

**From:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**To:** ["Andrew V Papachristos"](#); ["Doleac, Jennifer L"](#)  
**Cc:** ["Melissa Sawyer"](#); ["Jeff Asher"](#); [Mary G. Pettingill](#)  
**Subject:** New Orleans Gun Violence Reduction Taskforce - October 5th Meeting  
**Date:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 11:34:09 AM

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Hi Andy and Jen –

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All the best,

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**From:** [Joshua O. Cox](mailto:Joshua.O.Cox)  
**To:** "Jeff Asher"  
**Cc:** "Melissa Sawyer"  
**Subject:** RE: What do you think? Can you make this better?  
**Date:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 11:14:13 AM

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Great. Thanks for edits. Email coming soon.

**From:** Jeff Asher [mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 7:22 PM  
**To:** Joshua O. Cox <Joshua.Cox@nola.gov>  
**Cc:** Melissa Sawyer <MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org>  
**Subject:** Re: What do you think? Can you make this better?

See some suggested changes in red.

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**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [Joshua O. Cox](#); [Melissa Sawyer](#)  
**Subject:** Some Readings  
**Date:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 10:36:20 AM

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Here are some readings about Andrew Papachristos' research for the group. They largely summarize papers he has written.

Social Networks Can Help Predict Gun Violence:

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/social-networks-can-help-predict-gun-violence/2013/12/03/a15b8244-5c46-11e3-be07-006c776266ed\\_story.html?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.8cff15dfb09a](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/social-networks-can-help-predict-gun-violence/2013/12/03/a15b8244-5c46-11e3-be07-006c776266ed_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.8cff15dfb09a)

CPD's crucial choice: Treat its list as offenders or as potential victims:

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/commentary/ct-gun-violence-list-chicago-police-murder-perspec-0801-jm-20160729-story.html#>

Use of data can help stop crime by helping potential victims:

<https://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2015/11/18/can-predictive-policing-be-ethical-and-effective/use-of-data-can-stop-crime-by-helping-potential-victims>

Here is a presentation from Thomas Abt (who we talked with during the transition) on what the research shows as far as what works in reducing violence:

[https://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/thomas\\_abt\\_presentation.pdf](https://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/thomas_abt_presentation.pdf)

Some literature on Oakland's successful violence reduction program (more law enforcement focused but some similar concepts):

[https://www.eastbayexpress.com/media/pdf/oakland\\_ceasefire\\_impact\\_evaluation\\_key\\_findings.pdf](https://www.eastbayexpress.com/media/pdf/oakland_ceasefire_impact_evaluation_key_findings.pdf)

<http://nicjr.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Oakland%E2%80%99s-Successful-Gun-Violence-Reduction-Strategy-NICJR-Jan-2018.pdf>

I'll think of some more stuff to pass along to the group too.

Jeff

**From:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**To:** ["Jeff Asher"](#)  
**Cc:** ["Melissa Sawyer"](#)  
**Subject:** What do you think? Can you make this better?  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 5:29:44 PM

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**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [Melissa Sawyer](#); [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** Initial go at agenda  
**Date:** Friday, August 31, 2018 10:17:46 AM

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Here is what I've drawn up for an initial outline for an agenda. Obviously much would need to be filled in.

10:00 – 10:10 - Welcome back [Josh Cox]

- Review of last meeting.
- Overview of this meeting's goals.

10:10 – 10:30 – Introduction of Dr. Andrew Papachristos and Dr. Jennifer Doleac.

10:30 – 11:15 – Identifying a high-risk population [Dr. Papachristos].

11:15 – 12:00 – What interventions work and discussing what else we should try [Dr. Doleac & Dr. Papachristos].

12:00 – 12:30 – Quick lunch served

12:30 – 1:00 – Measuring success and program evaluation [Dr. Doleac].

1:00 – 1:45 – Engaging with NOPD, discussion with Ben Horwitz & Ryan Lubrano (head of homicide?)

1:45 – 2:15 – Planning focus groups [Melissa Sawyer].

2:15 – 3:00 – Crafting a PR strategy for roll out.

3:00 – 4:00 – Conclusion and discussing next steps.

**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [Melissa Sawyer](#); [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Deadlines & Webinars for the Systems for Action Call for Proposals  
**Date:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 2:48:30 PM

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Do we have our act together enough to apply for this? Letter of intent by September 12 and application due in early October.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Andrew V Papachristos** <[avp@northwestern.edu](mailto:avp@northwestern.edu)>  
**Date:** Thu, Aug 30, 2018 at 2:44 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Deadlines & Webinars for the Systems for Action Call for Proposals  
**To:** Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>

thoughts?

