun doing new things with them and honestly watching How

independent they've become and, you know, letting them kind of, you know, see that their personalities come out in the people that they're growing up to be. So that's been a lot of fun for me this summer. I am going to pass it along to Jenna Sachs.

19:48 - Jenna Sachs (she/her/ella)

Hi everybody, good morning.

19:49 - Jenna Sachs (she/her/ella)

My name is Jenna Sachs. I use she, her, hers pronouns. I am from the Safe Center of Long Island. I'm grateful to be here. Highlight of my summer so far was an anniversary trip to the Redwoods, where I got to visit a lot of the groves that I've never seen before. I'll pass it along to Amanda.

20:11 - Amanda Cohen (she/her)

Morning, everybody. I'm Amanda. I'm the Director of Advocacy and Case Management at the SAFE Center with Jenna. And the most memorable part of my summer has been remodeling our co-op with my husband. It's been lots of lessons. We're kind of new to this whole fixer-upper thing. So it's been a lot of fun, but it's almost done. So we're happy going into the fall and enjoying it. And I will pass to Michelle Burnham. Hi there, my name is Michelle Burnham. I'm the Youth Project Director at the Huntington Youth Bureau. One of the most memorable things that happened this summer, it just happened last Thursday. We had our first major fundraiser for the Huntington Utero Institute, and it was a success, and it was just amazing to see the support of the community. And yes, it was a great event. And I will pass it to David Pinkowitz.

21:13 - David Pinkowitz

Hello, everybody.

21:17 - David Pinkowitz

I own a marketing communications firm specializing in digital marketing. I have not much experience in this field, but I volunteer a lot. And this is such a wonderful cause

that I'm learning very quickly. I built us a website. I'm going to participate in our resource archiving as soon as I figure out what our plan is. And a highlight of my summer was a family reunion. My wife's sister and her husband, we haven't seen them in three years, and they came to visit us from Florida. And we gathered the kids, the grandkids, and the sister-in-law for a wonderful visit. I'm not sure who's next. Anybody want to raise their hand?

22:16 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

You can do Demetricia, Demetricia.

22:19 - David Pinkowitz

Thank you. How about Demetricia?

22:27 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

We can't hear you, you might be muted. No.

22:37 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

No, we can't. Okay, we'll work on that.

22:44 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

So we want Maylin.

22:49 - Mai Lin Han-Victory Recovery Partners

Hi, good morning everybody. My name is Mylan Han, I am the Community Outreach Coordinator for Victory Recovery Partners. One memorable thing this summer is I actually got promoted from Outreach Coordinator to Program Supervisor, which has been really exciting in this role during the summer, doing a lot of, thank you guys, doing a lot of projects. And building up our support team. I'm also studying for my license exam for my LMSW. So summer's also hasn't been fun, but I'm trying to reward myself in the fall, going to Disney and Halloween Horror Nights, because I love Halloween. So

that's my reward, working hard this summer so I can relax in the fall. I'll pass it to my co-chairman, Jenette, if she's still on.

23:37 - Jenette Adams

I am here. Good morning. I do apologize for being off camera. I'm in transition from one office to the other. I'm Jenette Adams. I am the program director for YouthBuild Long Island at United Way of Long Island. And my most memorable experience or I guess moment this summer so far has been my aunt came down or came up from Trinidad, it's her first time in America. And so my entire family came down from Canada, from Florida, and everybody gathered at my house. And we just had, I mean, it was just amazing, you know, the cultural, her bringing, you know, the Trinidad culture to New York was a nice touch. But being with family and everyone coming to visit her and just, you know, emphasizing how important those moments are for our younger generations and just getting the wealth of information and experiences from our, you know, from our elders.

24:36 - Jenette Adams

And just a quick congrats.

24:40 - Jenette Adams

Remember the name of the person that said he had twins, I have about to be eight year old twins. So if you need Any advice or anything, I will lend a helping hand out to you, but congratulations on the twins and happy new year.

24:59 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Can we send it over to Olivia?

