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Injury & Violence Prevention ACTION Team Meeting AGENDA & NOTES

Date: 12-06-2017

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

Location or Conference Call Number: DPH Lab – Rocky Hill

Attendees: Lindsey Kelley (DPH), Kevin Borrup (CT Children’s Hospital), Amy Mirizzi (DPH), Andrea Duarte (DMHAS), Bonnie Meyers (Brain Injury Alliance), Donna Burke (HRIA) Sandra Gill (DPH), Chantelle Archer (DPH)

Agenda Items	Time	Discussion	ACTION Items & person responsible
Update 2017 Fall Prevention Strategy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Gans sent an update on the work physical and occupational therapists are doing across the state. 	
Injury and Violence Prevention 2018 Policy Agenda		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Is there legislation that this Action Team has an interest in putting forward for the 2018 legislative session? ❖ Are other groups/coalitions putting something forward that this group could help garner support for? What could that look like? ❖ Are there issues that we could raise awareness about among key decision-makers this year to help move legislation forward in 2019? <p><u>Suicide Prevention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed proposing legislation that would require schools to provide a curriculum on suicide prevention. The legislation would incorporate evidence-based practices. • Discussed addressing awareness of training opportunities for clinicians to enhance competencies in assessing suicide risk in patients. • There was also discussion about developing a requirement for clinicians to provide some evidence of completed suicide prevention training. • Training should focus on existing clinicians and making it a requirement for new hires. • There is a lack of awareness of tools and resources that are available. FYI, there is free online training available via Columbia University. Gatekeeper training is also available for free. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion on having a legislative requirement for municipal drop boxes. The language should be expanded to include college/university campuses. An incentive should be established for campuses to add drop boxes, and hospitals and police departments should be allowed to have drop boxes. • DMHAS is working with the DOT on falls off bridges. DOT is currently extending barriers when working on Arrigoni Bridge in Milton. DMHAS has also considered working with DEEP because suicides are happening in parks. <p><u>Seatbelts in all positions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This policy item is currently on DPH and DOT’s legislative agendas. <p><u>Motorcycle Helmets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has been a multi-year effort. • The advocacy message should include disability data related to the numbers of people who have become disabled as a result of not wearing a protective helmet in a motorcycle crash. <p><u>Teen Driving</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 8, 2018 the CT Teen Driving Safety Partnership sponsored an ice cream social that was held at the LOB to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of safer teen driving laws, also known as graduated driver licensing. The parents of teens who died in car crashes were also in attendance. Advocates want legislators to continue supporting the current laws and to consider other types of legislation. • Some barriers are related to differing cultures, parents, class issues, financial issues (for example, some classes are cost prohibitive for lesser income populations) • Work is being done to raise awareness in 2018 for a bill in 2019. <p><u>Sexual Violence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should focus on training within school districts including faculty, staff, coaches, administration, and parent groups. • A group could convene to look at what is being done in each school system. <p><u>Falls Prevention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion on establishing a policy to have physicians conduct basic assessments of older patients regarding falls prevention. • Senior centers and senior organizations are opportunities for raising awareness. 	
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		<p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion on making mental health and suicide prevention a part of gun permit training. 	
HCT2020 and Injury and Violence Prevention Efforts across CT		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What is the role of a SHIP? ❖ What does HCT2020 add to the existing injury and violence prevention efforts across the state? ❖ What role could the SHIP play moving forward? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SHIP can open the door for other initiatives. It might be better positioned to advocate for suicide prevention. • Local Health Departments are aligned with the SHIP via their Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPS). • The SHIP might be able to promote change in higher education. • The SHIP provides opportunities for collaboration with other Action Teams. The IVP Action Team needs a better sense of what the other Action Teams are doing. • How can we advocate/integrate work of the IVP Action Team in our everyday work? • How can we better integrate the work going on across the state so there is less fragmentation? 	
Next Steps		Next Meeting Date/Time: February 1, 2018, 9:00-11:00am, 12 Charter Oak Place, Hartford	