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Colleagues,

In our work on gun violence, we focus on two themes:

- The greatest burden of gun-related violence in our community is due to gun-related suicides – this is nothing new, and is consistent across analyses from a wide range of settings in the U.S., but the availability of guns as one of the primary drivers of high suicide rates has scarcely come up in the public discourse on gun violence. The burden of gun-related suicides is particularly high among men who live in rural areas, offering the opportunity of making prevention of gun-related suicides into a bipartisan initiative.
- Gun-related violence can be markedly reduced by the public health approach – the implementation of many, small evidence-based policies – without impacting 2nd amendment rights to gun ownership. The analogies we use with the media and the public are motor-vehicle related deaths and childhood poisonings – in both cases, large decreases in fatalities have been achieved with evidence-based policy decisions that have not negatively impacted the public's access to motor vehicles and commercial products that have the risk of harm if ingested, respectively. **What are the small evidence-based policies?**

I think that the CALPHO's contribution in the gun-violence discussion would be to produce data demonstrating that it is a major problem for both urban and rural Colorado. The preponderance of the media attention has been on urban areas, but rural America is hard-hit by gun violence, particularly suicide.

Regards, Bill

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Tracy

Thanks for your interest in pursuing a discussion on this topic.

The only other topic that I think might be worth including (albeit briefly) are some examples from other jurisdictions that PH in CO might consider. Is this something Trailhead might be pulling together?

Am also looping in Jeff and Bill since I know they have interest in this issue and am attaching a great analysis of firearm injuries DPH pulled together last fall.

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Gentlemen,

Thanks for your courage and interest in bringing this issue before the directors for discussion. I think we left it at scheduling a call for 60-90 minutes in the coming month or so.

I would like to focus the conversation around an "agenda" that would be productive and wondering if you can add to what I think I captured from today's meeting.

What is public health's role in this issue

What influence do we have

As an organization can we come to some evidence-based decision about action we could or should take.

What research is out there

What is going on at the state level, or with our partners (Trailhead Institute).

Anne-Marie will be getting some dates from Larry and another person at CDPHE in Injury (Jared), that I will propose to you two as a potential for the convening.

I will reach out to Trailhead and see where they are in conversations about this.

Thanks

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