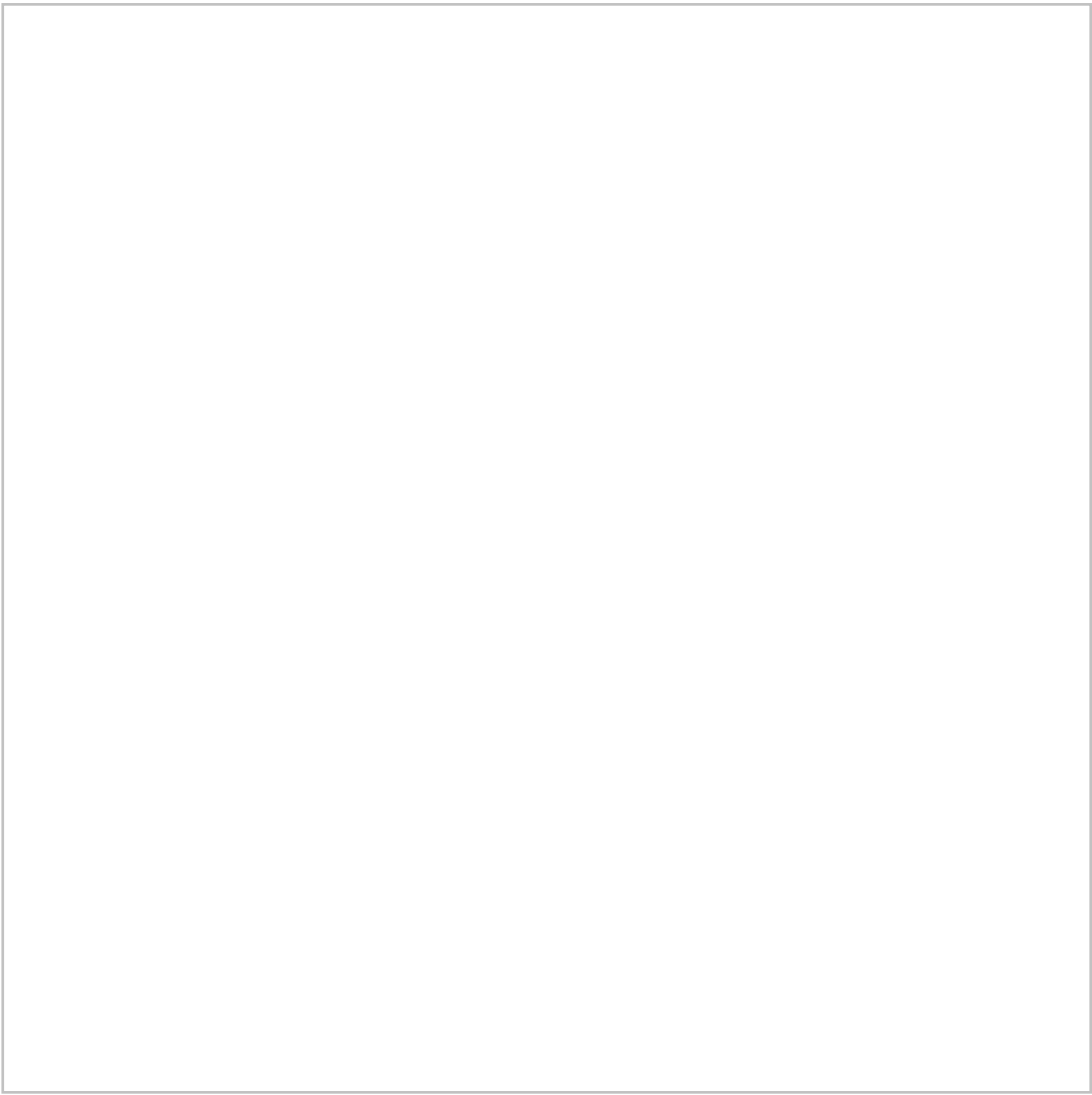
**Andrew V. Papachristos**

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Director, Northwestern Neighborhood & Network Initiative (N3)  
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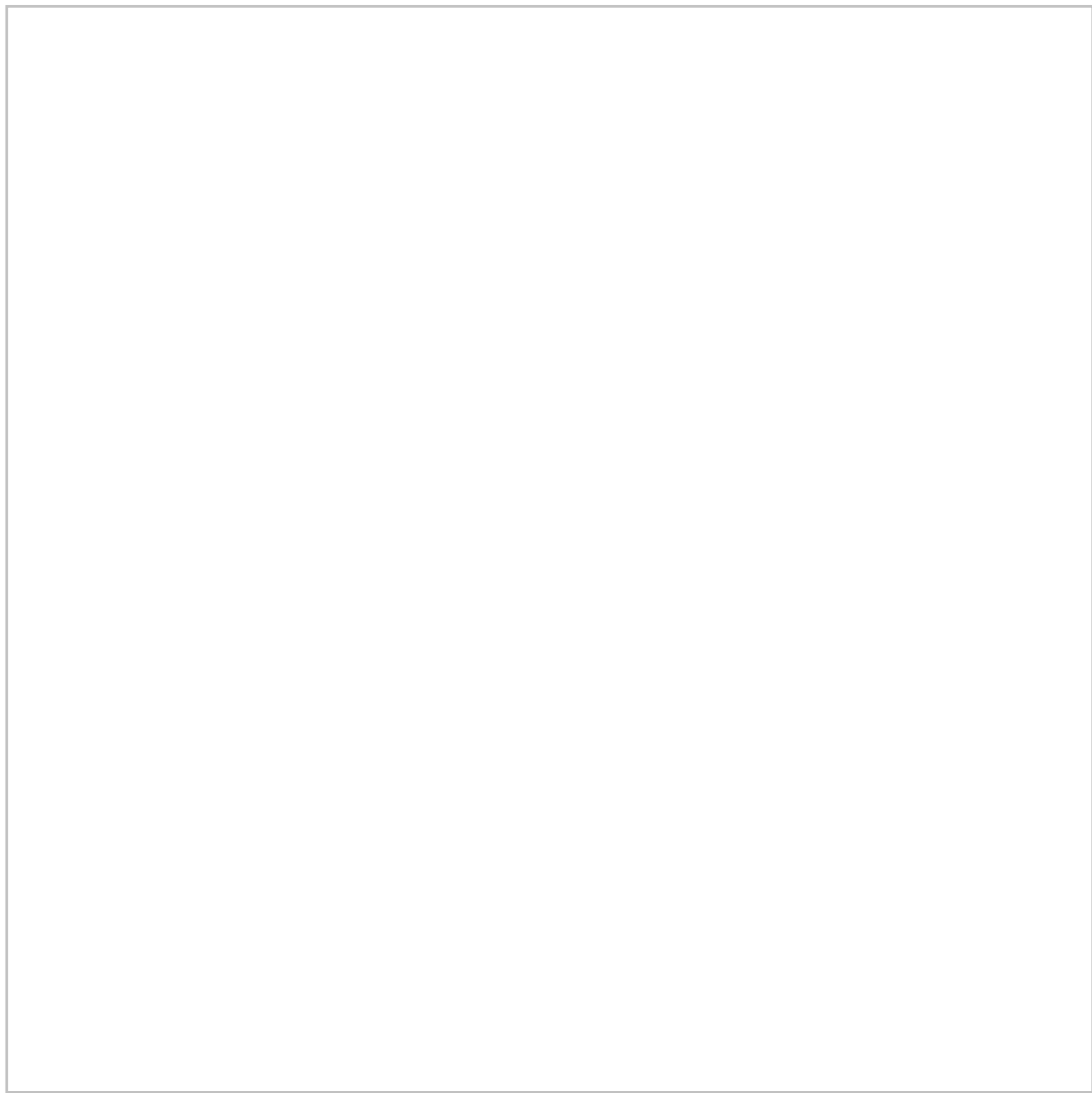
On Aug 30, 2018, 2:40 PM -0500, RWJF Systems for Action National Program Office <[kara.richardson@uky.edu](mailto:kara.richardson@uky.edu)>, wrote:

