Somerville Community Safety Coalition (SCSC) Proposal

Vision:

To identify community based solutions for safety for all Somerville community members. Including primary prevention of violence, disenfranchisement, and discrimination; early identification of individual, family, and community needs and referrals to appropriate services; and ongoing follow-up with and for individuals, families, and communities within and around Somerville to ensure an integrated community based approach to safety.

Goals:

Stakeholders and Community Agencies will develop specific goals to support the vision of the SCSC by addressing specific gaps in services as identified by System Intercept Model evaluation.

To develop and adhere to a rigorous and transparent self-evaluation process including opportunities for open community feedback (both anonymous and in person), collection of qualitative and quantitative data on all implemented proposals, and regular publication of SCSC meeting minutes and implementation results.

Identified Stakeholders:

Respond, Domestic Violence Services and Education

Trauma Response Network (TRN), Crisis Support/ PFA through Somerville HHS

Cataldo EMS, Ambulance Services

CHA, Hospital and Ambulatory Services

Cambridge Somerville Emergency Services Program (CSESP), mobile behavioral health crisis response

Cambridge Cares about AIDS, Central Square needle exchange and communicable disease prevention services

Somerville Fire

Somerville Council on Aging

Cambridge/Somerville DCF

Teen Empowerment

Somerville Public Schools

Next Wave Full Circle

Ostiguy High School

Somerville Public Libraries

Somerville YMCA

Somerville HHS

First Church Somerville UUC

Community Action Agency of Somerville; Head Start, housing advocacy, community organizing, and free tax preparation

Groundwork Somerville, urban green spaces and sustainable practices

BLM Boston

The Welcome Project

JustUs Somerville

COHR; SPD Community Outreach, Health and Recovery diversion program (Patty has run RC academy, not BSAS sponsored)

Somerville Homeless Coalition, Adult shelter (dry) and Family Shelter (DHCD)

Tufts

Somerville Business and Professional Association

Somerville Chamber of Commerce

WIC - Somerville

Mayor Curtatone

Somerville City Council

Rep. Pressley

Sen. Markey

Sen. Warren

Sen. Jehlen

Rep. Connolly

Rep. Provost

Rep. Barber

First Steps:

Agencies in the room (5-10min each); services provided, persons served, strengths, weaknesses, reason for joining in SCSC partnership/ goals

Identify 1-3 priority common PD intercepts to move toward community based safety response (eg. Substance Use Disorder (SUD) crisis, Child Requiring Assistance (CRA), Mental Health (MH) crisis calls)

Sequential Intercept Model (SIM map) identified priority intercepts. [More info](#)

- Identify programs in the SCSC and in the community that provide services at each intercept
- Identify overlaps in services provided
- Identify existing collaborations
- Identify service gaps

Propose program to address service gap(s):

- Draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) to address service gaps and send to community stakeholders (all RFPs will include a plan for evaluation in addition to the program proposal)
- Review submitted RFPs in SCSC
    - o SCSC will workshop with applicants to create a high quality proposed intervention(s)
- Identify existing programs with capacity to implement new programming
    - o Invite new community partners to SCSC if not currently participating
    - o Identify program needs to implement proposal
        - ▪ Training needs
        - ▪ Funding needs
            - Somerville City allocated budget for funding
            - MA HHS/ BSAS, DPH, DHCD, etc. funding
            - Identify grant writing experts
            - Fundraising opportunities
        - ▪ Staffing needs
        - ▪ Collaboration needs
- Identify any similar existing or past programs in other communities and reach out for advice, lessons learned, published works, and offer collaboration

Implement Program to address service gap(s):

- Implementing program will attend SCSC meetings to update coalition members on progress, successes, barriers, and needs
- SCSC will provide assistance in evaluation of implemented proposal
- SCSC will make evaluation data publically available and solicit community and participant feedback on the implemented proposal

Evaluation of SCSC:

- Annual Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threat (SWOT) analysis of SCSC. [More Info](#)
- Regular publication of all research; proposed, ongoing, and completed projects; meeting minutes; and SWOT analysis
- Regular open meetings
    - Identification of new possible SCSC members
    - Outreach to engage more community partners
    - Opportunities for in person and anonymous feedback from all community members
    - Open to all applications RFPs for all projects