# VIOLENCE PREVENTION UPDATE

Public Health Madison & Dane County February 9, 2022

## 2021 Highlights

Madison Dane County Violence Prevention:

A ROADMAP TO REDUCING VIOLENCE

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#### **Roadmap to Reducing Violence Released**

 The <u>Roadmap to Reducing Violence</u>, a comprehensive, 5-year plan to reduce violence in Madison & Dane County was released in March.

#### Violence Prevention Unit (VPU) Formalized

 Violence prevention unit expanded from a Violence Prevention Outreach & Response Coordinator and Data Analyst to include a Violence Prevention Supervisor, Violence Prevention Coordinator, Public Health Specialist – CARES Program, and Crime Reduction Community Development Specialist.

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### Madison Dane County Violence Prevention Coalition (MDCVP) Reconvened

- June: Identified strategic priorities for each of the 5 goals of the Roadmap for 2022. Formed coalition workgroups to support the development and implementation of action plans to address the strategic priorities.
- October: Shared the 2022 priorities of all MDCVP coalition workgroups and preliminary coalition data surveillance & evaluation plans.
- July December: Planned and hosted workgroup meetings. Started 2022 workgroup action plans.



#### Community Safety Intervention Team (CSIT) Expands

- Included more community partners for better information sharing of violent incidents.
- Increased CSIT effectiveness by utilizing the Regroup app for safer communication and sharing of information, and using spreadsheets and quarterly reports for better tracking of cases and outcomes.
- Created the CSIT quarterly report (Oct-Dec 2021).
- Plans to expand CSIT in 2022 with a program model and technical assistance.



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#### Community Alternative Response Emergency Services (CARES) Pilot

- September: Launched CARES pilot program; started responding to non-violent, mental health crises in the central district of Madison.
- Public Health Specialist (CARES Coordinator) hired to coordinate CARES program activities (e.g., strategic planning, program evaluation, communications).
- Action plan created, outlining objectives for work in the program (e.g., strategic planning, data dashboard monitoring of program implementation, program evaluation, and communications).
- Transitioning data dashboards from City of Madison to CARES Coordinator.



#### Data Processes Improved

- Created a data inventory to identify sources of violent crime information in Dane County, which will allow the VPU to analyze and report on relevant crime trends.
- Created a new process to formally request data from Madison Police Department, which can be replicated in other jurisdictions in order to efficiently gather data related to violent crimes throughout Dane County.
- Building infrastructure to collect and report on violent crime trends through the establishment of MDCVP's data workgroup.



## **Moving Forward**

### Community Safety Intervention Team (CSIT)

- CSIT planning more secure systems for notifications when a violent incident occurs
- The group plans to track intervention outcomes and create better data tracking methods
- Resource and referral options will be utilized by CSIT
- CSIT will also continue to expand the group in order to better serve the community

### Data Infrastructure

- Data software options and trainings have been identified and will be implemented
- Data sources continue to be identified; Records Requests template will be used as needed
- Create MOUs or agreements with partners for data that is needed on a regular basis
- Continue to collect and analyze data on violent crimes in Madison and Dane County
- Plan to enhance VP webpage with data dashboards

## **Moving Forward**

### CARES

- Program development, quality improvement and strategic planning are underway
- Develop internal and external-facing data dashboards
- Continue outreach to community and stakeholders
- Webpage and FAQs will be created
- Will contract additional support for designing and implementing the program's outcome evaluation

## BCJI

- BCJI Team & Advisory Council planning to focus on gun violence and sexual violence in Downtown Madison
- Advisory Council will review data and examine root causes of these incidents
- Identify interventions and programming options
- Action plan will be submitted to BJA for approval
- Outreach and Webpages will be developed
- Issue RFP to fund programming to address root causes of violence in Downtown area

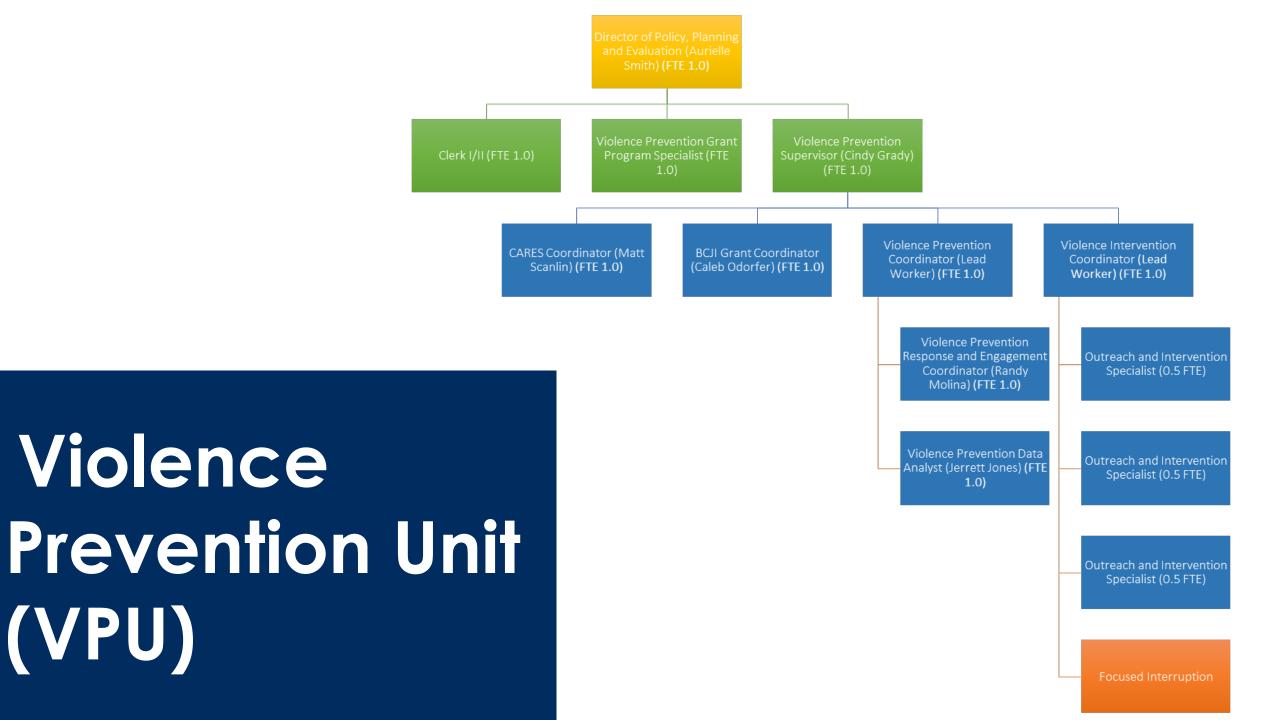
## Moving Forward

### **MDCVP** Coalition

- RFP under development; anticipated release in April, 2022
  - RFP is being informed by coalition work groups and the priorities they selected
- New Violence Prevention Grant Program Specialist to support contracts to community members based on RFP

### Violence Intervention

- New program within PHMDC in close partnership with Focused Interruption
- Program will focus on crisis response, stabilization, and mid-level case management/service connection
- Working with Focused Interruption we will bridge programming to support maximum capacity
  - This includes joint use of standardized risk assessments, intake forms, and co-response/on-call models.
- Contract construction and negotiations continue with Focused Interruption
- Resolution for the creation of new positions created during the budget process with go to County Board on 02/03/2022.



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