



Minutes of a Monthly CREW Meeting
172 S Chicago St., Joliet, IL 60432
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 / 1:00 P.M.

The Community Response and Engagement Workgroup (CREW), being held at 172 S. Chicago Street, Ozzie and Peggy Mitchell Center Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. was called to order by the Director of the CREW LeShae Hudson. The following official business was transacted:

The VPCC led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The VPCC called the roll as follows:

CREW

Demarcus Wilfong	Present
Shenette Mitchell	Present
Bishop Steven Evans	Present
Uri Rodriguez	Present
Elizabeth Protich	Present

COMMUNITY CONVENER

LESHAE HUDSON	Present
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Tim Carlin	Miguel Cambray
Sis. Mary Fransis Sealy	
Jim Richards Sr.	John Lukancic
Cesar Guerrero	
Aaron Kuzlowski	Sis. Phyllis Wilhelm
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	Chris Manzo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

VPCC Minutes: VPCC LeShae Hudson asks for a motion. Bishop Evans motions to approve the minutes of the February 12th meeting and Seconded by Shenette Mitchell. A roll call was taken. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: LeShae Hudson announced the renewal of the Community Convener FY25 grant allocated to the Joliet Township Government from the Reimagine Public Safety Act Grant through the Illinois Department of Human Service and the Illinois Office of Violence Prevention. LeShae also facilitated a refresher of the previous ZOOM meeting held Monday, April 28th at 1pm, with the members of the CREW in which they discussed the advancement of the new role of convener, hiring an additional staff person as a Community Liaison/Data Specialist. LeShae explained to the council that the meetings will now have dual purposes and once the monthly convening meeting adjourned, the Comprehensive Training Module will begin. LeShae also discussed the council’s name change from the Racial Equity Impact Assessment League (REIAL) to the Community Response Engagement Workgroup (CREW). LeShae introduced Miguel Cambray, a CVI consultant for the Joliet Township Government. Miguel did an overview of the cross sectors organizations that make up the CREW. Miguel also expressed the importance of LeShae’s work as a convener and highlighted the most notable local and national mass shootings in the United States, and the essential equipping of the convener and the CREW to assist victims and their families during firearm related incidents in Joliet and Greater Joliet. Handouts were given to the attendees. The announcement of the next training module which is “Victims and Family Assistance in Crisis Situation held at the Illinois Youth and Family Service Facility located at 200 S. Larkin Street on Wednesday, May 21st at 1pm

VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMUNITY CONVENER (VPCC) ITEMS:

NEW BUSINESS: LeShae Hudson announced the advancements of the monthly convening meetings coupled with the training modules as the first one is Incident Command Center hosted by John Lukancic, Director of Emergency and Disaster Management for the City of Joliet. There will be nine other modules throughout the year that will be facilitated by CREW members as well as renowned experts in the field of community violence intervention

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

REPORTS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: LeShae Hudson asks for a motion to adjourn. Steven Evan motions to adjourn. Elizabeth Protich seconds. A roll call was taken. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LeShae Hudson, Director
Community Response and Engagement Workgroup