



Cook County Commission on Social Innovation

Thursday, June 8, 2023, | 4:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation was convened. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Alma Anaya, Chair of the Cook County Commission on Social Innovation. This meeting was open to the Public.

Commission Member's Present

- Honorable Alma E. Anaya
- Vice Chair Marc Lane
- Ex-Oficio Peter Creticos
- Patrick Brutus
- Roger Cooley
- Wendy DuBoe
- Steven Durlauf (Virtual)
- Xochitl Flores
- Christyn Freemon (Virtual)
- Howard Males (Virtual)
- Harry Alston
- Ana Guajardo

Commission Staff Present

- Andrea Meneses
- Irene Lopez

2. Public Testimony

- No Public Testimony was submitted to 7thdistrict.office@gmail.com

3. Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes deferred until the next meeting

4. Presentation from Dr. Selwyn Rogers, Jr., Executive Vice President, Community, Health Engagement, Founding Director, Trauma Center Chief, Section of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery

- This presentation can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/cookcountymission/videos/265515536015454/>

Background Information

- Can't talk about violence without discussing Ben "Benji" Wilson's story
- There is a need for Trauma Centers especially in the South side
- The Homicides in Chicago increased from 2015-2016

Case Study

- In 1991, many trauma centers closed. There was no trauma centers for about 27 years
- 1/3 of the homicides/violent crimes occur within a 5 mile radius of UChicago Medicine
- Communities & organizations pushed for there to be trauma centers
- Before the University of Chicago trauma center, there was a long distance/time traveled in the Southside compared to the Northside. Longer distance equals longer travel time which plays a role in someone's survival chances.
- After the University of Chicago Trauma Center was established (On May 1st, 2018) the travel time/distance decreased on the Southside. The total population within a 10 mile radius decreased from 85,257

individuals to 9,426 after the implementation of the Trauma Center.

- In the South Side, about 34-44% of the individuals are shot/firearm victims which is one of the highest in the USA, while in other countries, their #1 trauma activity consists of falls. If any firearm/shot victims the percentage of that is between 5-8%.

Social Determinants of Violence

- Within an 8 mile radius in Chicago, there is a significant change in life expectancy, from 85 years of age to 69.
- Social Determinants are the conditions in the environment where people are born, live, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality of life outcomes and risks.
- There is an overlap between economic exclusion and firearm injury. On the Southside there is more economic hardships as well as a low life expectancy area.
- Those who were victims of gun violence became victims again.
- Hospital-based violence recovery programs are designed to take advantage of the window of opportunity that often occurs in a clients' lives immediately after a violent trauma as well as during when they are more willing to accept interventions to address factors that put them at risk for violent recidivism.
- This program can help individuals reduce barriers to care in receiving community-based services.

Policy Recommendations

- Expanding the Stroger Hospital's Community Violence Intervention Program
- Transform Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) from "Reimbursement" to "Compensation" fund
- Expand County's Pilot Emergency Supplemental Victim Services Fund
 - Funeral services or any services victims need
- Improve the South/West sides and Primary Education for All
- Promote Early Childhood Education and Access to Mental Health Services
- Enforce CPD Consent Decree and investing in Trauma-informed policing
- Commit to Long-term Outcomes and aligning vectors

5. Updates from the Chair and Vice-Chair

- Chair Anaya
 - Had first Social Innovation Capacity Building workshop for Non-for profit at Franklin Park which was livestreamed and can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/cookcountymission/videos/800368794851934/>
 - Presentation was given by Vice Chair Marc Lane & Valerie Leonard, Nonprofit Utopia LLC

6. Old Business

- Commissioner Alston (Public Safety/Community Wellness working group) mentioned they are working on various projects related to their working group
- Commissioner DuBoe mentioned the Trauma Center meeting might be taking place in June but no dates on the table yet
- Commissioner Cooley (Industrial Policy/Community Assets) mentioned that access to fresh produce and the Electric Vehicle Charging stations can really help transform communities.
- Commissioner Freeman had no updates

7. New Business

- June 28th upcoming Firetalk chat with Vice Chair Marc Lane and Social Enterprise Chicago

8. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned. Moved by Commissioner Flores. Seconded by Commissioner DuBoe