

911 Responses/Crisis Intervention
November 10, 2021

Present: Jennifer, Xavier, Manju, Isaac, James, Dwayne (Rose Werth present as member of public)

Agenda

Review audit of existing non-policing crisis response programs in other countries
--we have to present on the town hall at our TF meeting tonight!
--180day (Q2) report from the round table.

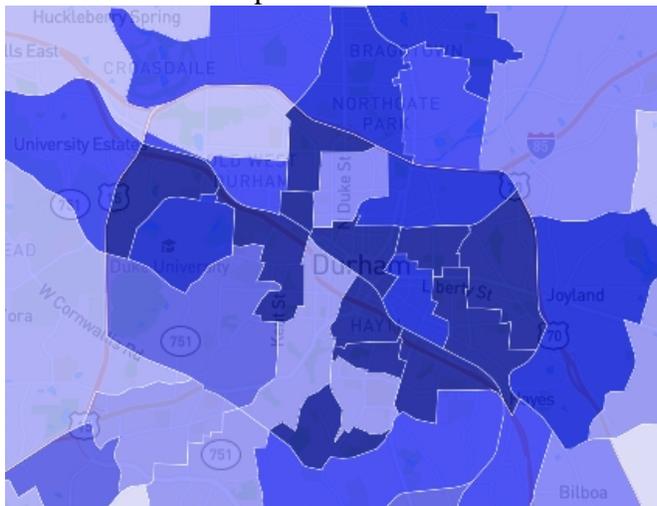
James catches Jen up on what she missed at the end of the last meeting.
Sozosei is having a summit in Philadelphia - Jen is going and happy to travel with questions and talking points as serves the RT/TF

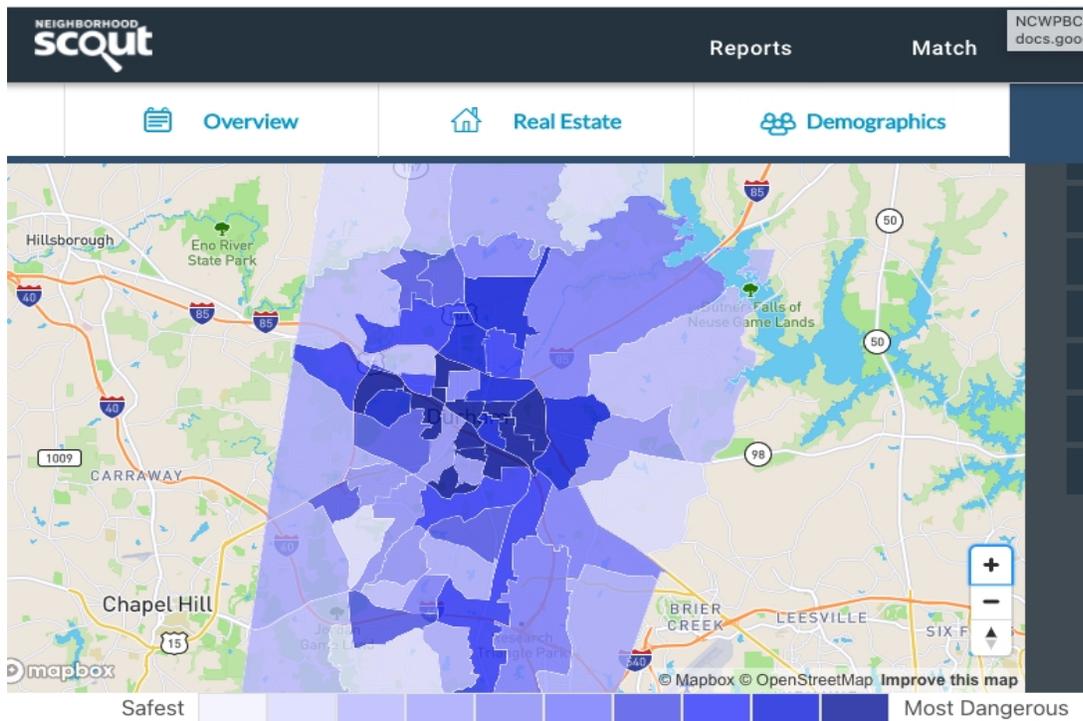
Ongoing discussion of the Wide Universe of different response programs other cities have cooked up and piloted.