25:00 - Olivia Frank

Hi, everyone. My name is Olivia. I am a program manager at Northwell Health Center for Gun Violence Prevention. And I'm also the co-chair of the prevention committee. So I'm very excited to be here and see all of your smiling faces this morning. It's also not a

hundred degrees. So that's one of the highlights of my summer so far, but in true fashion, the highlight of my summer was getting to go back to Canada where I am from to celebrate my grandmother's 80th birthday. So that was beautiful.

25:32 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

I don't know who- I've been writing it down. So I'll go PJ.

25:37 - Olivia Frank

Perfect.

25:38 - PJ Tedeschi (she,her,hers)

Good morning. I'm PJ Tedeschi, the director of the Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island. And my most memorable moment will be happening soon. I have plans at the end of the month to get together with a friend that I haven't seen in years. So I'm very excited about that.

25:54 - Unidentified Speaker

Great.

25:55 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Cheryl Williams.

26:01 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

If not Cheryl, let's go to Maureen Graney.

26:08 - Maureen Graney

Good morning, everyone. Thank you for making this an open forum. I am Maureen Graney and I'm with ESRI. We produce geospatial software, and both NASA and

Suffolk County have got robust GIS departments. And the reason that I'm here is that GIS, allows you to understand social determinants of health and demographics at a very, very granular, even block by block level, is used by many governments as well as nonprofits around issues of gun violence, tobacco, overdose, and many other uses. To care, access to care, as well as understanding the communities that you serve. So I'm really here to listen and appreciate the good work that the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island is doing. And perhaps there's a way that we'd be able to provide you with some help or assistance. Thank you.

27:00 - Unidentified Speaker

Thank you.

27:01 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Wendy? I'm sorry, I got it. Wendy?

27:05 - Wendy Linsalata,LIADV

Hello, I am Wendy Linsalotta. I'm the Executive Director at LA Against Domestic Violence.

27:15 - Wendy Linsalata,LIADV

This may not sound positive, but it is. The highlight of my summer has been watching my husband recover and get back to a normal life after receiving a kidney transplant almost nine months ago, thanks to an incredible person that we know that actually donated her kidney to him. So that's a huge win for me.

27:43 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Thank you.

27:45 - Unidentified Speaker

Cheryl?

27:46 - Cheryl Williams

Hi, good morning, everyone. Please excuse my voice. Cheryl Williams, Families Together in New York State, Public Policy Coordinator. And my most memorable moment was all of my grandchildren in the same place at the same time. So it was really a joy to see. And also my grass is growing, so that's great. My lawn grass is growing, so that's great. An accomplishment for the summer. And I will pass it to, who haven't gone?

28:25 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

I think we're good. I think we've covered anyone. Is there anyone that didn't have the opportunity to speak and introduce?

28:34 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

And if I can just take a little bit of liberty here, also one of the most memorable moments for the Health and Welfare Council as an organization is, you know, highlighting from Governor Hochul that we are going to serve as the Long Island social care network. And I think that is extremely important in ensuring that we have community-based organizations that have far-reaching tentacles and touch points with our Medicaid lives on Long Island and ensuring that there is holistic and comprehensiveness as it pertains to the improvement of health outcomes for Medicaid recipients, I think is extremely important. It's game-changing. And while there are 1115 waivers across the country, this is the first time that it's being looked at from a social care network. It's usually governmental run, but I think it really speaks to the influence, the far-reaching tentacles that community-based organizations have within community, that we can really reach those members and ensure that we have wraparound services and the social care to address their overall health. So from an organization standpoint, I needed to speak to that as well. And so I think we had introductions from everyone. And I think this is important. It's helpful for connection just for us to know each other, know each other a little better on a personal level. So I thank you all for sharing. And Sergio, it's back to you.

29:59 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

I certainly want to echo the idea that, for me, just going around the room, not only is it impressive, right? And just think about those tentacles in terms of the connections, the geospatial process, for example, in terms of how that can help and address these issues. Critically important when it comes to really, you know, just ensuring that number one, we all stay connected and really just thinking about health outcomes and the approach and the focus of this particular committee. So thank you. And just as someone who follows Mark Soto on social media, I can tell you that every day is a phenomenal day in the life of Mark Soto this summer. So I'm hoping to spend some more time with Mark. Just on that note, in terms of the coalition-wide deliverables, we're at this great time. It's really where our committees, our subcommittees are going to be doing some very important work. I'm so happy and glad to see that our committee co-chairs were able to actually host meetings. We wanted to give about five minutes to each one of those committees to do some reporting out. You know, if we want to go in this order is perfectly fine. If somebody wants to go ahead, we can do that as well. I can't see you because I'm in presentation mode. So I'm just going to call out advocacy committee.

31:25 - MarcSoto

So Lisa and I have had a couple of calls and Angela has actually assisted greatly with us and with our strategy as well as planning. We have reached out to various, well, I have reached out specifically to various elected officials and chiefs of staff, et cetera, to find out about legislation that's in the pipeline that would be impactful in our space. And for our cause, and we were able to have a subcommittee meeting with a great turnout to discuss exactly what two areas, because we're looking at most for two to three areas to focus on to make sure that we drive, where we move the needle, we drive change, and we are able to bring value to this committee, to the agency, but more importantly, to our families, right, and our communities. So we are in the process of gathering data and information. Lisa has done some research in reference to some grant stuff that she can speak to. And I have been able to find co-occurrence types of bills that I thought were very impactful, specifically when it comes to mental health and wellness and how the New York State Assembly is working in committee on various initiatives. And then just yesterday, I found out that there was a directive from New York State that is now allowing, the Office of Cannabis Management is now allowing the local law enforcement, county enforcement officials, et cetera, to now finally take the action of holding folks accountable when it comes to the proliferation or distribution of cannabis without licensing and all of those things. So prior to that directive, The local law enforcement agencies were really at a loss at actually trying to convict folks when it came to these types of crimes towards our communities. Now they have been given a

directive and they're given the assistance and they're also given the resources to allow them to take action. The reason why I feel that's a co-occurrence type of issue that obviously helps us in our journey is because obviously, you know, cannabis use is something that could lead to violence or could lead to different issues that may affect the subject matter that we're specifically talking about. So those are examples. I am in communication with all of Anyone that I've ever had a relationship with, I've reached out to to gather that data. Lisa, did you want to speak to kind of your steps?

34:33 - Elizabeth Dovell

Sure. So echoing kind of what Mark said, I'm in the process of, you know, kind of taking stock and organizing legislation related to these issues that we're focused on. Working on kind of the best way for all of us to access that information. There is a lot of it, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. I'm also in touch with some of my colleagues over at the Suffolk Department of Labor who are the recipients of a gun violence prevention grant. I'm working with them on obtaining some of that data and kind of understanding how that data was was utilized. And I've also been in touch with the State Department of Health to get, you know, some more information on resources available through the state. So we've got kind of a lot of irons of the fire. There's a lot of data. There's a lot of legislation. We're kind of just focused right now on the best way to not only sort through it, but how to kind of utilize it in a way that's productive to achieving the goals that we're trying to achieve here. So that's it. It's been really exciting so far. I agree, echoing what Mark said, we had a really great meeting the other day. And I think there's a lot of enthusiasm for us over here on advocacy. So very excited to be part of it.

35:55 - MarcSoto

We've, we've also reached out to community based organizations and private corporations similar, you know, like Northwell right so we don't want to reinvent the wheels so obviously there. Gun violence initiative is something that is extremely progressive. And so I've reached out to gather information from them and I'm getting information and all kinds of documents and all kinds of sharing of knowledge to make sure that we can incorporate that into our advocacy plan. I can't give you more specifics because we're still in data gathering mode. But by the next subcommittee meeting, we will, Lisa and I are gonna put together along with Angela's assistance, as long as she's not getting her apartment together, we will put together a great plan of action and what we recommend to the subcommittee members to make sure that we're going in the right direction and if necessary, maybe pivot and go in another direction. But our objective is

to pick two kind of focal points and avenues of success that we can then get everyone who has multi-talents in the committee to assist in whatever way that they can. So that's our five minutes. It's probably long.

