

Code Red PA

On June 21, 2018, health professionals across the city came together to discuss gun violence in a symposium organized by Jefferson Medical School. This full day conference was called Code Red PHL. The presentation, information and interaction among attendees was a powerful and motivating event that encouraged a focus toward actions to address the gun violence in our communities.

Physicians for Social Responsibility Phila/PA (PSR Phila/PA) attended along with a large audience of multidisciplinary professionals.

Since that time, Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC), PSR Philadelphia/PA, Ceasefire PA, and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health have helped to organize over 70 local and state participants that began to meet and discuss if there are any specific laws or policies that the public can advocate for in the city and state. Since policy and laws are best addressed statewide, it has been a recent recommendation that the coalition change our name from Code Red PHL to Code Red PA. The **Code Red PA Gun Violence Policy Work Group** was formed, and PHMC and PSR PA began to co-chair this coalition in January 2019.

Coincidentally, Mayor Kenney ordered a city wide task force to put together a framework for addressing gun violence in September 2018. The report, entitled “The Philadelphia Roadmap to Safer Communities” was released on January 17, 2019 and called for a public health approach to gun violence.

Together we can address the greatest threats to public health.
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