--how do we want to communicate what was learned. What have we learned?

- Is there interest in doing another townhall with targeted outreach to fill representation gaps that emerged from our first town hall.
- Possibly in December? Sooner is probably better. Ryan has to do a high level report on the Department soon, and having that information in a timely manner for him is key.
- Any in person meetings will be smaller in attendance
- If in person it should be physically in a location where residents have been underrepresented in discussions.
- Dec 10 or 11?
- Childcare stipend and food are possible.

Here's a "crime map" of sorts taken from Ye Olde Internet:





Dwayne notes the need to better sample/learn from Black men in Durham. Outreach should be targeted.

Ryan suggests hosting a few events across town simultaneously.

Outreach to Durham CAN for assistance? <https://www.durhamcan.org/>

--would also increase our visibility in the community.

--St. Josephs AME

--Hayti Heritage Center

--be deliberate about hosting in religious spaces.

--DHA properties/community centers

--Weaver St Rec Center

--Migrant/refugee welcoming space

We pivot to talk about the quarterly report, and that mostly consisted of everyone else cluing in Jen who missed this planning at the end of the last meeting. The summary of the round table is going into the quarterly report. Other questions for the report have been assigned. Jen is assisting with answering the question related to the survey of resources.

Manju reported back about community efforts to slow the process of the new youth jail to allow better community involvement. There is an event being hosted with county commissioners to try to expand the “stakeholders” involved in this conversation.

Direct quote from invitation sent by community orgs to commissioners re: this meeting:

Our organizations and others would like to invite the Board of County Commissioners to a public town hall about youth wellness alternatives to Durham County's new youth jail. Please join us!

Youth Heal In Communities Not Cages Town Hall

Date: November 18 at 7 PM EST

Register here: bit.ly/noyouthjail

We are hoping you'll be present to listen, and we'll be inviting you to briefly share your thoughts after hearing community members.

We understand that the current plan has been in the works for years, which is why we are troubled that most Durham residents we talk with are not yet aware that the County plans to spend over \$30 million public dollars on a new detention facility for children ages 8-17.

Funding has already been approved for a new building - green facility, etc.

What should that actually be?? If not a jail.

Language says something like "facility OR alternative that meets youth needs"

Recommendation votes by the TF are 2/3 majority and all other procedural votes are by majority (of those present)

Thoughts about recommendations:

--perhaps limit them to procedure to bring forth more options for public comment.

--DAs office has been refusing to prosecute children. - reducing youth incarceration.

Proposal Name: Need for Public Discussion and Input Regarding Proposed New Youth Detention Center

Brought by: Isaac Villegas, Jennifer Carroll, Manju Rajendran, Xavier Cason

Date of creation: Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Brief description of the proposal: Offer the public opportunity to understand the County's proposed new youth detention center and invite more public input, particularly directly impacted community members

Effective Date or Implementation Deadline: Immediately

Recommendation language drafted for presentation to the TF this evening:

We ask the county commissioners to provide a minimum of 6 months for public comment regarding the plan for a new youth detention facility, with special attention to the inclusion of directly impacted youth and families who are involved in the criminal-legal system. As a Task Force charged by the commissioners with promoting community involvement in decisions regarding community safety and wellness, we would be glad to help provide forums for public comment from Durham residents during that time period.

We further recommend that the county commissioners use this public comment period to explore all community proposals for alternatives to Durham County's new youth jail that promote youth wellness before moving forward with the current plan to construct a facility for youth incarceration.

Plan to present Town Hall = Xavier, Jen, Isaac, then Manju, with our respective sections, 5 min each.

Save 10 min for recommendations.

For the department:

-Take Ryan up on his offer to scout locations

-Nail down Saturday the 11th.

-wait till next week to finalize locations then let CSD go do their thing with promotion.

Libraries? Main, south

Hayti center

North Roxboro - Iglesia Presebeteriana Emanuel (on N Roxboro) - Isaac can approach.

10-12?