



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 19, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: City Administrator's Office

SUBJECT: Presentation From South Coast Task Force On Youth Safety

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive an update from Saul Serrano, Task Force Coordinator, regarding the work of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety.

DISCUSSION:

The Task Force was formed in 2009 after a yearlong effort of community meetings and discussions on youth gang issues and solutions. This regional effort is funded by local governments in the south coast and solidified by a memorandum of understanding. The MOU is renewed on an annual basis and has been approved for fiscal year 2017.

The regional approach recognizes that youth gang violence is a community problem and therefore the solution will require on-going collaborative community efforts. The South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety will:

- Serve as a convener, not as a program operator, in order to improve coordination
- Take a regional approach focused on the south coast jurisdictions of the cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, Santa Barbara, and South Santa Barbara County.
- Advocate for comprehensive evidence based and promising programs that include suppression, intervention and prevention.
- Be experimental with solutions, programs and opportunities.

The mission of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety is "to improve and support the safety and quality of life for youth, their families, and the community."

The Task Force is composed of elected officials, chief executives from public, private and non-profit organizations and community representation. Representatives include City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors, City and County executives, philanthropic organizations, youth and parents, service providers, law enforcement, County Probation and Social Services Departments, school districts, Santa Barbara Community College, the University of California at Santa Barbara and the faith

community. Representatives work in support of the task force and attend quarterly meetings.

Regional administrative support is provided by the Community Action Commission (CAC) which serves as the host agency and fiscal agent. Using a per-capita formula, the effort is funded by a combined contribution of \$201,914.00 from government partners. With a fund balance, the budget for FY 2016-17 is \$239,405.00.

The FY 2016-17 funding includes:

Agency	Amount
County of Santa Barbara	\$50,303.00
City of Santa Barbara	\$67,665.00
City of Goleta	\$22,854.00
City of Carpinteria	\$10,063.00
Fund balance carry over	\$51,028.00
CAC In-kind funding	\$38,442.00

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SUBMITTED BY: Paul Casey, City Administrator

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

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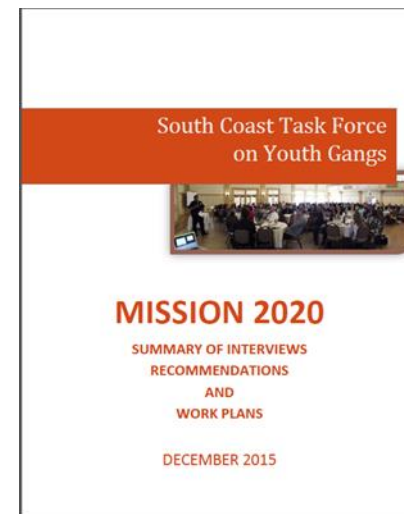
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- Background – How we got here
 - Task Force has been operating for five and a half years



- Mission 2020 Report
 - Feedback collected on
 - What have we accomplished?
 - What should we do next?
 - Work Plan Initiatives



Approved Decisions

- Continue Convener Role
- Change to:
 - South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety**
- Redirected the focus to Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression
- Youth in at-risk situations vs at-risk youth
- Adopted Mission Statement
- Updated Guiding Principles



Mission Statement

“The mission of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety is to improve and support the safety and quality of life for youth, their families, and the community.”

Guiding Principles

The South Coast Task Force on Youth Safety will:

1. Remain as a convener in the south coast to facilitate coordination, blending of resources, and partnerships by the agencies that serve youth in at risk situations.
2. Advocate for and value the importance of a collective community effort.
3. Provide opportunities for youth in at risk situations and parents to provide input.

Guiding Principles continued

4. Advocate for a full range of comprehensive services to youth in at risk situations and their families.
5. Advocate for the needs of male and female youth susceptible to victimization.
6. Advocate for evidence-based and promising programs that can be evaluated for program outcomes.

Guiding Principles continued

7. Advocate for client specific services based on the individual needs of youth and their families.
8. Advocate for prevention and intervention services to youth in at risk situations.
9. Advocate for prevention, intervention, and enforcement services for male and female youth in or at risk of becoming involved in gangs.
10. Be patient, youth problems did not develop suddenly and solutions will not be accomplished overnight.

Task Force Initiatives

- Mental Health Services –

Lead: Frann Wageneck - SBUSD

- Jobs and Jobs skills connection* –

Lead: Mark Alvarado – City of Santa Barbara



* Programs supporting My Brother's (and Sister's) Keeper Initiative

Task Force Initiatives Continued

- Pilot Program - mentoring and expedited services for youth in at risk situations *—

Lead: Steve DeLira – County Probation

- Service Provider Coordination –

Lead: Saul Serrano – Task Force Coordinator

- Evaluation – Training and Technical Support to CBO's –

Lead: Dr. Jill Sharkey - UCSB

Task Force Initiatives Continued

- Youth Services Inventory –
Lead: Tracy Lang Wood - CAC
- Coordinator's Work Plan –
Lead: Saul Serrano



By the Numbers:

- Youth with **Gang Terms and Conditions** decrease
 - **2009 – 245 youth**
 - **2015 – 62 youth** *75% Overall decrease since 2009
- **City of Santa Barbara: 2009 - 161 youth 2015 – 37 youth**
*(Zip Codes 93101, 93103, 93105, 93109, 93110)
- California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention Funds (Cal-GRIP)
 - **\$3.3** Million in funds to the region 2009-2015
 - 449** Youth served intervention programs
 - 3,186** Youth served in school prevention
 - 3,635 Total youth** served in region from 2009 to 2015
 - 396** Parents served

Service Providers Network – 18 Partner Agencies

- Alternative to Violence Project (AVP)
- AllforOne
- Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA)
- Casa de la Raza
- Child Abuse Listening and Mediation (CALM)
- California Student Opportunity Access Program (Cal SOAP)
- City of SB Police Activities League
- City of SB Parks & Recreations – Youth Employment Programs, Teen Coalition
- Community Action Commission – Youth Programs
- Conflict Solution Center
- County of Santa Barbara District Attorney's Truancy Program
- County of Santa Barbara Probation Department
- County of Santa Barbara Workforce Development Board
- Freedom 4 Youth
- Life in Focus Education
- Santa Barbara Unified School District – La Cuesta High School
- UCSB – Gevirtz Graduate School of Education
- Youth Interactive

Questions and Answers

- Council Member Feedback

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