



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Office of Violence Prevention Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 13, 2025

1:00 PM

The Reentry
Opportunity Center
(The ROC)
Suite G
1621 Towne Dr.
Columbia, MO 65202

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order with committee approval at 1 pm.

Present: 7 - Mataka Askari, Dan Hanneken, Charles Jackson, Anthony Johnson, Roger Johnson, Joanne Nelson and Rodney Stewart

Excused: 4 - Jared Drummond, Connor McGowan, Matthew Stephens and Tasca Tolson

Absent: 6 - Chuck Basye, Pamela Hardin, Elvira Maxwell, Randy Minchew, Jerrell Morton and Marcus Richardson

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Committee approved agenda as is.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee approved minutes as is.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Community Navigation Liaison RFP Update

Staff updated the committee on the next steps for the CNL RFP and the current status of the RFP being awarded to Powerhouse CDC awaiting council approval of funds amended.

Young Men United Update

Staff gave update regarding Heart of Missouri United Way's interest in developing a similar program in Columbia.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Notice of Funding Opportunity from the U.S. Department of Justice

Staff informed committee of the status of the DOJ grant and the time frame of when they can expect updates on the grant process.

Activate MO Community Safety Initiative

Attachments: [Activate MO Engagement](#)

Staff introduced Rhiannon from Activate MO. Committee asked Rhiannon about charter school affiliation with her answer being no affiliation to charter schools. Rhiannon expressed interest in community conversations about school safety with parents.

VII. REPORTS

Youth Trauma and Gun Violence Inquiry

Documentary maker wanted to partner with the local OVP for film screening. Committee expressed decision to table the potential partnership until more information with the documentary maker is available. Committee asked staff to communicate with other OVPs to see if any have partnered and to bring information back to next meeting.

Building Out the Office of Violence Prevention for Future Impact

Staff updated the committee on potential office staff for the OVP and the need for staff in order to continue to be effective.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Several members of the Columbia Public School Board and staff were present at the committee meeting: Dr. Jeff Klein, Erica Dixon, Michelle Baumstark, and April Ferraro.

Dr. Klein stated his desire to join CPS to the efforts of violence prevention in the city and wanted to appoint one of his staff to the committee.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be set by the selection of the Doodle Poll from the committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 from committee approval.