



Alameda County
Health Care Services Agency



Alameda County Public Health Department
Celebrating Healthy People in Healthy Communities

Alameda County Joint Health & Public Safety Committee

Presentation:

Public Health Office of Violence Prevention

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About This Presentation...

- Alameda County has been engaged in violence prevention work since 2005.
- Violence continues to have a significant impact on communities in Alameda County, with homicide on the rise as the 6th leading cause of premature death.
- In alignment with the 2020-21 Community Health Needs Assessment and with your Board's allocation of ARPA funding, the Public Health Department created the Office of Violence Prevention in 2023.
- The Office of Violence Prevention will apply a public health approach to violence, working in partnership with community to better understand the scope and impacts of violence and develop strategies that promote community safety and resilience.

The following provides further information on the Public Health Office of Violence Prevention, its development, and implementation plans.

Agenda

- County Violence Prevention Efforts
- Mortality in Alameda County
- ACPHD's Office of Violence Prevention
- Progress Updates & Next Steps

County Violence Prevention Efforts

KIMI WATKINS-TARTT, PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR



AC Blueprint for Violence Prevention (2005)

- Early efforts spearheaded by diverse group of stakeholders from across Alameda County.
- Blueprint Objectives:



- Each objective included a set of recommendations ranging from prevention to intervention strategies, and aftermath/ “resolution.”

Why Violence Prevention Is A Public Health Issue

- Violence impacts the health and well-being of an entire community:
 - Physical, mental, emotional health consequences for individuals and families
 - Economic hardships for communities subjected to violence
 - Communal trauma of living in spaces that feel unsafe
- Preventing violence requires cross-sector collaboration and engagement with a diverse group of stakeholders



Schools and Universities

Hospitals and Health Systems

Health Agencies and Departments

Community-Based Organizations

Individuals & Families

Community Leaders & Advocates

City Departments and Leaders

Safety Net Providers

Social Service Agencies

Justice Systems and Departments

Situating Violence Prevention Within Public Health

- There is overlap and alignment between violence and crime prevention, but we are making a distinction:
 - Focus shifts away from enforcement or suppression of violence typically addressed through public safety/justice systems engagement.
- Intention is to implement strategies that range:

Upstream (before onset)

- Policy Change
- Empathy Training
- Neighborhood Reclamation

Midstream (at/through onset)

- Hospital-based Violence Intervention
- Trauma-Informed Care

Downstream (aftermath)

- Restorative Justice Programming
- Community Healing Practices

Timeline of Recent Violence Prevention Efforts

2020/2021:
Community Health
Needs Assessment

**CHNA
RESULTS**



2021:
BOS Resolution
Condemning Hate
Crimes Against AAPI
Communities &
Gun Violence Declared
a Public Health Crisis

Winter 2021/22:
Resilience Catalyst Violence
Prevention Session &
Meeting with African
American Response Circle

Spring 2022:
HCSA/ACPHD
Violence Prevention
Development
Committee Formed

Fall 2022:
Alameda County BOS
Approves \$4M ARPA Funding
for Violence Prevention Efforts

Jan. 2023:
Office of Violence
Prevention Established

Mar. 2023:
CDPH Invites Alameda County
to participate in \$3M Youth
Suicide Prevention Pilot

****Portions of funding from ARPA and CDPH will be distributed through an RFP.****

2022 Community Health Improvement Plan - (3) Priority Areas

Access to Quality Clinical, Mental, and Dental Care

Promote Economic Security

Promote Community and Individual Safety

Mortality in Alameda County

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What We See in the Mortality Data



- The overall mortality rate for Alameda County increased in 2020-2021
- Homicide was a leading cause of premature death, with disparities by race & ethnicity
- Suicide and Unintentional Overdose were important drivers of premature death for some groups
- COVID-19 was also a leading cause of death

Leading Causes of Premature Death 2020-2021 by Race/Ethnicity

2020-2021 Years of Life Lost (YLL) Rate by RE

All Races	African American/Black	Asian	Hispanic/Latino	White
Cancer	Heart disease	Cancer	Cancer	Cancer
2,592.3	4,644.0	2,036.5	2,465.2	2,676.3
Heart disease	Cancer	Heart disease	Heart disease	Heart disease
1,985.9	4,244.1	1,091.2	1,995.1	1,879.5
Unintentional overdose	Homicide	Stroke	COVID-19	Unintentional overdose
944.8	2,996.6	525.6	1,923.9	1,154.5
COVID-19	Unintentional overdose	COVID-19	Unintentional overdose	Suicide
767.2	2,878.8	505.4	957.3	536.9
Stroke	COVID-19	Diabetes	Stroke	Stroke
643.7	1,474.6	272.1	775.4	462.7
Homicide	Stroke	Suicide	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	Chronic lower respiratory disease (CLRD)
528.8	1,457.6	250.1	746.6	403.1

