

SOUTH COAST TASK FORCE ON YOUTH GANGS

Executive Council Meeting

August 4, 2010

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Notes

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Jim Armstrong, City Administrator, City of Santa Barbara

Frank Banales, Executive Director, Zona Seca

Bill Brown, Sheriff, County of Santa Barbara

Jane Close Conoley, Dean, Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, UCSB

Steve Cushman, Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce

Dave Durlinger, City Manager, City of Carpinteria

Fran Forman, Executive Director, Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County

Sharon Freidrichsen, Assistant to the County Executive Officer

Penny Jenkins, Executive Director, CADA/Fighting Back

Marcelo Lopez, Assistant City Administrator, City of Santa Barbara

Delfino Niera, Division Chief, Department of Social Services, County of Santa Barbara

Fred Razo, Administrator, Juvenile Court and Community Schools, Santa Barbara County
Education Office

Brian Sarvis, Superintendent, Santa Barbara School Districts

Dan Singer, City Manager, City of Goleta

Karen Wheeler, Ret. Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Adult Serv., County of Santa Barbara

Marsha Wright, CARES Coordinator, Santa Barbara City College

○ **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Armstrong gave introductory remarks and asked attendees and guests to introduce themselves.

○ **UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING**

Mr. Armstrong gave a recap from the last meeting of December 9, 2009 Executive Council. He reiterated that both the Leadership and Executive Councils approved the action plan to:

- Procure funding
- Enter into negotiations with Community Action Commission to become the Host Agency, effectively becoming the fiscal agent and employer of record for the Task Force Coordinator position
- Proceed with the hiring of a Task Force Coordinator

○ **UPDATE ON PARENT/COMMUNITY, CLERGY AND YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES ON THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

Mr. Lopez reported that a parent/community representative, Gerardo Ricardo, and a faith Community Representative, Father Rafael will fill corresponding vacancies on the Leadership Council. Recruitment for a Youth Representative is still in progress. Council members were asked to forward recommendations to Mr. Lopez.

- **RESULTS OF EFFORTS TO RAISE \$177,615**

Mr. Armstrong reported that the majority of funding, (\$167,927) has been secured. The funding request was based on \$.75 per resident for each government agency participating. Presentations were made to the Goleta and Carpinteria City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors. A commitment to provide funding was received from Santa Barbara County and the City of Goleta. Additional information was requested and another presentation will be made to the Carpinteria City Council in September. CAC has also agreed to provide an annual in-kind contribution.

- **HOST AGENCY MOU WITH COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION**

Mr. Armstrong reported that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Action Commission was approved by the Santa Barbara City Council at the August 3rd Council meeting. The MOU is being routed for signatures.

- **COORDINATOR RECRUITMENT**

Ms. Forman reported that the Task Force Coordinator position is being advertised on their website as well as many other local and national websites. The recruitment process is open until the position is filled. Ms. Forman requested to be notified if there are any other specific websites or organizations that should receive the position information.

- **PROGRAM ACTIVITY**

Mr. Razo presented information on collaboration efforts, outreach and case management activities, preliminary results on recidivism rates, and educational progress for youths receiving services through the CalGRIP grant and outreach efforts.

Mr. Serrano reported on two case studies regarding youth assisted by and receiving services from case managers on the CalGRIP team.

- **LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Sgt. Gaona of the Santa Barbara Police Department gave a law enforcement report. He reported that the youth gang activity, especially violent crimes, has decreased within the City of Santa Barbara.

Sheriff Brown reported that violent activity, especially within the last couple of months, has increased within Santa Barbara County and unincorporated areas.

- **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Mr. Armstrong thanked everyone for attending and for being involved in the efforts of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs.