

QUARTER 1 REPORT

January 1, 2022 — March 31, 2022

Overview

The purpose of the Community Safety Intervention Team (CSIT) is to collaborate through information sharing in response to violent incidents through a multi-agency collaboration with the goal of stabilizing the communities involved and preventing further violence. While there are incidents that occur all across the spectrum of community violence, CSIT and the Violence Prevention Unit (VPU) at Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) only track certain violent or critical incidents. These critical incidents usually include the potential for ongoing community violence and potential retaliation. CSIT will also discuss patterns of violence and other incidents that could lead to retaliation and ongoing violence, such as shots fired and gang related issues.

Cases Discussed:

Type of incident	Number of CSIT Incidents Discussed
Homicide	1
Attempted Homicide	5
Shots Fired	11
Other (robbery, stolen auto, SWAT, Assault, etc.)	14

Madison Police Department Notifications

Between the beginning of January and the end of March there were 42 notifications of incidents sent to the Alders and tracked by the Violence Prevention Unit. Of those incidents, 31 were discussed by CSIT at the weekly meeting, while 11 were recorded for tracking and data collection.

Overall Synopsis

One of the major objectives of CSIT is to identify and create plans around incidents that could potentially lead to further violence. This quarter there were incidents that occurred that brought up the need for outreach and intervention from various CSIT members. One such case stemmed from an ongoing feud between groups of young men which required some mentoring and guidance as well as referrals for services. In a much more involved case following the 1 homicide from gun violence this quarter, it was necessary to create a plan across various agencies to prevent further violence. This particular case involves several groups with ongoing issues going back to a homicide from 2016. CSIT needs to be able to make these types of connections in order to properly identify those at highest risk of perpetuating violence as well as those in need of services. Through collaboration the group will be able to identify potential issues and deploy members accordingly.

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Interventions/Outcomes

CSIT will continue to coordinate a response and provide services to those in need from city and county departments as well as community service providers in the aftermath of an incident. Along with Madison Police Department (MPD) responses, Focused Interruption was able to provide services at the hospital and in the community for the one gun related homicide this quarter. Following the homicide one March 30th, MPD and focused interruption were able to work with the families of both the victim and perpetrators to identify needs as well as violence intervention strategies. Through outreach work, Focused Interruption and CSIT were able to begin a dialogue with leaders within the families to promote calm while the investigation continues. Through this dialogue CSIT was able to identify and reach out to people on both sides of this violent incident to prevent further community violence. With the perpetrators in custody, CSIT outreach was able to be more targeted in its outreach efforts and work with friends and family.

Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) and the Neighborhood Intervention Program (NIP) were also part of the CSIT response and information sharing when juveniles were involved in the violent crimes discussed, in order to provide outreach and support in the schools and community. They were an integral part of outreach involving young people involved or previously involved with the Youth Justice System. Some of these young people were continuing to engage in an ongoing dispute which has led to police contact. CSIT members were able to intervene and work with families and the Youth Justice System to alleviate calm the tensions and provide services around mental health and job placement.

Next Steps

At the beginning of this year we expanded the team to include member of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections-Division of Juvenile Corrections. In order to compliment the Dane County Juvenile Reception Center staff's contributions to CSIT, the team expanded to enhance our ability to help youth returning to our communities and schools from correctional institutions. With the new addition we feel we can create plans for youth to succeed once they are back in the community.

We are continuing to track the follow-up and outcomes of all individuals that were identified in the cases discussed, and who received services or were referred to other resources by CSIT members. We will also be streamlining the process by which CSIT members do outreach in schools and neighborhoods, ensuring that we are addressing any gaps. VPU and CSIT are working on ways to strengthen partnership and information sharing with other systems such as

The VPU plans to enhance its data collection on violent crimes in Madison and the surrounding jurisdictions in the upcoming year. In addition, we are thinking of ways to strengthen our connection and collaboration with neighboring cities.