37:16 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

Thank you guys so much. I greatly appreciate the work that you guys have been doing and the direction that we're headed. Appreciate that. Intervention committee, Jeanette Maitland.

37:30 - Mai Lin Han-Victory Recovery Partners

Hi there. So our intervention group was a little bit smaller than the prevention group, which is a little bit what we really expect. But really, we spoke more on focusing on the need of postvention crisis and suicide prevention crisis, as well as having like a support system for victims. Victims of interpersonal violence. We have noticed one big conversation is like, as much as we talk about resources and networking with the prevention and advocacy meeting, we don't have really discussions of intervention tools, and like how are they benefiting our populations. So we decided creating some type of like a resort or table that all of us can share and having guest speakers around to have us practice the intervention tools in our agencies or even in this meeting as well. A lot of it also talked about having accessibility to these resources and emphasizing the need for transitional visual accessibility for those underprivileged community members.

38:34 - Mai Lin Han-Victory Recovery Partners

A lot of it was more just utilizing the support system and development resource guides, languages. We're looking to have more members join our intervention group, but for us, it's just kind of building up that support of what interventions are being utilized in other agencies and how can we bring that news to all of us here.

38:58 - Angela Porwick

And I just want to add to that. I know a big point in that group and as well as prevention was, although a lot of our discussions in the coalition have been focused on the resources we could provide to community members and the clients and the populations we serve. But a big, you know, goal in this guide specifically for intervention was to have

a resource for the colleagues you have and your other agencies you're working with, because oftentimes we I mean, I know for HWCI, we have plenty of calls that come in, and thankfully we have an idea of the services other agencies are offering that we can refer them out to, but if every person in these agencies dealing with these specific issues has that little, you know, desk aid that says, if they're dealing with this type of violence, call these organizations. It's a little easier, so, you know, there's less time in between the resources being offered, as well as just, you know, I know this came up in the first or second coalition meeting, but training the trainers, you know, training the people that are serving the population so they have everything they need. So, just wanted to add that as well.

40:07 - Angela Porwick

And then I think Olivia had to hop off, so I'm just going to briefly discuss the prevention committee. But I know the prevention and intervention had a lot of crossover with attendance and had a lot of similar thoughts as far as collecting and sharing the resources. I know a big portion of our conversation. We were just discussing generally violence on social media. And although our conversation started with children and youth, we kind of lean more towards framing potentially a social media kit geared towards political violence in that, you know, parents and adults that are sharing their thoughts on the upcoming election and all of the Things that have happened in between now and November, there's a lot of violence you see on social media or in conversation. So we're trying to frame out how we might either create a PDF with maybe an attached social media series or something that all of us could share with our communities and networks that just kind of highlights your children are watching, your children are listening, if you're having a conversation about this, you know, you can approach it this way, this way, this way. So that was one of the smaller action items, but generally I just want to let everyone on the coalition know we're in the middle of finalizing our questionnaire so that all of you can submit any of these resources in a very in-depth way so that whether you are 24 hours, whether you have multiple languages offered, whether you have you know, XYZ service in addition to the one you submitted, all of that can be noted. And I'm sure Vanessa can touch upon this as well. But the goal here for us is, although this is for this coalition, as going as HWCLI is going to be diving into the social care network and Healy, we want to make sure anyone involved in that work as well as not duplicating their efforts and submitting any information multiple times. So we're just trying to make it as cohesive, as efficient and addressing as many things as possible. So that way everyone can, you know. Do it in an efficient manner. Yeah, Kathy.