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The goal of this [call for proposals](#) (CFP) is to fund research that

supports new scientific evidence on ways to optimize delivery and financing systems in ways that improve health and reduce inequities.

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- **Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 3 pm, ET**  
Call for Proposals announced. Webinar registration opens.
- **Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 1-2 pm, ET**  
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[Recording](#) | [Slides](#)
- **Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 12-1 pm, ET**

Second informational webinar to be held.

- **Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 3 pm, ET**  
Letter of Intent due via email.
- **Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 3 pm, ET**  
Full proposals due via RWJF online system.

## View Key Dates & Deadlines

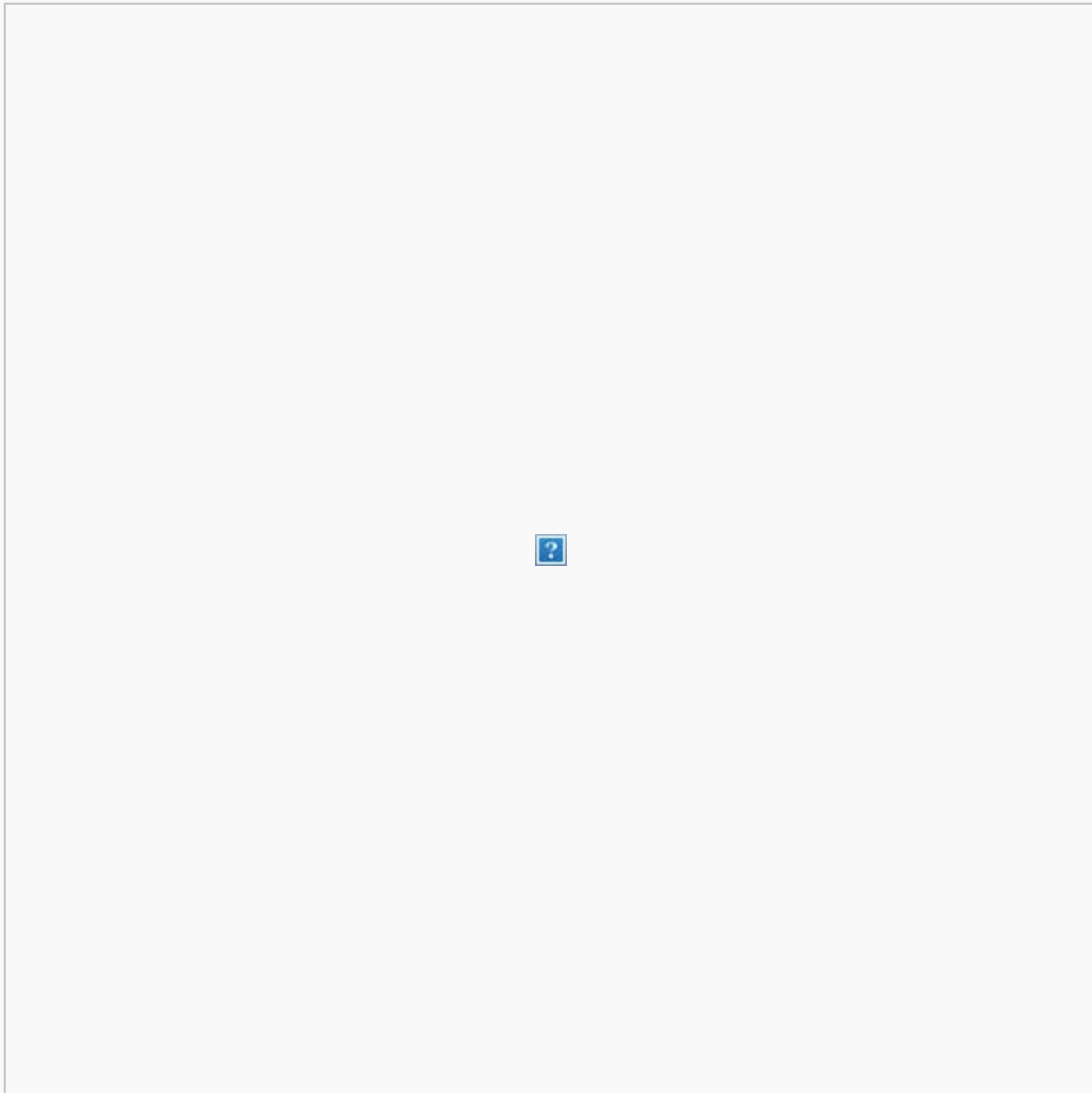
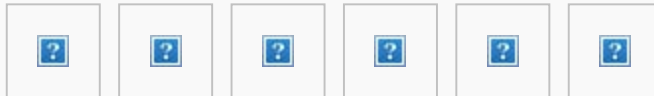


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**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [R. Erich Caulfield](#)  
**Cc:** [Rayne E. Pestello](#); [Joshua O. Cox](#); [Melissa Sawyer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Follow Up- Gun Violence Reduction Task Force  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 7:03:30 AM  
**Attachments:** oakland\_ceasefire\_impact\_evaluation\_key\_findings.pdf

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Hi All,

I'll be putting together a more comprehensive reading list shortly, but I wanted to pass along the attached impact review of Oakland's gun violence reduction initiative (it's named Ceasefire but it's very different from our version of Ceasefire so I'd caution against conflating the two). The bottom line for me is that they had sustained success targeting the small percentage of individuals at high risk for violence -- though their high risk population was relatively small and many of their interventions were call-ins similar to what the city started under NOLA for Life. Two aspects of this initiative that I think are highly commendable are their work with a strong team of academics to evaluate their efforts and engaging with participants and members of the community to obtain firsthand feedback on how they were doing. Anyhow, wanted to pass along.