What Do these Outcomes Mean for Our Work

- The findings show the importance of violence as a health issue
- Our Community Health Needs Assessment priorities align with the findings:
 - Violence prevention
 - Equitable access to health care
 - Economic security and economic opportunity
- These priorities address drivers of morbidity and mortality and guide the work across all our programs
- Homicide and suicide are high profile outcomes, but we need a much broader set of indicators and to improve how we look at disparities

ACPHD's Office of Violence Prevention

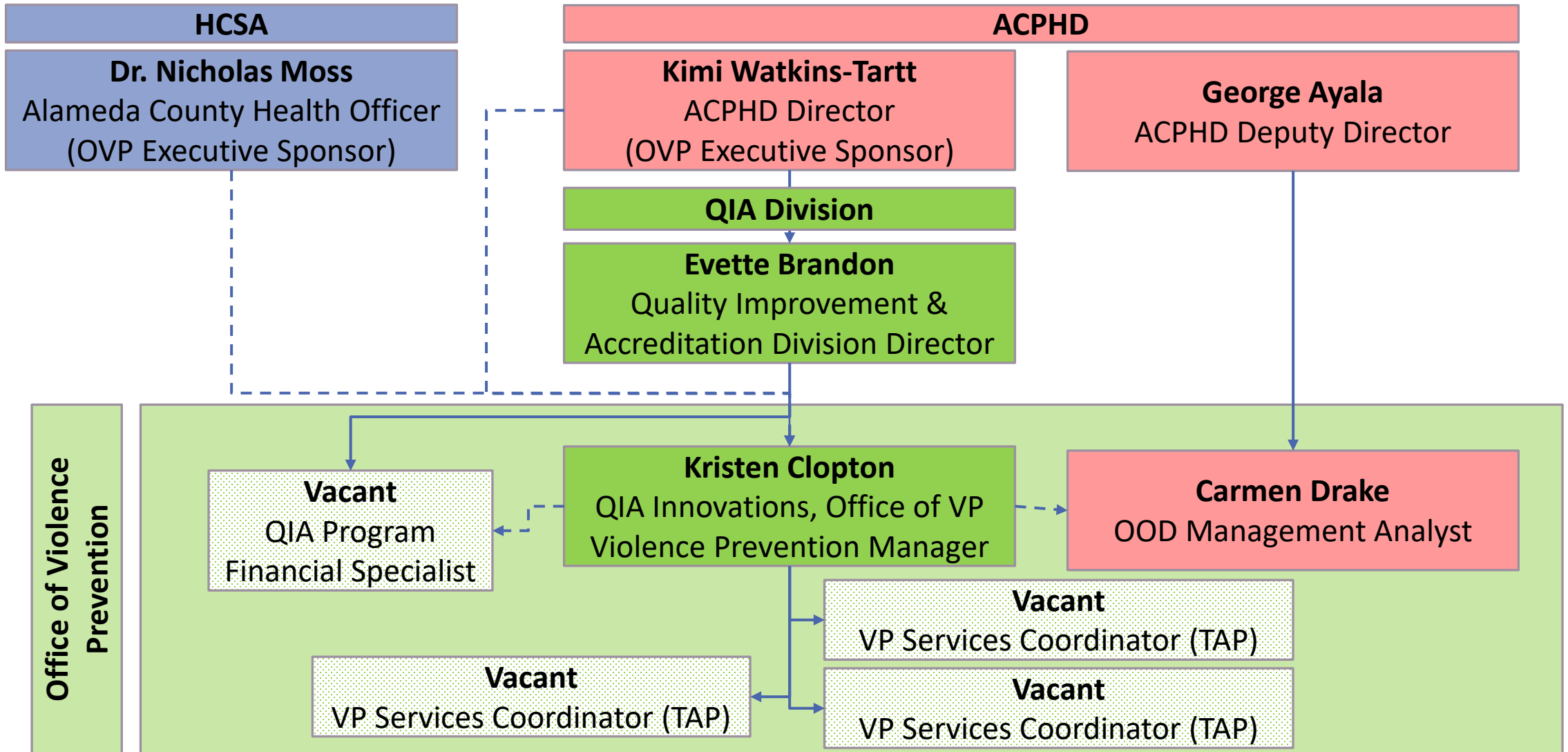
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Public Health Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) Priorities

1. Support community-based interventions that address violence/trauma.
2. Expand Department/Agency capacity to prevent, intervene, and reduce the impacts of violence in Alameda County
3. Serve as a convener bringing together diverse stakeholders to work collaboratively on midstream and upstream interventions.