42:30 - Kathy Rosenthal, Family Service League

Just wanted to add a couple of other things that we focused on in the Intervention and Prevention Committee. I think more in the Prevention Committee, we talked about making sure that we had involvement with law enforcement and Sheriff Toulon, and also that we use our libraries and our faith-based partners to help us spread the word to the community, whatever the word that we come up with is, a word of words. And also, you know, social media, we're kind of unfortunately stuck with it. It is very detrimental to our youth. We know that. But maybe we could use it to our advantage and find a local young person who's an influencer on social media to help us spread messages about how to protect our kids. And also we talked about coming away with some messaging around, you know, counteracting political violence, which is why I've been taking notes and as I listen to some of the speeches that have been made recently. So just a very robust prevention committee meeting. And there is definitely a continuum, you know, from prevention to intervention and want to make sure that we connect those strands.

43:44 - Kathy Rosenthal, Family Service League

Thank you, Kathy.

43:50 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

It is absolutely amazing to just see the connections that you guys are making. We appreciate the overachievers, like Kathy, who are helping us make the connections between the various committees. I encourage you guys to really stay connected and engaged, particularly with the other committees to make sure that there's no overlap. We're going to attempt to have a meeting with all co-chairs between now and our next coalition-wide meeting, just to help you guys a little bit more and just ensure that you guys feel supported and that you know the direction that you're headed in. You know, this is a short term grant. And so I definitely want to keep that on the front burner. But what we think is that this particular coalition has a lot of opportunities to create, you know, a real meaningful impact in our region. Right. Along those lines, we did get some report backs. Right. Angela was mentioning just, you know, the impact that the discussions that we were having around social media. Right. One of the things that I thought was extremely important is just to go back to our initial meeting, right, and just really think about, you know, the different types of violence that exist. And pretty much begin to wrap our heads around, okay, if we were to take one of these, right, we know that there's going to be various streams and various themes and various, you know,

ways by which we frame it, but how do we get to a place where we're able to share resources and get parents in the communities and the families that we service to really think about these kinds of things, right? And ultimately, clearly, just, you know, we wanted to kind of provide an example in terms of the connections we can make. When we specifically focus, let's say, on social media, and I appreciate the fact that, you know, we're kind of understanding that the horse left the barn, right? The idea that we're now going to go back and get our kids to put the phones down and get the adults to put the phones down. One of the things that I spend a lot of time telling folks is like, Think about the impact this has had on our lives. And we didn't pick these devices up until we were in our early 20s. Some of us were a little bit more mature, some of us a little bit less. But it was in that cell 2000, phones really started getting a bigger hold.

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And so in just looking at how long it's been, this journey of social media, if ever you ask individuals, when did this thing start? It seems like all of us can go back and be like, oh, it was Facebook, right? Facebook really did it. No, this has been going on for quite some time. And they were building it slowly but surely, and it wasn't until we all paid attention, you know, when we were finally involved in the mix that we recognized that this became very real, right? I don't know how many of you had a MySpace page. I can tell you that I'm... I'm okay with letting you know that my first profile on social media was on this thing called MySpace, right? And there were these other, you know, sort of websites that existed that were in their preliminary phases. There were some groups that created opportunities for affinity groups, right? I know that we had a Latino It was like, I forget the name of it but it was a Latino platform where you could go on and meet other Latinos with similar interests. I know the same thing existed for the African American community by way of Black Planet or something to that effect, but it allowed individuals to engage with one another. Needless to say, what we know is that all of it changed tremendously when, number one, the mobile phones hit, right? One of the things I was telling folks, you remember before mobile phones, when we had home phones, right? You know, the way communication has changed, I tell folks, I'm like, you know, when I'm talking to my daughter and I'm like, listen, Like I used to have to have a conversation in front of the whole family if they even let me use the house phone Because you used to pay by the minute and guess what? My conversations were not that valuable where my family was okay with me paying for them, right? We're paying for that. And so if you had a conversation you have it in front of everyone one. And so you were quite mindful of the things that you were talking about. No one envisioned the Internet being accessible as it is now. None of us understood the impact that it was

