

ROOM #5 – Cynthia, Helen, and Laurie

### **CYNTHIA**

Gang issues, high prevalence, in Chicago they do have multiple gangs. They are targeting 13 schools. Police is not necessarily involved; need to develop a relationship in which PD will support the school.

It is hard to plan community wide events because traveling is becoming an issue because of the gangs.

Activities:

GREAT program in elementary schools, curriculum needs to keep up, is more prevention and they need intervention and Second Step.

### **HELEN**

Southern Illinois, 99 % African American, level of gang activity is medium. Issues are related to housing, boundaries, the gang activity is emerging. The police department is affected by the current economic crisis and they reduce its force, which affects services and the concern is that gang activity may move from medium to high.

Activities: second step, too good for drugs and violence and caring school community:

Need to deal with the issue of intervention; SRO are helping,

### **LAURIE**

In Michigan, the student population about 13K.

They are closing six schools this year and two more schools. Their gangs are in the community and they may move to the schools that are going to change in structure.

The partnership with the Police department is working well

African American and Latino youth will go to same schools and they may have an issue community versus community

Activities:

SSHS staff, SRO,