Jeff

On Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 4:51 PM R. Erich Caulfield <[erich@caulfieldconsulting.com](mailto:erich@caulfieldconsulting.com)> wrote:

Hi Rayne,

Thanks. I have a conflict with the December meeting, as I'll be out of town from Dec 6 - 9.

Best,

R. Erich Caulfield

(504) 491-1254

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**From:** Rayne E. Pestello <[Rayne.Pestello@nola.gov](mailto:Rayne.Pestello@nola.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 3:21 PM  
**To:** '[nathalie.simon@laitram.com](mailto:nathalie.simon@laitram.com)' <[nathalie.simon@laitram.com](mailto:nathalie.simon@laitram.com)>; '[victimallies@gmail.com](mailto:victimallies@gmail.com)' <[victimallies@gmail.com](mailto:victimallies@gmail.com)>; '[john.white@la.gov](mailto:john.white@la.gov)' <[john.white@la.gov](mailto:john.white@la.gov)>; '[rherman@hhklawfirm.com](mailto:rherman@hhklawfirm.com)' <[rherman@hhklawfirm.com](mailto:rherman@hhklawfirm.com)>; Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>; '[tamara@silenceisviolence.org](mailto:tamara@silenceisviolence.org)' <[tamara@silenceisviolence.org](mailto:tamara@silenceisviolence.org)>; Flozell Daniels <[fdaniels@foundationforlouisiana.org](mailto:fdaniels@foundationforlouisiana.org)>; 'Melissa Sawyer' <[MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org](mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org)>  
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**Subject:** Follow Up- Gun Violence Reduction Task Force

Good Afternoon all,

Thank you so much again for your commitment to the Gun Violence Reduction Task Force. Attached are the notes from yesterday's meeting, including the action items to which we arrived.

Below are important dates to note. Please let us know if there are any conflicts with the next meeting dates, as we will send calendar invites next week.

- Next Meeting: October 5
  - Tentatively block off 9am-5pm. We will get back in touch regarding details once travel arrangements have been set.
- November 6
- December 7

Thank you!

**Rayne Pestello**

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**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Coming to NOLA?  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 4:34:44 PM

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FYI

----- Forwarded message -----  
**From:** "Doleac, Jennifer L" <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)>  
**Date:** Aug 21, 2018 4:19 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Coming to NOLA?  
**To:** "Jeff Asher" <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:**

Yes. That would actually work better for me.

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**To:** "Doleac, Jennifer L" <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: Coming to NOLA?

Would you have availability for October 5 if the 28th doesn't work? This is like herding cats



but I'd really want you to be there for our next meeting!

On Thu, Aug 16, 2018, 12:13 PM Doleac, Jennifer L <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)> wrote:

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**Subject:** Re: Coming to NOLA?

Ok, that would be terrific if you'd be able to swing that. Our first meeting is next week so I'll confirm that that's the plan moving forward and get back with you as soon as possible.

Thanks!

Jeff

On Thu, Aug 16, 2018 at 11:31 AM Doleac, Jennifer L <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)> wrote:

Hi Jeff – I have another commitment in College Station the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> but could fly over first thing the next morning and join for the meeting & dinner on the 28<sup>th</sup>. It'd be a little tight but should work!

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**Date:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 11:28 AM  
**To:** "Doleac, Jennifer L" <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)>  
**Subject:** Coming to NOLA?

Hi Jen,

We are planning our upcoming meeting schedule and were hoping you would be able to attend our second meeting. The initial idea is to have a long meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4 with dinner either on the 27<sup>th</sup> or after on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Would you be able to join for that?

Hope the start of the year is going well!

||| **Jeff**

**From:** [Melissa Sawyer](#)  
**To:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**Cc:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** RE: First Meeting Draft Agenda  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 2:25:57 PM

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Works for me. I do think we need to be prepared to inform folks on next steps and we either need to hand out the next meeting dates (that we pre-set before tomorrow morning) or come up with them together tomorrow. Also, folks should be clear on time commitment (they will ask), next steps, and if they need to be doing anything before the next meeting, if they can discuss what we talk about publicly, etc.

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**From:** Jeff Asher <jeffmasher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 2:20 PM  
**To:** Melissa Sawyer <MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org>  
**Cc:** Joshua O. Cox <Joshua.cox@nola.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: First Meeting Draft Agenda

One quick suggested fix, why don't we do an hour from 9:35 to 10:35 of introducing the theory of change (me going over transition report maybe) plus the plan going forward and laying out the big picture for the next 9 months. Then we can do almost a half hour of discussion and questions.

On Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 2:14 PM Melissa Sawyer  
<[MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org](mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org)> wrote:

Please see attached. This needs some work and has more questions than answers.  
Pay attention to comments and yellow highlighted sections.  
The first two parts are pretty straightforward, just more detailed information about what I think we may want covered.  
Feel free to edit away, MS

**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [Rayne E. Pestello](#)  
**Cc:** [Katie Donahue](#); [Joshua O. Cox](#); [Melissa Sawyer](#); [Unknown](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Quick Request for Violence Reduction Task Force  
**Date:** Friday, August 17, 2018 10:18:35 AM

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Thanks!

On Fri, Aug 17, 2018, 10:04 AM Rayne E. Pestello <[Rayne.Pestello@nola.gov](mailto:Rayne.Pestello@nola.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning Jeff,

Will do!

