Community-University Partnerships to Prevent Street Violence and Promote Resiliency

“Building Bridges for a Healthy San Francisco”

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How UCSF and San Francisco Communities Worked Together to Address a Growing Urban Problem
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- Community Response Networks
- SF Department of Public Health
- Vision Youthz
- Brothers Against Guns
- ...and more...

UNIVERSITY
- FCM Residency Program
- FCM 110 Clerkship
- UCSF SFGH Wraparound Project
- UCSF SFGH Pediatrics Department
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- Clinical Translational Science Institute
- University Community Partnership Program
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- UCSF SFGH Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
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- ...and more...
Agenda

- Brief History of CPRC and UCP at UCSF
- Partnerships to Address Violence
  - Evaluation
  - Cross-training/capacity building
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  - Service-learning
- Summarize challenges and strategies
- Q&A (and woven throughout)
- Small group exercise
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Learning Objectives

- Describe 3 challenges to building university capacity to engage with communities to address community violence, and describe 3 strategies to overcome those challenges.
- Describe 3 challenges to building CBO capacity to evaluate program impacts, and describe 3 strategies to overcome those challenges.
- Describe one new strategy for building capacity in their own community and/or university to address community violence
CPRC Mission

- The UCSF Community Partnership Resource Center seeks to promote the overall health and well-being of San Franciscans by facilitating partnerships between UCSF and local communities, focusing particularly on communities with significant health disparities compared to the rest of the city.
- Grass roots development 2003-2004
- Guided by CPRC Council
CPRC “3’s”

- Three target communities
  - Bayview Hunters Point
  - Mission District
  - Visitacion Valley

- Three issues prioritized by 3 communities in 2005
  - Oppression → promoting resiliency
  - Employment development
  - Preventing violence
Merge with University Community Partnerships

- Executive Vice Chancellor’s Task Force on Community Partnerships convened Summer 2004 and recommendations finalized in Summer 2005
- Chancellor and Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost established University Community Partnerships Office in Winter 2005-2006
- CPRC merged with UCP Office in 2009
- 24 member Council—half & half
- Small staff
University Community Partnerships

Vision
To improve the quality of life and promote health equity throughout San Francisco communities by cultivating, sustaining and advancing strong collaborative partnerships that model excellence in university and community engagement
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SF Context: Demographics

- SF total population ~815,000
- (%) White 46; Black 7; Asian 31; Latino 14
- Median household income $73k
- Persons below poverty 11%
- 108,000 children; almost half in families low-income or in extreme poverty
Context: Geography

- SF is 47 square miles
- Most violent injury and homicide occurs at 7 intersections in the City and in 4 neighborhoods
- 50% of violent crime occurs in 2% of neighborhoods
Context: cost

- Approximately 100 homicides per year in SF for the last 5 years
- Approximately 400 violent injuries per year in that same time
- Medical care for youth victims was $16 million in 2007
- 88% of that was public funding
- ~50 agencies funded this year 10.4 million for violence prevention/intervention (not law enforcement)
In this context: Community Response Networks (CRN)

- Pressure to:
  - Coordinate
  - Consolidate
  - Evaluate
Assessment of Resources and Needs Related to Violence and Resiliency

**Needs:**
- Coordinated response to violence
- Evaluation of impact of community-based interventions
- Capacity building for CBOs and health professionals
- Guide to resources for survivors

**Resources:**
- Community-based expertise in accessing resources for clients
- “Street cred” and intimate understanding of context in CBOs
- UCSF technical expertise
- Passion and commitment to peacemaking, advocacy and healing
CPRC Role Facilitating:

- Partnerships for evaluation
- Capacity building through cross-training
- Collaborative development of resource guides
Partnership for Evaluating Community Interventions

- Beginning late 2006, CPRC convened
  - UCSF experts in evaluation and violence research
  - UCSF experts in partnership building
  - CBO experts in violence prevention, intervention and aftercare

...for a series of discussions, working meetings and workshops
Evaluation Intervention and Product

- Discussions about what to measure in violence intervention work
- Development of evaluation plans for 2 CBOs
- Partnership between UCSF and CBO partners for a longer-term evaluation of the Community Response Network (CRN)
- UCSF partners improved their knowledge related to current community violence
- CBO partners improved their knowledge of how to develop an evaluation
Cross Training for Capacity Building

- Substance Abuse and Harm Reduction
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Complex Trauma
- Community Context for Youth Violence and CBO interventions
- Addressing Vicarious Trauma
  - Healing the Healer
• Screening of youth films about community violence
• Opening remarks by Dr. Andre Campbell, trauma surgeon SFGH
• Panel discussion with experts in violence prevention and crisis response
Resource Guides for Survivors of Violence and Homicide

- Inspired by the Visitacion Valley Network for Survivors of Violence (Survivors Network)
- Many providers have expertise in accessing and navigating services needed by victims of violence, yet these resources were not compiled and easily shared
Resource Guide Development

- Address a growing need shared by service providers—community and clinical—for referring patients to support services after being impacted by violence
- Developed over a year by MS3s as part of FCM 110 under the supervision of CPRC staff
- Crisis responders, trauma surgeons and others contributed content and expertise
- Posted on CPRC website in June 2008 (soon to be on merged UCP website)
- Evaluation, revision, translation & publication-2009
Service Learning as Intervention

- CPRC placed, supervised, or assisted over a dozen UCSF learners in projects addressing violence in the SE sector including:
  - FCM Residents
  - FCM 110 MS3s
  - 4th year AoC Community Health and Social Advocacy students

- Students played a variety of roles
  - Identifying trainers; planning and coordinating trainings
  - Interviewing experts; compiling and editing resource guides
  - Planning and staffing the SFGH film screening
  - Violence prevention curriculum in schools
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Group Activity

Objective: Groups will develop strategies for using partnership to overcome challenges related to community violence.

Step 1: One volunteer will present a challenge for group strategy.

Step 2: Report back to group.
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Remember...

- Community-University partnerships take time, but can and should produce tremendous benefits for both
- Communities must guide the work of community-based health interventions
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