**SEOW MEETING MINUTES**

**January 26th, 2022**

9:30-11:30am  | Zoom  

**Theme:** Violence Data in Delaware

### Attendance

- Laura Rapp (UD-CDHS)
- Sharon Merriman-Nai (UD-CDHS)
- MJ Scales (UD-CDHS)
- Darryl Chambers (UD-CDHS)
- Rochelle Brittingham (UD-CDHS)
- Jessica Arnold (UD-CDHS)
- David Burton (UD-CDHS)
- Christy Visher (UD-CDHS)
- Dana Holz (UD-CDHS)
- Cheryl Ackerman (UD-CDHS)
- Rachel Ryding (UD-CDHS)
- Rachael Schilling (UD-CDHS)
- Bill Gratton (UD-CDHS)
- Sofia Gonzalez (UD-CDHS)
- Claire Wang (DSAMH)
- Nuno Martins (DSAMH)
- Candace Wilkinson (DSAMH)
- Lisa Moore (DPH)
- Kate Brookins (DPH)
- Matthew Neumann (DPH)
- Amanda Hall (DPH)
- Caroline Judd (DPH)
- Shebra Hall (DPH)
- Teri Lawler (DOE)
- Jonathan Rhodes (KIDS)
- Rochelle Lazorchek (KIDS)
- James “J.P.” McCall (KIDS)
- Stacie Burton (Delaware.gov)
- Lauren Camphausen (UD Healthy Neighborhoods)
- Tatiana Galdamez (UD)
- Valerie Tickle (DOJ)
- Janis Barlow (KIDS COUNT in Delaware)
- Angela Brown (KIDS COUNT in Delaware)
- Karla Fleshman (Transitions Delaware)
- William Lynch (atTACK Addition)
- Judy McCormick (Delaware Council on Problem Gambling)
- Laura Adarve (LACC)
- Brenda Juarez (LACC)
- Mayur Chandriani (LACC)
- Esther Naranjo (LACC)
- Susan Mulhern (NAMI Delaware)
- Carmina Taylor
- Hanifa Shabazz (community advocate)
- Gwen Angelet (community advocate)
- Erin Mitchell (Trauma Matters Delaware)
- Henry Smith (community advocate)
- Deb Berke (Wilmington University)
- Amy Huff (Wilmington University)
- Cramelle Mumford (Wilmington University)
- Shawn Stevens (Wilmington University)
- Amanda Lewis (Nemours)
- Abigail Jones (SN4C)

### Welcome and Introductions

*Please note: Presentations and handouts associated with this meeting are accessible online at:*

[https://www.cdhs.udel.edu/seow/reports-and-products/publications](https://www.cdhs.udel.edu/seow/reports-and-products/publications)

*The meeting was also recorded:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5qxNHgLhk4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5qxNHgLhk4)

*Links shared throughout the meeting are available from the Presentations and Meetings page.*

Participants were welcomed into the Zoom. MJ Scales, co-PI of the SEOW, reviewed the agenda for the day and introduced the SEOW facilitator team. Due to the high volume of participants, members were asked to sign into the chat box.
New members were asked to introduce themselves and share their interest in Delaware data. Several new members introduced themselves: James J.P. McCall and Johnathan Rhodes (KIDS Department working on substance use issues); Esther Naranjo (LACC); Sue Mulhern (NAMI DE); Abigail Jones (SN4C); Carmina Taylor (consultant working with Youth Football League in Delaware, from Philadelphia); Erin Mitchell (Trauma Matters Delaware).

### The 4 Goals of the SEOW

Laura Rapp, principal investigator (PI) of the SEOW project, reviewed the 4 goals of the SEOW:

- Identify, analyze, and share data
- Create data-guided products
- Train communities in understanding and using data
- Building state and local level data monitoring systems

Laura also highlighted several accomplishments and highlights from the SEOW Annual Progress Report which is now posted online.

### New SEOW Data Products

MJ Scales highlighted new SEOW products and articles available since the Winter Meeting in July 2022:

**New Data Products and Publication**

NEW! **2021 Delaware Epidemiological Profile**  
NEW! **Infographic Series-2021 Delaware Epidemiological Profile**  
NEW! **Infographic-Violence: Delaware Youth Data**

FORTHCOMING! ARTICLE IN SPECIAL ISSUE OF DISABILITY AND HEALTH JOURNAL:

- "Are You Listening? Parental Protective Factors and Early Onset Drinking among Students with Disabilities in Delaware"

MJ also noted that there will be an upcoming SEOW 3D Delaware Data Discourse later this year to highlight key findings in the annual SEOW Delaware Epidemiological Profile.

### Data Champion

Laura Rapp presented the Data Champion Award to the team from the Latin American Community Center (LACC) represented by Laura Adarve. The LACC was recognized for actively using behavioral health data in their prevention work, grant applications, and for program evaluation, and for consistently advocating for data equity.