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**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 9:57 AM  
**To:** Rayne E. Pestello; Katie Donahue  
**Cc:** Joshua O. Cox; Melissa Sawyer; Unknown  
**Subject:** Quick Request for Violence Reduction Task Force

Hi Rayne and/or Katie,

Would y'all be able to print out the violence reduction subcommittee's transition report ahead of next week's initial meeting (pages 49 to 53 -- <https://irp-cdn.multiscreensite.com/a41e72e5/files/uploaded/ForwardTogetherTransitionPlan.pdf>) in color if possible? We'd need about 10 copies and I think having this will help us frame our task as following up on the transition team's recommendations rather than starting from scratch.

Let me know if y'all have any questions and many thanks!

| Jeff

**From:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**To:** [Melissa Sawyer](#)  
**Cc:** [Jeff Asher](#); [erich@caulfieldconsulting.com](mailto:erich@caulfieldconsulting.com)  
**Subject:** Re: First Meeting Draft Agenda  
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Just wanted to include/connect everyone to Erich!

Sent from my iPhone

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<[MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org](mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org)> wrote:

Let me try to put a bit more meat on this later today. I will then send back to you guys for feedback.

Thanks, MS

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 6:37 PM  
**To:** Melissa Sawyer <[MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org](mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org)>; Joshua O. Cox <[Joshua.cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.cox@nola.gov)>  
**Subject:** First Meeting Draft Agenda

Here is my stab at the general outline of the first meeting agenda.

0900 - 0910: Welcome (Josh Cox)  
0910 - 0930: Introductions (Everyone)  
0930 - 1015: Introducing the theory of change (Melissa Sawyer & Jeff Asher)  
1015 - 1100: The plan going forward & what we need to accomplish in the next 9 months (Josh Cox, Jeff Asher & Melissa Sawyer)  
1100 - 1200: Discussion/Questions (Everyone)

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Sounds good.

10am until 4pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September and then dinner afterward with whoever wants to/can join.

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FYI, let's plan on this schedule if we can. I think Andy would come in the night of the 27th.

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**From:** **Doleac, Jennifer L** <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)>  
**Date:** Thu, Aug 16, 2018, 11:31 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Coming to NOLA?  
**To:** Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>

Hi Jeff – I have another commitment in College Station the evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> but could fly over first thing the next morning and join for the meeting & dinner on the 28th. It'd be a little tight but should work!

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**To:** "Doleac, Jennifer L" <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)>  
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Hi Jen,

We are planning our upcoming meeting schedule and were hoping you would be able to attend



our second meeting. The initial idea is to have a long meeting on September 28th from 10 to 4 with dinner either on the 27th or after on the 28th. Would you be able to join for that?

Hope the start of the year is going well!

Jeff

**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [Melissa Sawyer](#); [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** Lack of Law Enforcement Involvement  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 7:58:56 PM

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Here is what I would say as to why NOPD is not involved at this stage:

"Our novel approach centers on accomplishing homicide reduction through a multi-faceted series of social programs delivered to individuals at high risk for involvement in gun violence. This effort consciously focuses on engaging these individuals through social services rather than having law enforcement take the lead. Homicide reduction in New Orleans is a complicated task and we fully expect NOPD will continue to play its integral role."

**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Cc:** [Melissa Sawyer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Welcome: Gun Violence Reduction Task Force  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:53:32 PM

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I've always envisioned a series of focus group sessions with our at-risk population, possibly hosted by the Mayor or somebody in the Admin to better understand what types of programs can help. I also think at some point we'll want to roll this out publicly and discuss our strategy but I'm ok with not pursuing public sessions anytime soon. Also, if we're going to pursue surveying as a near term goal then we should definitely invite Jen to the September meeting.

Jeff

On Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 12:01 PM, Joshua O. Cox <[Joshua.Cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.Cox@nola.gov)> wrote:

I def agree with MS on the meetings and "avenues for input" piece. Don't know that we have the capacity to execute on that really well at scale.

But he's welcome to share with Arnold! Tell them that we should discuss partnership...

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**From:** Melissa Sawyer [mailto:[MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org](mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 10:28 AM  
**To:** Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>; Joshua O. Cox <[Joshua.Cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.Cox@nola.gov)>  
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Sounds good to me. A "series of meetings with residents", however, sounds like a potentially VERY time intensive and painful process. Can he give you further thoughts/direction/clarity on what exactly he is thinking in terms of the meetings and how the "avenues for input" would be facilitated and the information gathered used?

Thanks, MS

**From:** Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>  
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FYI, some thoughts from our expert. Both are good ideas we can even start doing during the 9 month prep period.

Josh, any issue with sharing with the Arnold Foundation or getting too far ahead?

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To: Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>

I LOVE IT! I would make two suggestions (if I may)

1. given this won't be randomized, we might want to collect some sort of **baseline survey or figure out some other metrics** BEFORE we do something. I defer to Jennifer, but it's going to take a while to operationalize, so might as well gather it.

2. What do you think about holding some sort of series of meetings with residents to talk about "predictive prevention" (we should coin that phrase, btw)? Rather than repeat Palantir, we should start to tell people what we're going to do and have an avenue for input?

Also: can I share with Arnold Foundation?

So excited about this!

**Andrew V. Papachristos**

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On Aug 13, 2018, 7:11 PM -0500, Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>, wrote:

Want to keep you in the loop on where we are at. This is an internal doc so let me know if you see anything needing major change.

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**Date:** Monday, August 13, 2018 2:58:29 PM

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I do think that was a bit of a "Freudian slip", JC!

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**Date:** Friday, August 10, 2018 10:15:24 PM

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What would be best for you? I think the latter half of the following week might work for us, but it might be easiest for you to throw out some dates and we figure out availability from there.

Jeff

On Fri, Aug 10, 2018, 9:02 PM Andrew V Papachristos <[avp@northwestern.edu](mailto:avp@northwestern.edu)> wrote:  
Melissa—truly a pleasure! YEP looks amazing and I've heard wonderful things!

On Doleac, whatever you all want. There's nothing to hide, so I don't see a down side per se.

Those dates are a bit tricky that part of Sept as Northwestern starts that week (we're on quarters). Are there other possible options?