OVP Organizational Structure

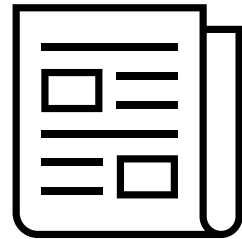


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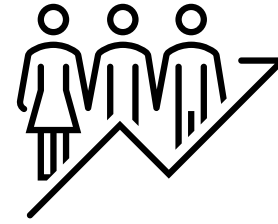
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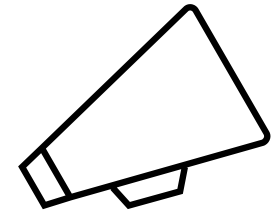
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Collection



Narrative
Change

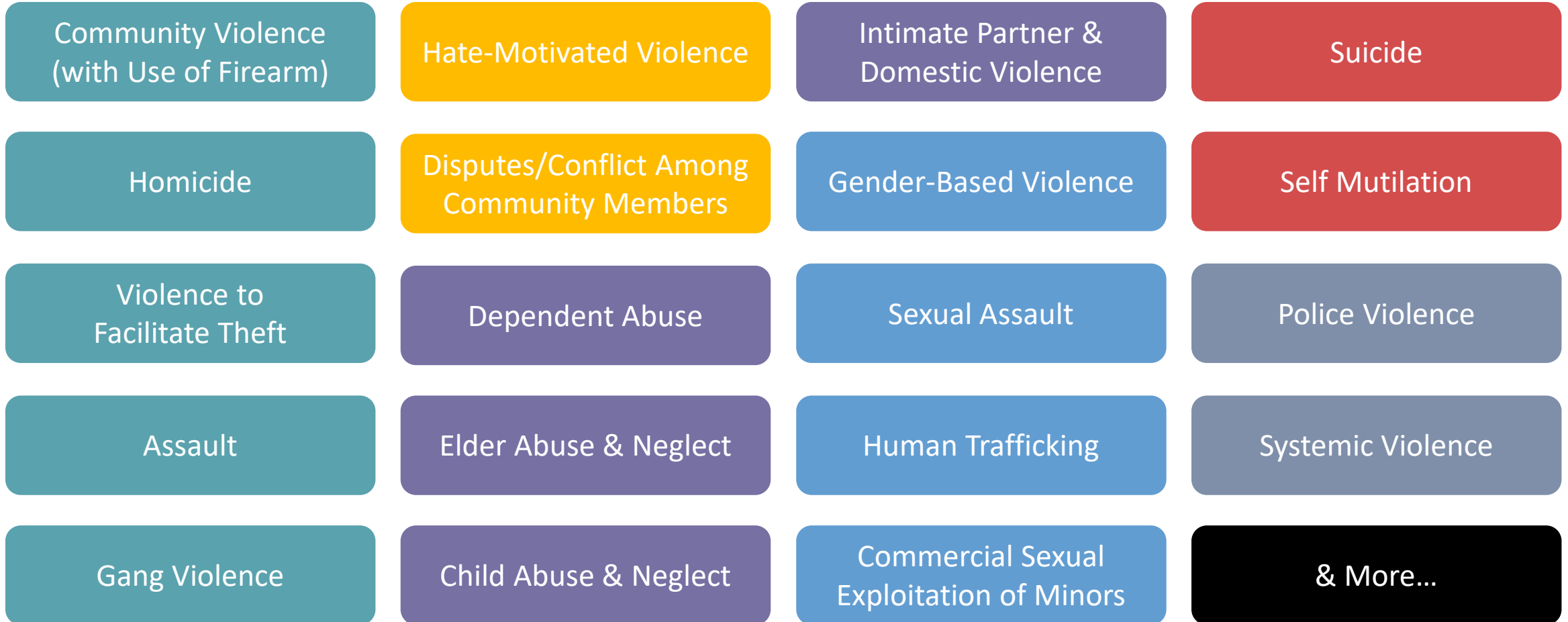


Advancing
Best Practices



Policy
Advocacy

The Types of Violence that OVP Will Explore Overtime



Community

Family

Sexual

Self-Harming

Structural

Initial Priority Areas – Community Driven

The following types of violence have risen as areas of work based on community feedback received from the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA):

Community
Violence
(with Use of Firearm)

Hate-Motivated
Violence

Intimate Partner/
Domestic Violence

Youth Suicide
Prevention
(tentative)

Community Listening Sessions Feedback

Collaboration Among VP Organizations

Community & Neighborhood

Addressing Family

Youth & Young Adults

- Preparation to enter the job market
- Improving life skills (e.g., mental health/wellness, empathy training)
- Suicide prevention education
- Destigmatizing Mental Health support services for Black/Brown youth and families



