Standing Agenda

An initiative of the Empowerment Network
Violence Intervention & Prevention Team

Omaha 360 Violence Prevention & Intervention

Community Taskforce Meeting

Omaha Home for Boys – Wurdeman Learning Center

Wednesdays, 2:00 pm – 3:00pm

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Law Enforcement Updates –** OPD NE and NW Precincts & Gang Unit / Douglas County Sheriff's Dept.
3. **Targeted Area Response/Mobilization –** Village Stakeholders & Omaha 360 Partners
4. **Roundtable & Announcements -** Village Stakeholders & Omaha 360 Partners
5. **Meeting Focus Areas:**

   1st Week Focus - Priority Area Report Outs & Village Zones: Update/Break-Outs *(see Map Below for Your Village Zone Number)*
   2nd Week Focus - Data & Trends
   3rd Week Focus - Strategy Updates/ Partner Report Outs
   4th Week Focus - 2016 Priority Area Break Out Groups:
   - Conflict Resolution
   - Intervention
   - Reentry
   - Support Services



A. Reduce gun violence, shootings/gun assaults
B. Reduce city-wide homicides
C. Reduce "gang-related" homicides
D. Reduce youth/young adult gun violence (Ages 14-29)
E. Reduce active "gang" involvement by providing intervention and positive alternatives
F. Increase the number of summer jobs and expand transitions to year round education & employment

STRATEGIES

Collaboration

A. **Expand Partnerships**
B. **Revitalize Peace Zone Initiative & Expand Pledge for Peace**
C. **Best Practices and Evidence-Based Data Collection**
D. **Funding & Capacity Building**
E. **Develop and Convene Policy Sub-Group of the Omaha 360 Advisory Team**

Prevention & Positive Alternatives

A. **Expand Step Up Omaha Summer Jobs and expand transitions to year around employment opportunities:** Step-Up Omaha!, Urban League of NE, HWS, Hope for Kids, In Common, Latino Center of the Midlands, MCC, OEDC, Kroc Center, Girls Inc., ENCAP, OPS, SOBA, and many others
B. **Support Positive After School Alternatives for Youth:** The Sal, The Hope Center, BGCO, Girls Inc., NE Children's Home Society, YMCA-Butler Gast, Collective for Youth, MT JAVA, Banister's Leadership Academy, MAYS, Omaha Public Libraries, NorthStar, and others
C. **Expand Village Basketball and Football**: Hope Center for Kids **Expand Village Baseball:** BPOA **Expand Village Golf:** Miller Park
D. **Harmony Week**: Expand offerings and mobilize the community. Various Omaha 360 Partners
E. **Support Adopt-A-Block & Church/Faith Initiatives:** Pastor Bruce, Dave Gehrls
F. **Reenergize & Expand Neighborhood Associations in the Village:** Encourage Neighborhood Beautification. Partner with Stakeholder Efforts to Address Vacant/Nuisance Properties NONA (P. Jones), SOBA (D. Catlin), SONA, City Council, Code Enforcement, OPD, Neighborhood Associations, Churches
G. **Expand Student Involvement & Peace Education:** Expand Students for Peace. Tailored approaches for Elementary, Middle & High School. OPS, Collective for Youth, OPD (lunch visits), More Than Just a Village, etc. Mentoring and Community-Based Programs, i.e. Hope Center for Kids, BBBS, MMP, Nebraska Children's Home Society
H. **Expand Senior Community Involvement:** Mentoring, Program Support, etc. Faith Community, Community Centers, Schools

Intervention

A. **Direct Intervention & Mediation - Targeted Groups & Individuals -** Gang Interventionists/Specialists, Faith Leaders, OPD, Probation, Gang Unit
B. **OPD Intervention and Home Visits :** OPD, Gang Unit, Probation
C. **School Intervention & Street Intervention with Targeted Groups:** Gang Interventionists/Specialists, Faith Leaders, OPD, Probation, Gang Unit
D. **Prayer Walk/Crisis Care - Hospital Intervention, Direct Outreach & Intervention**: Omaha 360, First Responders, Dave Gehrls

Enforcement & Community Support

A. **Remove Illegal Guns:** Continue and expand gun amnesty programs. Develop Straw Purchases education/awareness.
B. **Target Arrests:** Continue targeted operations
C. **Crime Stoppers and Public Support:** Support African-American, North Omaha and other businesses that invest in the community
D. **Community Outreach:** Stop the Violence Rallies, RISE participation, Safe Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, etc.

Re-entry & Recovery

A. **Develop a Community Pre-Release Outreach Plan**
B. **Conduct Community-Based Organization Inventory:** Determine community's capacity for addressing returning citizens
C. **Expand Pledge for Peace "Behind the Walls":** State, City, County wide
D. **Reentry and Support Services** – Provide stronger support and services - Pre-release Training, Education, Employment, One Stop Center, Resources, and Coaching; Support Services – Housing, Counseling, Transportation, Substance Abuse Treatment, etc.
E. **Justice and Civil Rights** – Justice Reform, Voting Rights, Police/Community Relations, Housing and Employment Discrimination, etc.

Support Services

A. **Expand Partnerships with Mental Health Providers/Counseling Services**
B. **Conduct Community-Based Organization Inventory of Housing Services & Availability**
C. **Expand Partnerships with Housing Agencies, CBO's and Private Management Companies**
D. **Develop/Partner on Renter & Management Education:** Particularly as it relates to re-entry and citizens with barriers
E. **Crisis Support Teams:** Direct, Transitioning, Ongoing and Staff Counseling
F. **Develop Funeral Support Teams:** Faith Communities, Omaha 360, CBOs

	OPPORTUNITIES	DETAILS
	☐ Meeting Set-Up & Volunteer	Help with monthly community meeting set-up, etc. and/or other events as needed
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	☐ Recruitment	Commit to bringing two new people to a monthly Community meeting or a weekly Omaha 360
	☐ Volunteer Adopt-A-Block Coordinator	Work with Village Zone Leaders to coordinate community mtgs, events, etc. Background & training available
	☐ Serve on Omaha 360 Planning/Leadership Team	Representation from all of Omaha 360's strategic areas. Monthly commitment. More details on selection process are available.

	☐ Serve on Harmony Week Planning Team	Harmony Week: May 24 – 30 – Planning Group will meeting in March
	☐ Host or Sponsor Harmony Week Event	Host neighborhood event (i.e. block party, clean-up, honk-for-peace corner, etc. Support available.
POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES	Faith Leader Adopt-A-Block Leader	training and support available
	☐ Neighborhood Attendee	Volunteer to mow lawns and/or shovel snow for citizens needing assistance in an assigned Village Zone block
	☐ Male Leaders/Mentors	various Omaha 360 Partner programs. More details available.
	☐ Sponsor Village Basketball Team	Coach and/or sponsor a Village Basketball Alliance team. Games played at Hope Center. More details available.
	☐ Young Adults – Students for Peace	Start a "Students for Peace" Group at your high school. Adult leaders and support available.

	☐ Support Game Changers Program	Provide financial support for a Game Changer participant for one program year. More details available.
INTERVENTION & SUPPORT SERVICES	☐ Support Game Changers Program	Provide employment opportunities for program participants. More details available.
	☐ Support Game Changers Program	Provide lunch for one of the Game Changers' weekly large group meeting (35-40 people). More details available.
	☐ Support BGC Program	Provide financial support to BGC Fund for monetary assistance to victims' families.