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Good to know, thanks! I think my preference would be to include her as often as possible as she's willing to both get her input and ensure there are no surprises later down the line.

By the way, I forgot to introduce you to Melissa Sawyer (CC'd here). Melissa created and runs the Youth Empowerment Project (<http://youthempowermentproject.org/>) here in New Orleans which is just the coolest non-profit in the entire city working with kids who are the very definition of at risk.

Jeff

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**To:** [Andrew V Papachristos](#); [Jeff Asher](#)  
**Cc:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Coming to NOLA?  
**Date:** Friday, August 10, 2018 10:00:40 AM

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Hi Andy,

It is nice to “e-meet” you and I look forward to meeting you in person soon. I lead the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) in New Orleans and will be working alongside of Josh and Jeff on this initiative. Please know how grateful we are for your willingness to assist us.

In terms of bringing in Jen now or later, I think at one level we want to defer to you, and based on your initial response, it seems like you think it may make sense to start with you and your work in regards to “context setting” and then bringing her in when our strategy is further developed. Is that an accurate read?

My best, Melissa

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**From:** Andrew V Papachristos [mailto:avp@northwestern.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 9:51 AM  
**To:** Jeff Asher <jeffmasher@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Joshua O. Cox <Joshua.cox@nola.gov>; Melissa Sawyer <MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org>  
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**To:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**Cc:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: NOLA Invested: Consulting  
**Date:** Friday, August 10, 2018 9:02:38 AM

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We figured we would 3-way. Jeff, I will call you now

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2018, at 8:59 AM, Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)> wrote:

The usual call in details?

On Fri, Aug 10, 2018 at 8:55 AM, Melissa Sawyer  
<[MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org](mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org)> wrote:

You are right, Jeff. A great article.

talk soon.

MS

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FYI, this is terrific <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/policing/2018/08/09/violence-crime-punishment-policing-usa/930249002/>

On Thu, Aug 9, 2018 at 6:06 PM, Melissa Sawyer <[MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org](mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org)> wrote:

Did you put out an all-call for RFPs?

Do you have to go with the lowest bidder?

If you are considering Converge, you would definitely need to find out who their point person is on this. Depending on who they assign, I think that could be a deal breaker. I am experiencing that now with two other consulting firms I have been working with (as a board member for New Pathways) and even though the heads of the organization may be strong, their

assigned staff may not be.

Are we good for 9am tomorrow?

MS

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**From:** Joshua O. Cox <[Joshua.Cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.Cox@nola.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 2:47 PM  
**To:** Melissa Sawyer <[MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org](mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org)>; Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>  
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Excitedly yours,

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**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [Melissa Sawyer](#)  
**Cc:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: NOLA Invested: Consulting  
**Date:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 5:45:05 PM

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I can do 9. Josh?

On Thu, Aug 9, 2018, 5:15 PM Melissa Sawyer <[MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org](mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org)> wrote:

Let's do before 11. I am tied up in the afternoon. 9am?

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Another call sounds good. I can do before 11 or after 1.

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**From:** [Jeff Asher \(via Google Docs\)](#)  
**To:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** Untitled document  
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**Subject:** Fwd: A Successful Model That Predicts and Prevents Violence  
**Date:** Thursday, August 2, 2018 9:56:22 AM

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**To:** Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>

You see this one.....again: RWJ

Dear Steering Committee:

Some interesting reading from the RWJF blog about violence prevention in Cardiff, Wales and Atlanta. What might be most pertinent to our work is who we consider as key stakeholders when we design interventions.

Regards,

Ann

[https://www.rwjf.org/en/blog/2018/06/successful-model-that-predicts-and-prevents-violence.html?rid=0034400001rm1j1AAA&et\\_cid=1281890](https://www.rwjf.org/en/blog/2018/06/successful-model-that-predicts-and-prevents-violence.html?rid=0034400001rm1j1AAA&et_cid=1281890)

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**From:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**To:** ["Jeff Asher"; "Melissa Sawyer"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Systems for Action Call for Proposals Now Open  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 1, 2018 4:09:52 PM

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Sounds awesome. I love it. We should def try to fold this into NOLA Invested

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this is what I was talking about per funding.....