going to have on young people, especially when it came to the addiction. Right. And then, of course, we underestimated the mental health impact that it would have and all these other additional negatives that we've been dealing. The privacy concerns in terms of every movement, every click, every site that you visit being recorded, and your profile, right, your digital profile, sort of being created and the impact that that could have. The way it was going to impact the norms of society. I've shared with you guys that I was a dean in a school for multiple years, the last 10 years of my life. Nothing more painful than walking into a cafeteria and seeing a group of kids sitting with each other, all of them texting, and they're texting each other as opposed to having a conversation. And including someone who's in a class, including, you know, negative messaging that could definitely impact and make it impossible for any young person to sort of sit and focus on what's being taught. And then, you know, just the idea of misinformation right so the positives. You know, there are positive impacts made by social media and we can't ignore that. However, what we, you know, need to be well aware of are the negatives, right? The way it's impacting the way our kids are developing, their lack of, you know, their inability now to sort of have an attention span where they're able to focus on just one thing. I can tell you that I'm real clear in telling folks I don't multitask. I can't multitask. I'm not wired to multitask, so I have to be focused on one thing at a time. Vanessa seems to be able to juggle a million and things better than I can, right? It's a gift. It's a knack. But what's going to happen with our babies that are used to getting information in 10, 15 second bits, right? We already know that it's less and less in terms of what they want to focus on. The impact that it's having on their overall well-being and their confidence is important. But now connecting it to us, connecting it to this committee, Why is this important for us to talk about the social media piece? Well, we know for a fact that kids are spreading a lot of misinformation or engaging in some of the same behavior patterns that they're witnessing their parents getting involved in. Hate speech, right? There's a dissonance, a disconnect with what these kids are actually laughing at, the memes that are being sent out, the way they share things, how callous they are in terms of the things that they're commenting on and what they're sharing. Another big issue that we're having has to do with sexual-related violence. And sexual-related issues that are coming out. This is violence in every which way. When you talk about the social and emotional well-being, their mental well-being, their physical well-being, the addiction to this issue, the anonymity that the social media provides, and most importantly, just this cyber-bullying and the violence aspect of it, right? Someone mentioned before, I believe it was Mark, that made the connections between marijuana use, these things that we kind of weren't prepared for in terms of the availability of these substances, the fact that, you know, younger and younger kids are now gaining accessibility, not just because they're going

into their parents' stash, but because they're able to get it from their slightly older siblings or their older cousins, right? And they're taking these edibles and doing things and how that's resulting in issues, right? So the nexus to those things is a kid getting caught because he took an edible had an adverse effect, and now the kid is brought into the office and is being told, who gave you this? And now the kid is saying, so-and-so, so-and-so, so-and-so. And three kids are being expelled from a school for the remainder of the year, creating a bunch of issues. And now it's like, oh, you're a snitch. You're this, that, and the other. Third, those are the ways by which we can follow these threads and make those connections. So I'm glad that we're thinking as a coalition outside the box and thinking about just the various ways by which we're being impacted. Right. So, you know, the hate speech is is pretty much something that's real rampant that our kids are dealing with the effects of cyber bullying. That's violence related. Right. One of the things I tell folks is, you know, particularly the the more mature generations have a thing of saying cyberbullying just disconnect the the Computer and stay off the grid and then I'm when I walk them through it when I tell them I want you to think about yeah you you being the kid that says you know what I'm gonna ignore them. I'm gonna do this I'm gonna do that but now you're in a class and you hear right the the thing going off and you look around and your classmates are laughing at you and or your best friends are coming on and they're saying, hey, did you see what so-and-so said about you? Did you see what so-and-so said about this, about the third? And it just creates, you know, a really, you know, sort of difficult and challenging situation to say the least, not to mention the fact that You know, there's some very horrific experiences that, you know, when we dealt with it, it was, you know, a small group of people may have known this embarrassing or this horrible thing that may have happened to you, but to now to have it broadcasted and go and go virtual, right? For it to go and kind of spread throughout, it's extremely challenging. So we need to get beyond and we need to empower our parents and our families with understanding the realities. What I can tell you is that social media is a way by way which, you know, unfortunately the physical altercations are impacted by this. I could tell you at the street level, for example, the kids are coming out with music that's now being, you know, kind of promoted out there and individual cliques are going after one another. They're mocking one another. They're going on websites and sharing the pictures and images of young people that are in their final moments before being, you know, deceased. And they're rocking it, right? I mean, when I tell you that the more I look into this and the more I understand, the more scared I get. Simply because there were things that occurred back in the day that you know, would have never been tolerated, right? You don't mock a young person that just passed away. You don't show images of them fighting for their lives and having, whether they succeeded or didn't, right? Legitimately promoting that and having these things

