

South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs

Quarterly Council Meeting

April 15, 2015

Faulkner Gallery, Main Library
Santa Barbara



Welcome

- **Call to Order & Welcome**

Mayor Helene Schneider & Supervisor Janet Wolf

- **New Council Members**

- Chief Guadalupe Rabago
- Deputy District Attorney Kelly Scott

- **Roll Call**



Presentation

Alta Vista High School: Quetzal Academy

Frann Wageneck
Principal



Law Enforcement Update

- **Santa Barbara Police Department
Ofc. Adrian Gutierrez**

- Current trends
- Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Video



- **Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department
Chief Sam Gross**

- Current trends
- DARE Program Video



Law Enforcement Update

County of Santa Barbara Probation Department

Deputy Chief Steven DeLira

- Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R.E.D.)
- Timeline & Goals



Coordinator Update

Saul Serrano

Coordinator, South Coast Task Force on
Youth Gangs

Coordinator Update

U.S. Conference of Mayors

- Mayor Schneider submitted information on SCTFYG

California Gang Reduction and Intervention Programs (2014–2015)

- Santa Barbara – South Coast Intervention
 - Carpinteria – In school prevention
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Coordinator Update

South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs

- Recalibration Project
 - 5 years in existence
 - Need for redirection
- Consultant will
 - work with Strategy Team
 - work with City & County administrators
 - Work with Task Force Council
- Youth Gang Violence Reduction Plan and Goals for the next 5 years
- First part by end of summer, all work completed by end of year


Coordinator Update

Proyecto HEROES (UCSB & CALM)

- Community participatory research grant
 - Collaboration with Task Force Service Providers Network
 - Community Walks & Photovoice Project
 - May/June 2015
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Coordinator Update Continued

My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Community Challenge

- Accept the challenge
 - Host stakeholder summit to identify work
 - Draft a plan of action
 - Report on the work
 - Receive technical assistance on community change
 - Our plan would be local and include female youth, in parallel with the work of the Task Force.
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Coordinator Update

City of Santa Barbara

“Youth Empowerment & Internship”

Presented by

Cesar Arroyo

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Youth Empowerment & Internship (Cal GRIP 2015–2017)

Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Programs (CalGRIP 2015–2017)

- 135 youth (male and female) from South Coast
 - Age 14–21

Youth Empowerment & Internship (Cal GRIP 2015–2017)

- ▶ Criteria for referrals:
 - Youth at risk of being on probation or on probation
 - Reentry Youth
 - Youth with family history of violence and incarceration
 - School credit deficient
 - Youth living in communities exposed to violence and poverty

Youth Empowerment & Internship

(Cal GRIP 2015–2017)

▶ Objectives

- Paid Internship/Job Placement
 - 15 youth per year, 45 youth total
- Educational Classes
 - 45 youth per year, 135 youth total
 - Joven Noble – Rites of Passage, Life Skills
 - Project Towards No Drug Abuse – drug abuse prevention
 - Cuidate – Reproductive Health Curriculum
 - Incentives – Stipend for youth who complete program

Youth Empowerment & Internship (Cal GRIP 2015–2017)

- Case Management
 - 45 youth per year, 90 youth total
 - Only year 2 & 3 of project
- Evaluation – by UCSB
 - Dr. Jill Sharkey & Team
- Questions

Coordinator Update

South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs **Service Provider Network**

Presented by

Barbara Finch


Santa Barbara County Department of Social
Services




Service Provider Network

Vision


We envision a unified community that values all youth and all families; where partners collaborate with cultural awareness, integrity and purpose to ensure that all youth are safe, positively self-empowered and prepared to thrive in the adult world.




Statement of Purpose

- ▶ The service Providers' Network is built on community awareness and engagement. We share a common language of positivity toward youth and families and believe that different perspectives provide opportunities for growth.
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Statement of Purpose cont.

- ▶ As service providers, we focus on youth and families exposed to adversity, whose life circumstances create challenges that complicate their chances for success. As a network we are committed to strengthening partnerships and working together to increase opportunities that support youth in realizing their full potential as a positive force in their community
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Priority Goals

- ▶ Strengthen relationships and strategize with schools
 - ▶ Create integrated service systems to address complex issues
 - ▶ Develop tools and methods for assessing risk, tracking interventions and measuring the effectiveness of those interventions
 - ▶ Use strength-based approaches to engage, educate and support youth and families
 - ▶ Strengthen the Service Provider Network
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Next Steps

- ▶ Finalize Membership Agreement and develop outreach plan
 - ▶ Develop specific objectives and activities for each goal area
 - ▶ Engage appropriate partners from the Task Force Council and/or Strategy Team
 - ▶ Assign responsibility for key tasks and establish work groups as needed
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Quarterly Council Meeting

- **Public Comment**

- **Adjournment**

Next meeting:

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

Goleta Valley Community Center, Goleta

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

