

South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs



QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETING

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SANTA BARBARA**

APRIL 16, 2014

Welcome



- Call to order
- Attendance
- Coordinator Update

COORDINATOR UPDATE



- SCTFYG Annual Report 2013: available at www.youthgangtaskforce.org
- Data Sharing Update (target population):
 - Probation Department and Santa Barbara Unified School District
 - ✦ 53 youth cases

Target Population



- Juveniles with probation gang terms and conditions

- 2009: 306 youth

- 2012: 203 youth

- 2013: 170 Youth

Daily Average: 53

COORDINATOR UPDATE



- Service Provider Group
 - Working towards defined membership, structure, objectives
 - Planning for next service provider meeting
- Los Angeles Annual Gang Prevention and Intervention Conference

The 3rd Annual
**L.A. Gang Violence
Prevention & Intervention Conference**
May 12 & 13, 2014
The California Endowment
1000 N. Alameda St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Law Enforcement Update



SBPD

- Decrease in numbers
- Increase in violence.

*Combined Juveniles and Adults

COORDINATOR UPDATE



- SBUSD Restorative Justice
 - Santa Barbara Junior High Pilot 2013
- League of 13 Cities Network
- City of San Jose Site Visit – April 9, 2014





California Board of State and Community Corrections

**Gang Reduction, Intervention and
Prevention Programs
(CalGRIP)**

CalGRIP Panel



Lompoc (2014-2015)

Joyce Ruiz – Program Manager, CAC Youth Corps

South Coast (2014-2015)

Cesar Arroyo – Program Manager,
CAC Los Compadres-Las Comadres

Carpinteria (2014 – 2015)

Ed Cue – Director, Council on Alcoholism and Drug
Abuse

Evaluation (2014-2015)

Dr. Jill Sharkey – Evaluator, UCSB Gevirtz
Graduate School of Education

Quetzal

Frann Wageneck

Principal, La Cuesta High School



**Santa Barbara
Unified**
SCHOOL DISTRICT

City of San Jose Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force

Adrian Gutierrez - SBPD

Dr. Jill Sharkey - UCSB

Mark Alvarado – SB Parks & Recreation

Nancy Rapp – SB Parks & Recreation

Saul Serrano – South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs

Lessons Learned



- A dedicated funding source is key to having a sustainable long term program (San Jose dedicates 1% of City General Fund).
- Funds helped galvanize the effort by providing initial resources.
- RFQ vs. RFP process for services funding insures funds are awarded according to Gang Task Force priorities. Evaluation and compliance required. Providers attend the tech teams and workshops. Must attend an orientation and 3 workshops annually.

Lessons Learned



- Program fully coordinated through one large agency provides cohesive administration, however our partner model is stronger in many ways.
- Strong Faith involvement – Santa Barbara faith community could connect with San Jose to get ideas for interventions.
- Grant making process links local government and community services together, holding all parties accountable for prevention and intervention strategies.

Lessons Learned



- Overall, an organized and balanced effort of law enforcement, Parks & Rec, Elected, Schools, Faith Based and Community Services
- Law enforcement supports community intervention work and community services support law enforcement work.
 - Climate reports that shared Intel without jeopardizing investigations
 - Law Enforcement command staff participate and are involved in the meetings.

Lessons Learned



- When considering City and County arrest/crime data, data from all agencies should be combined to get a better sense of trends.
 - Evaluation support, funded, to monitor the quality (effort, effect) of the 23 CBOs funded by the Task Force
- Strong community involvement. Support of Gang Task Force and funding has routinely been an election issue.

Lessons Learned



- San Jose has developed distinctive criteria to define several “youth at risk” categories, which helps in determining where services and resources will be focused.
- Street workers a key component; MOUs require a screening process including a criminal background check.
 - Ex-offenders who have undergone a transformation can be accountable interventionists
- Task Force Technical Team meetings include breakout groups to address specific problems and track progress towards resolution (by neighborhood/region).

Recommendations



- That the SCTFYG Council supports:
- Enhancing the Service Provider Group by
 - Implementation of an MOU structure to define roles and ensure longevity of group
 - Expansion of organizations involved in Service Provider Group
- That the Strategy Team work to redefine criteria for youth based on San Jose model
- Encouraging law enforcement command staff to be more engaged
- Promoting the idea that law enforcement supports community intervention work and community services support law enforcement work.
- That SCTFYG and partners work towards dedicated funding for strategies that work in our community

Public Comment

Adjourn

Vision

Foster a caring environment and opportunities for youth to fulfill their educational, employment, and personal potential rather than join gangs.

Mission

The Mission of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs is to eliminate gang activity, thus improving the safety and quality of life for youths, their families, and the community.