

QUARTER 2 REPORT

April 1, 2022 — June 30, 2022

Overview

The purpose of the Community Safety Intervention Team (CSIT) is to share information regarding 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 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 Quarter 1—2022	Number of CSIT Incidents Discussed Quarter 2—2022
Homicide	1	2
Attempted Homicide	5	6
Shots Fired	11	19
Other (robbery, stolen auto, SWAT, Assault, etc.)	14	6

Madison Police Department Notifications

Between April and the end of June there were 56 notifications of incidents from the Madison Police Department (MPD), which were tracked by the Violence Prevention Unit. Of those incidents, 33 were discussed by CSIT at the weekly meeting, while 23 were recorded for tracking and data collection.

Overall Synopsis

One objective of the CSIT team is to respond to violent incidents and create strategies to prevent further violence from occurring. Many of the incidents during the quarter required further outreach and intervention from various CSIT members. This outreach consisted of responding to the hospital following an incident of violence, as well as connecting with families to provide resources, referrals to services, or ongoing intensive case management.

It is important to note that incidents of shots fired increased from last quarter. Several of the shots fired incidents CSIT discussed ended with a car driving off or witnesses reporting cars shooting at each other. This is concerning because it increases the risk for bystanders to be caught in crossfire. Another notable

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point is that Madison police are recovering guns from stolen autos. This happens occasionally, but the connection between stolen cars and guns is an emerging issue.

Some of the incidents the group responds to are connected by families, social groups and in some cases gang affiliations. The team is seeing the opportunity for earlier intervention and services based on the connections and social circles of those involved in violent incidents. Following a recent gun homicide related to a domestic violence situation, we found that the victim was related to and in the social network of people involved in other incidents earlier this year. This tells us the importance of tracking families and social networks after incidents occur to see where there may be connections and the possibility for earlier intervention strategies. Sometimes those involved are resistant to services, but CSIT members continue to do outreach, provide referrals, and attempt to bridge the gaps.

Interventions/Outcomes

CSIT continues to coordinate responses to violent incidents, and provide outreach and services to those in need during the aftermath of an incident. For example, after a court case related to a previous homicide, two individuals from Madison were possibly going to be released following their own court appearances. If they were to be released, the potential for retaliatory violence would have been very high. Focused Interruption was tasked with making contact with the family in order to work with the two individuals on leaving Madison for their own safety. Both individuals were kept in secure custody on other charges, but the reality of future violence upon their release is very real. CSIT made it a point to make plans around their transition from corrections. CSIT, along with our partners, often discuss people who might be returning to the community and the impact it can have on the current environment.

Next Steps/Updates

Community Safety Intervention Team Overview and Protocols will be finalized by the Violence Prevention Unit and CSIT. This document will serve as a guide for CSIT as well as a way to spread this type of collaboration to other communities. The CSIT model can be changed to fit the needs of different communities and this document will allow for technical assistance when helping to form community safety groups in other parts of Dane County. CSIT is also planning to include members from cities which border Madison into the current structure.

The need for more community-based engagement has grown. CSIT, PHMDC, and the Madison and Dane County Violence Prevention Coalition are planning more opportunities for community engagement and events in addition to the intervention services already provided.