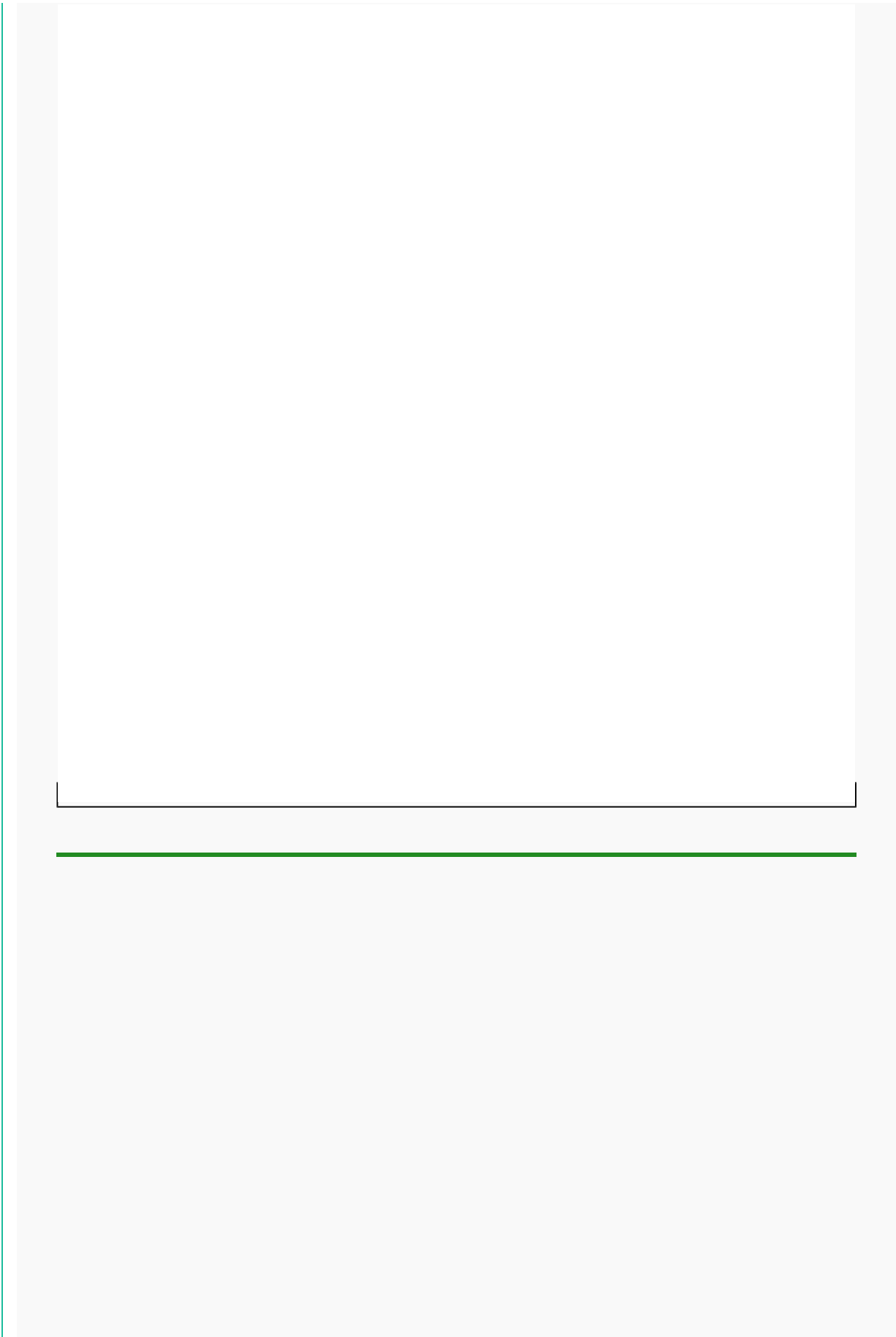
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**From:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**To:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Request from Andy P  
**Date:** Saturday, July 28, 2018 6:18:37 PM

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Don't have a problem with this at all.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2018, at 2:09 PM, Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hey Josh,

Andy asked me if it was okay for him to use the below paragraph based on our conversation in a White Paper. It's not a published paper, it's "a proposal to the Arnold Foundation so i can launch things at northwestern. A "please give me money so I can do cool things like this" paper."

I have no objections if you don't.

The PI is also involved in on-going discussions with the City of New Orleans about a network-informed way to disseminate of the city's gun violence prevention and service provision efforts. In short, this emerging and potential project will combine a data-system used to examine the network models like those in [Figure 4](#) into a Community Shooting review-style system; the outcomes and decisions at such reviews, will determine the mobilization of non-enforcement service provision and programming efforts. If, for example, [Figure 4](#) were being used in this sort of approach, the yet-to-be-named New Orleans program would determine the needs of those who are at greatest risk and find the most suited array of programs and interventions which would include the direction of street outreach and violence interruption, medical and trauma-related outreach, direct service referrals, etc. New Orleans is committed to the idea of housing such a system inside City Hall rather than in any single department or agency in order to foster a more compressive data sharing and mobilization effort.

Jeff

**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
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**Subject:** Fwd: FYI  
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**To:** Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>

<https://blockclubchicago.org/2018/07/26/radical-new-program-finds-men-most-likely-to-be-shot-and-hires-them/>

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**To:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**Cc:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: New Orleans Gun Violence Reduction Program  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 8:30:01 PM

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Yes, definitely.

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**Subject:** Re: New Orleans Gun Violence Reduction Program

This is great, thank you! Can we share it with the rest of the task force?

On Tue, Jul 24, 2018, 8:10 PM Doleac, Jennifer L <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)> wrote:

Hi Josh and Jeff – It was great talking with you today. Here's the review article I wrote about prisoner reentry, in case it is of interest.

Jen

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**Date:** Monday, July 23, 2018 at 11:07 AM

**To:** "Doleac, Jennifer L" <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)>, Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** RE: New Orleans Gun Violence Reduction Program

Hi Jennifer –

Looking forward to tomorrow. Please find the call-in details below:

Conference call line: 712-770-8008; code: 701190; host: 6659

Best,

Josh

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Ok, how does 10 on Tuesday work for everybody? Josh, can you set up the conference line and everything?

On Wed, Jul 18, 2018, 10:21 AM Doleac, Jennifer L <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)> wrote:

I'm flying up to Boston on Wednesday for a conference, so will be out of commission Wed-Sat.

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**Subject:** Re: New Orleans Gun Violence Reduction Program

Any chance you could do Wednesday afternoon around 2ish?

On Wed, Jul 18, 2018 at 8:04 AM, Doleac, Jennifer L <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)> wrote:

Tuesday of next week would work well for me – I'm free 9-12 and 1-3 CT.

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Hi Jen,

Sorry to slightly drop the ball on setting up a call this week. Josh is back, would you guys have any time either tomorrow or next week? My Monday next week is busy but I have more flexibility the rest of the week.

Jeff

On Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 2:29 PM, Doleac, Jennifer L <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)> wrote:

That sounds great.  
Enjoy Norway, Josh!

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**To:** "Doleac, Jennifer L" <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)>

**Cc:** "Joshua O. Cox" <[Joshua.cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.cox@nola.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: New Orleans Gun Violence Reduction Program

Great! Let's set up a chat soon. Josh is going to Norway tomorrow, so maybe we could try for a call on the week of the 16th? That should also give you some time to dig out! Want to re-visit toward the end of next week and we can try and figure out a time that works for all of us?

Jeff

On Tue, Jul 3, 2018 at 2:06 PM, Doleac, Jennifer L <[jdoleac@tamu.edu](mailto:jdoleac@tamu.edu)> wrote:

Hi Jeff, and nice to meet you Josh. This is very interesting and I'd love to talk more about what you have in mind. In general if it's something that could turn into an academic paper, then I'd be happy to help for free/in exchange for the data. I suspect I will also have grad students who will be interested. This week is a bit crazy for me (still unpacking boxes), but want to find some time to chat next week or the week after?

