STRATEGIC NEIGHBORHOOD INTERVENTIONS:
THE COMMUNITY PROSECUTION INITIATIVE

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Community Prosecution

Community Prosecution is a philosophy that encourages government agencies, community-based organizations, private business and neighborhood residents to work collaboratively and proactively to create safer neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life. Community Prosecution is based on four core principles: recognizing the community’s role in public safety, engaging in problem solving, establishing and maintaining partnerships, and evaluating outcomes of activities. Community Prosecutors focus on problematic people, places and building collective efficacy.
The City of Milwaukee’s Community Prosecution Unit (CPU) consists of: District Attorney’s Office Community Prosecutor; Milwaukee Police Department Community Prosecution Officers; Department of Neighborhood Services Inspectors; Community City Attorney; Safe & Sound Prosecution Coordinator; landlords, residents, various City departments; and community resources

Goals:
(1) Reduce crime
(2) Reduce nuisances
(3) Increase private investment and development
Core Duties and Responsibilities:

- Facilitate communication and information sharing between the various partners and the District Attorney’s Office
- Analyze law enforcement and community-based information sources pertaining to High Value Target individuals and/or locations and pro-actively engage resource appropriate abatement activities
- Serve as the District’s criminal law counsel
- Engage in collective efficacy building activities focused within geographic target areas and/or around a specific, chronic public safety problem
Person-Based Interventions

- CBO Diversion
- Formal Diversion
- Formal DPA
- Drug Court
- High Value Targeting
Person-Based Interventions

- Diversions and Deferred Prosecutions
  - Drug market abatement operations
  - Increased officer patrols
  - Prostitution interventions
  - Neighborhood-driven prosecution diversions

- High value targeting
  - Federal and state focus
  - DOC geographic restrictions and increased monitoring of HVTs
Place-Based Interventions – Scaled Enforcement

- CPTED
- MPD/DNS Inspections
- DA’s Office pre-nuisance
- 80-10 Nuisance Properties
- Civil Litigation
Community Collective Efficacy

- Police waypoints
- Engage businesses, landlord, investors
- Community problem solving sessions
- Community collective efficacy trainings
  - Contacting police
  - Home and business safety
  - Landlord compacts
  - Block watches
- Community Standards Formed
Washington Park and Near West Side Programs

- Two Community Prosecution Unit Initiatives with a researcher
- Data-Driven
Washington Park

- Block Ecology
  - Shootings
  - Violent Crime
  - Vacant
  - Foreclosed
  - Abandoned
  - Resources Identified
Washington Park Outcomes Since 2013

- Habitat for Humanity
  - New Builds - 51
  - Rehabs - 29
  - 25 Year Retention 90%
  - 2% Foreclosure
- 23% reduction in violent crime
- 13% reduction in total crime
Near West Side

- 7 neighborhoods / approx. 40,000 people
- 5 anchor institutions – $1.5 million/3 year initiative:
  - PARC (Promoting Assets Reducing Crime)
    - Harley-Davidson
    - MillerCoors
    - Aurora Health Care
    - Potawatomi Business Development Corporation
    - Marquette University
Near West Side

- Martin Drive
- Cold Spring Park
- Miller Valley
- Concordia
- Avenues West
- The Valley/Pigsville
- Merrill Park
CPU Data Dashboard

- Tableau Reader
- Google doc
Questions?

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