

The Movement towards Violence as a Health Issue

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Slide: Make Violence a Health Issue

- This is an overview of the Movement towards Violence as a Health Issue
- The Movement is a national effort to support and expand health-based approaches to violence prevention and establish a new understanding of violence of all forms.
- This effort includes over 400 individuals representing more than 100 organizations across the country dedicated to activating the health and community response to violence.

Slide: Health

- This Movement has been built on a shared understanding of health, which the World Health Organization defines as “a complete state of physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.” We all know that this is obviously impossible to achieve while there is violence.

Slide: Movement Goals

- To achieve reductions in violence and trauma and reach this state of health, the Movement is working towards five central goals:
 1. Develop common understanding and language among health and community groups, leaders, and sectors to greatly elevate violence as a health issue
 2. Increase policies to support health approaches to violence prevention
 3. Change practices to increase the utilization of health and community solutions to violence prevention
 4. Examine opportunities for the health approach to advance racial and health equity
 5. Develop additional multi-sector partnerships and coalitions to strengthen the Movement and its relationship to the efforts of related movements to support healthier, safer, more equitable outcomes for all communities

Slide: Movement Co-Chairs

- This collaborative effort consists of numerous leaders in the field of violence prevention and is co-chaired by Dr. Gary Slutkin, CEO and Founder of Cure Violence, Dr. Al Sommer, Former Dean of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Dr. David Satcher, Former Surgeon General of the United States.

Slide: Movement Partners

- The Movement Partners cover a broad range of health and community organizations and agencies from across the county. It includes individuals and organizations from public health departments, universities and schools of public health, community-based organizations, national advocacy groups, and hospitals.

Slide: Health Approaches

- In order for the perception, system and policies to change and be sustained - health approaches need to be embedded throughout all sectors. The health approach is built off of 4 main principles: Understanding, not-blaming; Based on Science; and Neutral Uses a Team approach

Slide: Re-Understanding Violence

- As a society, one of our greatest injustices is how we treat violence. Our current understanding of violence has resulted in wrongful criminalization of people and communities, contributed to mass incarceration, and harmful suppression tactics.
- What we need to do is move away from the notion of violence being an issue “bad people” and “bad places” to recognizing what science clearly shows us and use health approaches to prevent violence.
- There is an ever growing body of research that demonstrates the innumerable impacts of violence on health and outcomes across the board in addition to science that shows us how violence spreads in a similar fashion to other health issues.
- This understanding allows us to focus on the larger context of violence and concentrate on upstream efforts that prevent future violent incidents, effectively working to establish environments where health can be achieved.

Slide: Framework

- Building a larger system that incorporates this approach to violence requires involvement of all sectors.
- The Movement developed this Framework for a Health System to Prevent Violence with detailed descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of all sectors across cities and states. Each sector has unique opportunities to influence and assist individuals and communities in preventing and health from exposure or involvement in violence. When these pieces of the framework able to coordinate and implement health-based practices, we see shifts in rates of violence and in improvements in outcomes for those at highest risk.
- The full Framework, which has more detailed information and examples of these roles and responsibilities, can be found at violenceepidemic.org.

Slide: Media/Public Understanding

- As health approaches to violence continue to spread and the Movement grows, we are beginning to see a shift in the conversation at the national level among some of our political leaders and in the media.
- These are just a few news stories from the past couple of years that exemplify this shift.

Slide: Mike Quigley/Public Health Violence Prevention Act

- In March of 2017, Congressman Mike Quigley of Illinois introduced House Bill 2757 which would increase funding through CDC to 18 sectors in communities experiencing violence. This would also elevate the national conversation through evaluation and collaboration. The \$1billion investment is projected to save money and most importantly lives.

Slide: Local Information

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