

**MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON YOUTH SAFETY
Prevention & Intervention Steering Committee**

Friday, February 23, 2018

1:00 p.m.

Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center

Minutes

Mayor's Task Force Mission Statement:

We exist to ensure safe and healthy opportunities for our youth to reduce youth violence by mobilizing and aligning community resources through prevention, intervention, enforcement and re-entry.

Teresa Reyburn began the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

1. Welcome / Introductions:

Mr. Alan Sutterfield, PEG Station Manager, discussed the creation of 30-second Public Service Announcements that are designed to promote community agencies and their services to the Mayor's Task Force mission.

Teresa Reyburn welcomed those who attended, and Mayor Alice Patino thanked the community partners for their continued support and interest in the Mayor's Task Force on Youth Safety.

2. Task Force Efforts so far:

Ms. Reyburn discussed raising attendance at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center (AMCYC). Ms. Reyburn informed the committee of the March Madness Dance on March 10th at the AMCYC for grades 7 through 12. Admission is \$5.00.

Recreation and Parks staff discussed the new late night basketball league every Friday beginning March 16th at the AMCYC from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Santa Maria Valley Boys and Girls Club will provide transportation to and from the event.

The "Safe and Strong" program was discussed, including what service it provides for local youth and their families.

The committee was informed of a \$39,000 PAL Grant, which will have the Recreation and Parks Department working with the Santa Maria Police Department.

GI Forum—Ms. Reyburn addressed the efforts that Mr. Willie Galvan has provided associated with the GI Forum. Scholarship funds for those that want to participate in local sports through the GI Forum.

Mr. Stanley from the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CADA) spoke about his agency's "Teen Court Program," which is designed to be an alternative to the Juvenile Justice System. This program has multiple resources to offer youth who are in the program.

Mr. Stanley discussed the "IMPACT" program, in which CADA and the Recreation and Parks Department have partnered up to assist finding transportation efforts.

Ms. Reyburn discussed Santa Barbara County's Probation "Red Committee." The objective of the Red Committee is to reduce the racial and ethnic divisions in the prevention and intervention process, with respect to youth no matter what backgrounds they may come from.

Ms. Reyburn shared a program associated with the YMCA, in collaboration with Allan Hancock College "S.T.E.M." program and the City of Santa Maria. The "Rise Up" program is a pilot program designed specifically to prevent high risk behavior, and replace it with incredible opportunities beginning in third grade. Children are tracked over a three year period. This program is designed for those that have fallen through the cracks and of the community.

Molly Schiff, with the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, discussed the "Work Ready" summer youth jobs program that the Chamber of Commerce will be spearheading.

Aide to Fourth District Supervisor Peter Adam, Bob Nelson, and Leigh Collier from Assembly Cunningham's office, discussed the importance of youth sports and athletic programs, who they are beneficial to, and the current obstacles they face, facility conditions being the most prominent.

3. Vision Statement:

Safe and Healthy youth connected to their families, schools, communities, and futures.

No actions taken.

4. CalVIP Grant

The City of Santa Maria submitted a CalVIP Grant associated with the Mayor's Task Force to the Board of State Community Corrections. Funds for the popular Safe and Strong program would also be funded if the grant is received. Staff attended Bidder's Conferences regarding the grant funds.

Ms. Reyburn also discussed that a portion of CalVIP funds would be budgeted for a part time Coordinator position for the Community Action Commission in order to have up-to-date information for families and to provide parents with resources.

5. Prevention Implementation Goals within the Strategic Plan

No action taken

6. Announcements

Mark Mueller, from the Santa Maria Bonita School District discussed “Community Pathways” and events at local junior high schools that will provide resources and services to families and their youth.

Sandra Valdez, has experience working with youth and announced she is interested in participating in the Mayor’s Youth Task Force.

Terri Zuniga from the District Attorney’s office is currently working with youth who have experienced random violence.

Sergeant Eligio Lara from the Santa Maria Police Department informed the group that his agency is starting a summer youth camp that will inspire local youth to enter into law enforcement.

Stephanie Miranda with the California Legal Assistance Agency, provides legal assistance for a variety of issues to low-income youth and their families.

County of Santa Barbara’s Fifth District Supervisor, Steve Lavagnino, discussed the proposed “Parks Bond” on the upcoming November Ballot.

Robert Cook from Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness said the age group of 18-25 year olds should also be a part of the focus on youth safety.

Rebecca Carrey, Recreation and Parks Commissioner, said that Jr. High aged youth should not be forgotten either.

Mayor Alice Patino said one obstacle the youth faces is transportation, and wants to direct City trollies to be used in transporting local youth to City or academic facilities/functions.

7. Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location

Meetings to be once a month in frequency. No date, time, or location set for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.