kind of, you know, take place. And not to mention the planning. So kids are actually setting up the altercations via social media, they're setting things up, they're recording assaults and putting them online so they go viral. And that, I mean, that alone, right? I tell folks, listen, I remember my first little scuffle as an elementary school kid. And after that scuffle, the next day, you and the kid that got into a scuffle almost became friends again. And it was okay for you to walk, to kind of process it and get through things. But how challenging is it when something happened to you and now it's online forever? How easy is it for you to let it go? How easy is it going to... Or are you going to be that person that gets caught up in all ego and go and retaliate, right? You know, especially when we're kind of seeing the same behaviors exhibited by the adults in very different ways, right? It's almost like when you see someone post something ridiculous, and then you want to challenge that, but the conversation kind of dovetails into an ugly place, into an ugly place.

56:07 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

Again, you know the impact of drugs and what that's doing the pornography aspect of social media, and the different things the revenge pornography all that kind of stuff so This is just like an example, right? I wanted to give you guys a shot, a snapshot of how we could take any one of those forms of violence and start saying, okay, let's focus on this one piece, right? Like, let's say if we were planning on focusing on social media, Right. And the impact that social media is having on violence. Clearly, there's a prevention component to that. There's an intervention component and an advocacy component. Right. And so how do we now take this piece? If this is something that we all want to work on, what are some of the things that we know we need? Right? Right now, you know, Governor Hoko has proposed, and I'm hoping, I am so hoping she sticks to it, like a cell phone ban inside of schools for our kids. You have no idea what kind of an impact something like that can have in really supporting and getting our kids to disengage from social media. How do we get involved in something like that, right? How do we talk to the governor, right, Vanessa? How do we talk to the governor, right? I know I'm talking to and say, OK, this is something we have 124 school districts. How do we better support our our local districts and become the advocates so that they don't have to be the front line individuals that are kind of combating this? I have a hard job as a school administrator. I don't need to take this on as a major thing for me because I don't have the bandwidth, but how awesome would it be if a coalition of entities that are working and seeing the painful impact of cell phones is able to be the champion and advocate of me for kind of say, well, the governor wants it and all of these experts are saying, I'm in favor of it because it's going to help me manage my building better. It's a

much easier sell than it is 124 districts individually trying to champion the causes. So again, I'm sorry for being long winded, but I did want to kind of give you guys the way we're looking at these issues and how we believe this coalition could do amazing things on that. So that's it, Vanessa.

58:24 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

So Sergio, we really and truly appreciate you taking us through the social media aspect as that is a common thread and theme that is in all of our subcommittee meetings. As you're talking about the particular ban, and thank you, I think it's Maureen who shared in the chat about Connecticut, You know, it is also really important if we're looking at something like this, to get to the parents because the parents can be the barrier as well. And so while we understand, you know, they don't really want their children on the phone accessing so forth and so on, but when you're talking about a ban in schools. You know, parents like well how am I going to get in touch with my child. It's after school and we're planning and I need to know what they are as it pertains. So those are some of the nuances that, and I think our superintendents association probably could be a good partner in this effort to really because they've heard it from both sides so our superintendent associations and both Nassau and Suffolk could probably be good partners in this effort. So I'm going to take the opportunity to review the link that Maureen provided in the chat, and then we can, you know, consider exploring a little bit more. But I do believe that it is power in numbers, and it shouldn't be individual school districts, but it should be a coalition of organizations along partnering with school districts to be able to support the effort. But I just wanted to bring up that particular, we got to get to the parents as well, because if they're not part of that conversation and dialogue with us, then they can also be the ones who serve as the barrier for a positive outcome as it pertains to the banning of cell phones.