### Presentation:

Violence Prevalence and Its Impact  
SEOW facilitator team members, shared a rich presentation on violence indicators. MJ Scales provided an overview of national data on violence as a leading cause of death as well as the prevalence of sexual violence. Jim Hightower then provided a granular level discussion of Delaware School
Survey (DSS) findings relevant to youth and their exposure to violence. The discussion concluded with an overview of wellness indicators using the Cantril ladders, also collected on the DSS.

These served as an introduction to the presentation of Darryl Chambers, another member of the SEOW facilitator team at the UD Center for Drug and Health Studies who is also a longstanding community advocate for violence prevention. His presentation, An Examination of Wilmington Shooting Data, Darryl, shared data on shooting incidents in Wilmington using the lens of structural inequities, identifying hot spots in zones throughout the city. A mapping of shooting incidents revealed that the highest concentrations were associated geographically with areas of high needs in housing, employment, mental health, and other social determinants of health. Several models of programming for prevention and harm reduction were also discussed. As a result of the group discussion after the formal presentation, Darryl described the Community Violence Prevention Initiative that he and other advocates on the Wilmington Community Advisory Council have been working on to target a selected group for prevention efforts. In addition to community will, Darryl reiterated the need for evidence-based practices identified through research, as well as champions to advocate for these programs to be funded sufficiently for success.

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**Break Out Room Prompts**

*Is anything in the data and Darryl Chambers’ presentation surprising to you?*

*Does what you learned today have any implications for how you will approach your work and programs in the future?*

Following the breakouts, representatives reported out on key takeaways of their respective discussions. The following themes emerged:

- People were surprised about the age at which greatest incidents of shootings occurred (most mistakenly thought these were most
prevalent among teens when they were higher among a slightly older group of adults). However, people also recognized increased rates of various behavioral health issues at the young adult levels (substance use, gambling, etc.) which parallels this data point.

- Needs for funding prevention efforts at levels for success, and coordinated efforts to seek funding (rather than competing for funding).

- Needs for an emphasis on upstream, structural prevention strategies as similar inequities appear across very different geographic communities, and associations between the poverty and violence. There are also opportunities to collaborate across geographic areas on prevention efforts given these similarities.

- Wellness data among youth was also considered very interesting and participants wanted to delve more deeply into this information.

- Epidemiologists from DPH were interested in working with Darryl to continue to bring the data to life through visualizations as well as by personalizing the data.

- The violence data resonated tremendously with our frontline workers who are in the community and exposed to violence directly and also indirectly through their work with clients. The need for self-care to foster resilience is very important to members of the SEOW network.

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<td>• Gwen Angelet updated the SEOW network on the Delaware Racial Justice Collaborative involving approximately 200 organizations working to promote equitable outcomes throughout the State. The Collaborative is working with the Division of Public Health and Green River to launch an Equity Counts Data Center, a repository on the My Healthy Delaware portal for information on social determinants of health in their communities. Anyone interested in more information can reach out to Dr. Angelet at:<a href="mailto:gangalet@comcast.net">gangalet@comcast.net</a>.</td>
<td>• The SEOW will host a Spring 3D Delaware Data Discourse, date and topic to be determined.</td>
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<td>• Notifications of new SEOW and other relevant resources will continue to be disseminated to network members as they become available.</td>
<td>• All SEOW Network Members are invited to submit questions, announcements, and recommendations for data products and presentations, etc. Please contact Sharon Merriman-Nai at: <a href="mailto:smnai@udel.edu">smnai@udel.edu</a>.</td>
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• Amanda Bundek and Caroline Judd, epidemiologists from DPH working on the National Violent Death Reporting System wanted to announce that the DPH Suicide Story Map will soon be posted online. Anyone interested in this data can reach out to Amanda at: amanda.bundek@delaware.gov.

• Hanifah Shabazz with the Wilmington Community Advisory Council provided additional context on the efforts that Darryl discussed previously, The Community Violence Prevention Initiative.

• Anyone interested in the Primary/Secondary/Vicarious Trauma and Resilience workgroup that works alongside of Trauma Matters Delaware is invited to reach out for more information to Erin Mitchell: erin@traumamattersdelaware.org.

• Bill Lynch announced that the atTAck Addiction 5K is on March 5th, 2022. For more information, visit: https://attackaddiction.org/events/attack-5k-run-2/. Bill also posed questions to Darryl regarding availability of substance use data across sectors to address the violence issues and Darryl offered to discuss these data in greater depth offline.

- The SEOW Semi-Annual Summer Meeting will be held in July 2022. More information will be forthcoming!

Many thanks for your continued support and participation in the Delaware SEOW!

NOTE: All links shared throughout the meeting are posted in a document with all other relevant meeting materials. For more information, please visit the SEOW Presentations page. A recording of the meeting is available on our YouTube channel.

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