

To: Teresa Reyburn

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Subject: Mayor's Task Force on Youth Safety – Prevention Steering Committee Report

BACKGROUND: The Mayor of the City of Santa Maria has created the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Safety. The implementation portion of the Strategic Plan is a collaborative community-wide approach that requires input from the community and its partners.

MEMBERS:

Glenn Morris	Willie Galvan	Robert Cook	Cesar Arroyo	Ruth Jackson	Adolfo Garcia	Ron Jacka	Mary Jacka
Mag Nicola	Leigh Collier	Nelly Emerson	Britt Stanley	Tracy Lang Wood	Robert Luna	Don Reynolds	Terri Zuniga

THEMES: Ms. Teresa Reyburn started the meeting by reiterating that the focus right now is jobs.

Mr. Glenn Morris, from the Chamber of Commerce, said that they will be partnering with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (FBSMV). The Chamber of Commerce wants to partner Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) students with local, community-oriented, private sector internships. He also stated that he wants to bring back the Industry Educational Council as a coordinator.

Mr. Willie Galvan stated that they want to employ up to 80 youth with \$48,000 - \$50,000 available for salaries. He stated that he wants to send ten youths to a construction job and seven youths to a Recreation and Parks Department. He emphasized that he wants to work with at-risk youth.

Ms. Teresa Reyburn than mentioned that the Youth Center could offer a Teen Jobs Fair that connects Teens with community jobs.

Robert Cook, from Behavioral Wellness, brought up the issue of transportation with those present agreeing that transportation is a challenge, to which Mr. Glenn Morris responded with "Free Bus Passes."

There was a lot of discussion about counseling and those who can counsel at-risk youth, and those who spoke up were Nelly Emerson and Ruth Jackson from the Department of Rehabilitation; Robert Luna, Robert Cook and Dan Reynolds from Behavioral Wellness.

Ms. Tracy Lang Wood, from the Community Action Commission (CAC), explained that its 2-1-1 program wants to connect at-risk youth and their families with Health Resources, among other services, that could be provided by the partners involved in this Steering Committee.

Mr. Brit Stanley, from the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA), discussed the programs that they've done in the past or are currently doing like Friday Night Live, Teen Court, and Youth Service Specialist Program.

There was also a concern about how the youth would be tracked.

Ms. Reyburn and Mr. Eddie Galarza mentioned that the Mayor has asked schools to start Youth Councils on school sites.

Mr. Robert Luna opined that youth should also be referred to the services and jobs/internship from the community partners from outside the school system as well, such as from Probation.

Ms. Tracy Lang Wood from the CAC wants a clearer and fuller understanding of what each organization does so 2-1-1 can refer youth and their families to said organizations.

Ms. Reyburn finished the meeting with a consensus from the partners that this committee needs to advertise to the community more frequently so the community is aware that this committee is doing a great job.