



Minutes of a Monthly CREW Meeting
Ozzie & Peggy Mitchell Center
172 S. Chicago Ave, Joliet IL 60436
Wednesday, Sept 24, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

The Community Response and Engagement Workgroup (CREW), being held at The Ozzie & Peggy Mitchell Center, at 172 S. Chicago, Joliet, IL 60436, Sept 24, 2025, 1:00 P.M. was convened by the Community Convener of the CREW, Gabriel M. Garcia. The following business was transacted:

The VPCC called the roll as follows:

CREW

Caitlyn Daly	Present
Dr. Marquerite Blich	Present
Jill Skole	Present
Haydee Martinez	Present
Salvador Cerna	Present
Susan Brown	Present
Lorraine Guerrero	Present
Natarria Walker	Present
Mardi Wunderlich	Present
Zlatina Kostov	Present
Cesar Guerrero	Present
Ana Campa	Present
Miguel Cambray	Present
Jamario Taylor	Present
Pastor Kishia Coleman	Present
Ricky Rodgers	Present
Elizabeth Nunez	Present

COMMUNITY CONVENER

Gabriel M. Garcia	Present
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1. Reintroduction of the CREW

- The group recognized as the Community Response and Engagement Workgroup "CREW" formally known as the Racial Equity Impact Assessment League "REIAL" encompassing public safety, community liaison, law enforcement, educational institutions, public health, faith-based, and youth organizations.
- Representatives present included: Illinois Youth and Family Services, Sam's Club, Catholic Charities Daybreak, Joliet Police Department and Guardian Angel Community Services and community members.

2. Purpose

- The crew assembles in response to firearm incidents (both isolated cases and mass shootings) to coordinate support for victims and survivors, including funerals, burial, and impact services.

3. Announcements

- Isabel Glora highlighting and promoting VPCC work across Joliet to increase community awareness and community engagement in available resources.
- Welcome Haydee & Lorena, TIBH Therapists.
- Applications/interviews review for PT Outreach Liaison position.
- ICE presence in Joliet, the impact, and the safety plans surrounding ICE efforts and community safety.

4. Community Safety Plans

- An overview of the Community Safety Plans and the path to completion was provided. All CREW members and community attendees were reminded of the importance of their engagement in the CSP planning process to ensure open communication and consideration of all community needs related to CSPs.

5. Incidents of Violence

- Aug 2025, VPCC tracked approx. 40 incidents of Violence across Greater Joliet
- Sept 1 – Sept 17, 2025, VPCC is tracking approx. 50 incidents of violence currently across Greater Joliet.

7. Flex Funds Q Report

- Q2 4 applications received, 3 eligible referrals.
- \$4,284 FF utilized for applicants needs.

8. Open Forum/Announcements: None

9. Meeting Closed

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.

CREW attendees proceeded with Training Module focused on The Public Health Model of Violence 2-2:30