Jen

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**Cc:** "Joshua O. Cox" <[Joshua.cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.cox@nola.gov)>  
**Subject:** New Orleans Gun Violence Reduction Program

Hi Jen,  
How is Aggieland treating you these first few days? Hope you are settled in and enjoying the new gig!. My friend Josh Cox (CC'd here) has been named Director of Strategic Initiatives for the city of New Orleans and I'm working with him to create a new violence reduction program roughly along the lines of identifying individuals at high risk and delivering impactful social interventions in a way New Orleans has not in the past.

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Best,

Jeff



**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Call in number  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 7:38:03 PM

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I just got this :-/

On Tue, Jul 24, 2018 at 2:55 PM, Joshua O. Cox <[Joshua.Cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.Cox@nola.gov)> wrote:

Conference call line: [712-770-8008](tel:712-770-8008); code: 701190; host: 6659

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**To:** "Melissa Sawyer"  
**Cc:** "Jeff Asher"  
**Subject:** RE: GVR Taskforce  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:27:38 AM

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Guys, it's just a calendar invite name...

We can rename it!

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**From:** Melissa Sawyer [mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:16 AM  
**To:** Joshua O. Cox <Joshua.Cox@nola.gov>  
**Cc:** Jeff Asher <jeffmasher@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: GVR Taskforce

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 18, 2018, at 10:04 AM, Joshua O. Cox <[Joshua.Cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.Cox@nola.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [Melissa Sawyer](#)  
**Cc:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: GVR Taskforce  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 18, 2018 10:17:21 AM

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GVRS was Mitch's strategy, but I agree.

NO SHOOT is still available :=)

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**To:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**Cc:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Gun Violence Reduction in New Orleans  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:34:11 AM  
**Attachments:** vrs-2 copy.pdf

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here's a "work in progress" on network spillover—still in PROGRESS do not disseminate.

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On Jul 17, 2018, 10:24 AM -0500, Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>, wrote:

Here is the transition report. Violence reduction recommendations start on page 49:

<https://irp-cdn.multiscreensite.com/a41e72e5/files/uploaded/ForwardTogetherTransitionPlan.pdf>

On Mon, Jul 16, 2018 at 3:10 PM, Andrew V Papachristos <[avp@northwestern.edu](mailto:avp@northwestern.edu)> wrote:

works for me!

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**Cc:** [Andrew V Papachristos](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Gun Violence Reduction in New Orleans  
**Date:** Monday, July 16, 2018 1:54:02 PM

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Thanks Josh, looking forward to it.

On Mon, Jul 16, 2018, 1:48 PM Joshua O. Cox <[Joshua.Cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.Cox@nola.gov)> wrote:

Hi Andy and Jeff –

We can use the following:

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Talk to you tomorrow!

Josh

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**From:** Andrew V Papachristos [mailto:[avp@northwestern.edu](mailto:avp@northwestern.edu)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 3, 2018 5:25 PM  
**To:** Jeff Asher <[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Joshua O. Cox <[Joshua.Cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.Cox@nola.gov)>  
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I'll hold until further notice.

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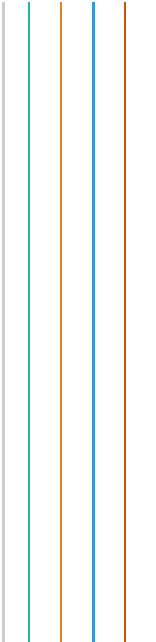
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**To:** ["Jeff Asher"; "Andrew V Papachristos"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Gun Violence Reduction in New Orleans  
**Date:** Sunday, July 8, 2018 5:04:15 PM

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Andrew and Jeff –

It's great to be connected, and I'm looking forward to chatting. 7/17 at 10am works well for me.

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**To:** [Joshua O. Cox](#)  
**Cc:** [Melissa Sawyer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: New Orleans Violence Reduction Email  
**Date:** Friday, June 29, 2018 7:48:02 AM

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Jolly good. Good luck!

On Wed, Jun 27, 2018 at 6:12 PM, Joshua O. Cox <[Joshua.Cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.Cox@nola.gov)> wrote:

This is great. Please let me get this officially ok'ed first though. I'm running the traps and building support as we speak.

**From:** Jeff Asher [mailto:[jeffmasher@gmail.com](mailto:jeffmasher@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 26, 2018 12:04 PM  
**To:** Joshua O. Cox <[Joshua.Cox@nola.gov](mailto:Joshua.Cox@nola.gov)>; Melissa Sawyer <[MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org](mailto:MSawyer@youthempowermentproject.org)>  
**Subject:** New Orleans Violence Reduction Email

Here's what I'm planning to send to Andrew Papachristos. I'll send something slightly different to Jennifer Doleac too. What do y'all think?

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**To:** [Joshua O. Cox](#); [Jeff Asher](#)  
**Subject:** RE: are we on for a quick call tomorrow afternoon?  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 27, 2018 8:30:54 AM

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Okay, so let's not talk unless something comes up then, Josh.

Please let us know as soon as you get word from the COS where things are.

Thanks, MS

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I don't really have anything new to offer. Getting back to town midday today and will hopefully be able to connect with chief of staff to have clear next steps

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [Jeff Asher](#)  
**To:** [John D. Pourciau](#)  
**Subject:** Council  
**Date:** Friday, May 25, 2018 12:43:55 PM

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Hey John,

Not sure if you saw but the Council motion (finally) went through last night, so assuming there aren't any hiccups in that I think I'm going to pursue that option and begin consulting full time again. I think from a flexibility standpoint it's just what I need to be doing right now.

That said, the position probably won't start for a few weeks and I would still be happy to chat to figure out if there are either formal or informal ways that I can help the Administration out which wouldn't conflict with my responsibilities to the Council.

Anyhow, I hope the learning curve hasn't been too sharp so far and have a good weekend!

Jeff