

NOTES

1. Welcome

2. Communicating our efforts

Teresa Reyburn announced that the website for the Mayor's Task Force is now available in the Spanish language as requested at the May 15th Task force meeting. www.cityofsantamaria.org/mayorstaskforce

3. Status of Objectives

Objective One – Identify a coordination team to oversee the planning phase of the comprehensive safety plan – Complete

Objective Two – Technical Assistance from the California Cities Violence Prevention Network – Ongoing

Objective Three – Identify and build upon existing violence prevention efforts. Meetings have occurred and included the following agencies:

- Brian Swanson Juvenile Division and Carolyn Diaz - Adult Division
- Joel Arreola –Four Square Church
- Jim Gutierrez – St. John Neumann Church
- Los Prietos – Tour of Facility with Brian Swanson Courtesy of Beverly Taylor
- Eddie Taylor – Untied Way
- Danny Chavez – Interfaith Ministry
- Supervising Probation Officer Santa Barbara County
- CALM – Sandra Furhing, MFT
- Mark Richardson, Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
- Erica Reyes 24th Federal District Representative shared information
- Britt Stanely – Council On Alcoholism & Drug Use
- Terri Zuniga – Victim Witness
- Craig Bonner – Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department
- SE Ballard – Public Defender's Office
- Sandy Underwood Marian Medical Center

Objective Four – Identify a plan to ensure the inclusion of community residents in providing input and participation in the plan. - Ongoing

Eddie Galarza, Outreach Coordinator, talked to the Task Force about his efforts of reaching out to youth. Eddie goes out daily and speaks to at-risk youth and discusses issues such as gangs, drugs and problems they face.

Objective Five – Identify and gather the best available local and regional for crime analysis of crime drivers. - Ongoing

4. Public Comment

Mary Jacka, representing One Community Action, presented some documents to the Task Force which included the One Community Actions agreement with all findings of the Santa Barbara Grand Jury and their 2016/17 report on youth safety in Santa Maria. Ms. Jacka expressed the importance of knowing your community and building relationships of trust.

Peter Flores, citizen of Santa Maria and member of One Community Action, told the Task Force that their needs to be someone on the Policy Committee that represents the community.

Arnulfo Romero, with One Community Action, stated that the Mayor’s Task Force does not have community representation. He expressed that the City should not have held community forums on days when graduations were taking place. Mr. Arnulfo said that from this point forward One Community Action will now hold the Mayor, City Manager, and the Task Force, responsible for violence in the community or any personal attacks on One Community Action.

Vanessa Cantu, told the Task Force that they can’t assume that all the at-risk youth are Mexican. Ms. Cantu said that the Grand Jury report on youth safety stated that bringing at-risk youth and the parents into the Technical and Policy Committees should be addressed.

Madame Mayor said that the City will have a response to the Grand Jury report.

5. Framework for Action

Ernesto Olivares presented the Task Force with the Framework for Action to help guide the Task Force and includes the task force mission, the strategy and governance and sustainability.

Teresa Reyburn, City of Santa Maria Recreation Services Manager, suggested using the template MOU provided by Mr. Olivares that relates to the guidelines for the Technical Committee. **Teresa to bring that framework to the next meeting. Document to be ready by June 23, 2017.**

6. Strategic Planning Process

Mr. Olivares presented a slide on Strategic Planning Process which includes: understanding community needs, addressing feedback from violence prevention subcommittees, common vision, goals and indicators and finally, developing a strategic violence prevention action plan.

7. Future Meeting Schedule

Mr. Olivares asked to move the August meeting to August 14th.

8. Report from Agencies and Data Sharing (Healthy Kids Survey)

Edwin Weaver, with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, addressed the Task Force to speak about the California Healthy Kids survey. Various statistics were given for 7th, 9th and 11th graders, including the percentage of kids who say they are in a gang, how many say they smoke marijuana, and how many have contemplated suicide.

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