

CVE GRANT – Quarterly Report Narrative

Performance Period: 4/01/18 – 6/30/18

Research. Dr. Alderden and Ms. Gleicher focused on coding and analyzing the focus group data during this reporting period. Presently the draft report is being reviewed. Once it is finalized it will be made available to Mr. Afeef and the experts/consultants. Together they will use the findings from the focus groups to help design the curriculum.

Experts. In the early part of this quarter the experts worked one on one with Mr. Afeef, Dr. Alderden, and Ms. Gleicher on developing a strategy for writing the draft curriculum. Beyond that, during this phase of the project the involvement of our expert consultants has lessened.

Lessons Learned. (1) We did not anticipate a component of the project that we now believe is critical to its overall success; this additional component is education and awareness building of the training once it is complete and ready for roll-out before recruitment of community members to participate. Given the significant amount of misinformation that exists and continues to be disseminated about this project nationally and which quickly filters down locally, we will seek to organize presentations with our partnering organizations with the assistance of our ad hoc advisory group members in our pilot communities. (2) Maintaining an active, public facing interaction on a week to week basis is necessary to effectively respond to false information that is being distributed in communities in Illinois. This holds true for the totality of the TVPP program and not just for the CVE grant funded project. Accordingly, we are using a blog on our website to provide more information about current events, research and reports by universities and other advocacy groups on relevant topics, and so on. These blog entries are being amplified using the TVPP Facebook and Twitter presence. We are now beginning to develop an email list as well of stakeholders in Illinois as well as interested persons across the U.S. and internationally, and on a monthly basis we will be curating an electronic newsletter to share out our work.

Miscellaneous/Other. ICJIA's application to participate in the NGA's Policy Academy for Preventing Targeted Violence was accepted and during this quarter a significant amount of Mr. Afeef's time was focused on the bringing together the core team of Illinois stakeholders who agreed to collaborate on addressing the issue of access to prevention resources at the grassroots level in the pilot communities in particular and throughout Illinois in general. The NGA project team members met with Mr. Afeef one on one during this quarter to discuss this piece of the grant funded project (identifying resources for inclusion into the training curriculum in the pilot communities). In late June selected members of the core team participated in the NGA Policy Academy retreat in Seattle, WA.

The absence of a curriculum design professional has slowed our work progress for two reasons. First, not having that expertise required Mr. Afeef to fill that gap, and second, the writing has also fallen to Mr. Afeef as well. It has been challenging to find a replacement as we do not have a budget for someone to fill this role. The amount budgeted for Dr. Clark was very low, and that rate was made available to ICJIA because of past working relationships he had with ICJIA.