Community Listening Sessions Feedback

Older Adults

Mental Health & Wellness

VP Workforce Development

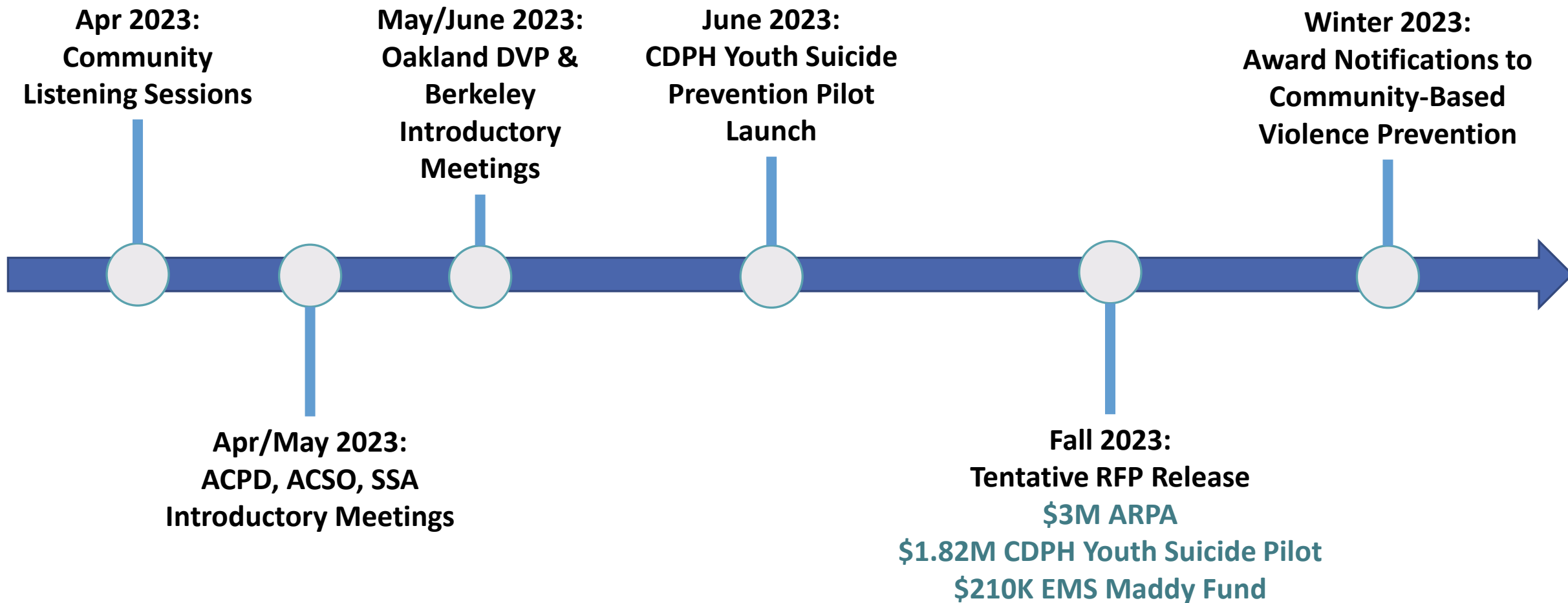
- Ensuring VP Professionals are recognized as Community Health Workers
- Strengthen employment opportunities (wages, develop a pipeline, healing services)
- Restorative Justice programs



Progress Updates & Next Steps



Current and Upcoming Violence Prevention Efforts



Program Planning

Procurement (Short-Term)

- RFP draft currently in development
- Late summer/early fall 2023
 - Release ~\$5M RFP for community-based violence prevention efforts
 - Bidders Conferences (Late Fall)
- Winter 2023/24
 - Award notification

OVP Strategy (Longer Term)

- Stakeholder Meetings
- Cardiff Violence Prevention Model
- Program/Asset Mapping
- Key Informant Interviews
- Violence Prevention Community Forums
- CHIP: VP Community Advisory Council

Next Steps – Community Engagement

Key Informant Interviews (Jun-Aug 2023)

- 1-hour sessions with stakeholders to gather information on how their work and/or experiences related to community violence affect conditions in Alameda County.

VP Forums (Late Summer 2023)

- Introductory County-City-Community partnership meetings to engage in discussion around addressing violence through a public health lens, the role of ACPHD, and connecting across programs/service areas to support community-based strategies.

CHIP: VP Community Advisory Council (Fall 2023)

- Assist with the design of the OVP strategic plan, provide technical guidance for implementation, and troubleshoot and advise on issues that arise.

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