1:00:10 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Any other thoughts as it pertains to particular issues that Serge highlighted? Shari.

1:00:17 - Shari Beck, Nassau Region Director (NY)

Well, given that we are the Parent Teacher Student Association, all of these things are in our wheelhouse. We already are advocating for the gun violence prevention, the drug issues, the bullying. And we're also involved with the cell phone and cyberbullying stuff.

So count us in, I guess. We'll figure out the best way to work together. We are already advocating for all of these things at the local, state, and national level.

1:00:52 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Great point. Thank you. David?

1:00:58 - David Pinkowitz

I think I mentioned this once before, but regarding the social media, the Anti-Defamation League has taken this on as a important area for them. They've started a practice and have a director. They have a real estate on their website that offers resources. And I've heard a presentation that they gave to a youth group in the Suffolk YJCC. They have a lot of expertise. I don't know if it will overlap, but we do have contacts there.

1:01:34 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Great. Thanks, David.

1:01:38 - MarcSoto

Any other thoughts, Mark?

1:01:43 - MarcSoto

One of the things that we use at YES is evidence-based programs, and there's a long list of them that are, I think, impactful. Many of them, unfortunately, are 10-week type sessions that we implement within our school districts, but there are other evidence-based programs that can be delivered in a one kind of sitting basis, whether it be in person, which I think is always, I think, more fruitful, or virtually. And I think that perhaps providing a list from our subject matter experts of the best of the best, maybe a tool that we could put in our tool belt to hand out to the various districts, communities, et cetera. And we can make them language specific and multi languages and all of the things that are necessary to to deal with violence. Specifically, in our space, we use too good for drugs and too good for violence from the Mendez Foundation. And what I've seen, and I've seen it make a difference, and the data shows it, that's why it's

evidence-based, that these types of presentations do change our young people's mentality, even when they're coming from an area that perhaps is

1:03:10 - MarcSoto

is prone to violence or even home, it does make a difference. So I'd like to offer my assistance in helping identify different evidence-based programs and anyone else that can offer that expertise, I would recommend that we have that list created.

1:03:32 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Thank you, Mark. Sergio, I turn it back over to you.

1:03:41 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

All right, Familia. Well, it's 1102, so as was promised, we got through our agenda. We hope you believe it was impactful. It was a jam-packed hour. There was a lot of good news. It was recorded and there's a transcript, so we can always go back. And I'm going to encourage, which is one of what Vanessa and Angela's original vision and sort of the relaunch of this initiative is the idea that collectively we're stronger, right? And so please reach out to one another, right? There's gonna be grand opportunities that are coming around to really address these issues. And I think that that's extremely important. Take advantage of these resources that exist within this collaboration to bring individuals into your own agencies, right? Making a laundry list of, you know, the various partners that are here with their expertise, so that I can recommend, I could refer right the idea is, you know, clearly no one can be the master of everything right and so. The more we collaborate, the more, the more individuals that are on this call the better as well. So continue to make suggestions as far as people we should invite. I think we've heard I'm sure of two lines name, you know, for the last three meetings.

1:05:00 - Serg-Destined for Greatness

out to him and see how we can get some more from his staff here and see how we can strengthen that collaboration. So again, thank you for your time. I hope that you found it meaningful. I want to thank Angela and Vanessa for affording us this opportunity and continuing to lead us. Appreciate you all greatly. Have a blessed day and enjoy this last month of summer you all have left.

1:05:23 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

And I think there definitely is a commitment from us to meet with our chairs sooner rather than later prior to the next meeting so that we have some concrete steps based on the meetings that you've had and then the opportunity for us to be able to sit and discuss with you and kind of pull apart some of those suggestions and then being able to present at our next meeting some of the concrete measures that we'll engage in. So thank you all for your time. Enjoy the rest of the day, this cool day. Enjoy the rest of the day, and we'll be seeing all of you, but enjoy the next couple of weeks of summer.

1:06:00 - Vanessa Baird-Streeter

Thank you.