

**Strategy Planning Committee on Youth Violence**  
**March 24, 2008; 8:00 am – 10:00 am**  
**Westside Boys and Girls Club**

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Receive report on Comprehensive Services and Resources Inventory
  - Receive update on the Short-term Strategy-Community School Resource Team strategy and work plan
  - Hear a presentations from Fernand Sarrat
  - Determine priorities and deliverables for the next meeting
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- Bill Batty – Comprehensive Services and Resource Inventory
    - Focus: Target Population
    - Plus: Broader Population
  - Fred Razo – Community School Resource Team
    - Focus: **101** Students High Risk
    - Plus: Affiliated ≈ 750
    - At Risk Students – Coordination required
    - Counseling
      - Academic/Vocational Education
      - Substance Abuse
      - Career
      - Personal
      - Family
        - Client Specific - Assessment Based
    - Educational Plan
      - Student specific
        - Counseling
        - Options
        - Family Connection/Interaction with Family
    - Educational Profile
      - Truancy/Attendance
      - GPA
      - Semester Progress
      - Behavior
      - High School Exit Exam
      - Goals
    - Intervention must be measurable to be able to determine effectiveness with Pre and Post Outcomes
      - Attendance improvements ↑
      - GPA improvements ↑
      - Counseling conference – increased and active participation ↑
      - Student/Parent Counseling Sessions – increased and active participation ↑

- Probation → there needs to be a link to the probation department to serve those in need. Referrals from Probation critical
- Triage of Delivery
  - Education
  - Probation
  - Social Services Agencies
- Effectiveness of Counseling
  - More of it- ↑
  - Targeted
  - Focus on habitual offenders
  - Working with probation/city
  - Early referral
  - Education Plan – Need to KNOW! → Investment
    - Student
    - Family
    - Counselor
      - Privacy must be respected
- Gang Violence **continuing** ...cannot be tolerated

NOTE: the Community/Resource team will continue to meet/work. As a committee they will discuss and come back with more information about:

- Jobs and internships
- College and vocational education training
- Opportunities for more linkages and coordination
- How the strategy could be applied beyond the 101 targeted

Many youth are looking for a way out → don't lose this group

NOTE: Council Committee on Youth and Children is an additional resources (jobs, mentors, internships, services, coordination)

- This is a small community with a manageable problem and a variety of interventions, many which are not traditional. Keep focus on this.
  - Community information from neighborhoods and those in the know
  - Counseling – Often personal and non-traditional; offered by those who understand or have followed and abandoned the gang route
  - More than traditional approaches need to be considered
  - TRUST by and LINK to the youth being targeted is critical; community volunteer efforts offer that
  - Community based approach is essential - Traditional and Non-Traditional approaches tailored to the youth in need must be employed
  - The formula is often:
    - 30% - Programs;
    - 70% - Relationship

- Coordination involves partnerships with:
  - “Matt” and Associates – the volunteers in the neighborhoods working with gangs must be a part of the solution; they are already engaged and active in the community
  - Law enforcement agencies need to be involved in both:
    - Prevention
    - Enforcement – being out of control is not acceptable
  - Schools, and Social/Human Service Agencies
  - Street Effort (Volunteer Based) – How can we increase resources to take advantage of the “street effort?”
  - Need to transition from part time to full time effort – the strategy needs to have a comprehensive performance based approach
- Next Steps for “TEAM”
  - The referrals
  - The plans for each youth
  - The development and evaluation of accountability standards - measurable objectives
  - Work the Triage
- Fernand Sarrat – Collaborative Communities Foundation Presentation



Presentation.zip

### **Contrast in Perspectives**

Traditional Approaches	Non Traditional Approaches
Public Organization/Funding	Private Organization/Funding
Volunteer Based Programs/Services	Funded Programs and Services
Current Programs	New Programs
Program Based	Client Based
Centralized	Decentralized
Single Agency Mission	Multiple Agency Coordination Mission
Institutionalized	Ad hoc

#### Next Steps:

- Receive report on Comprehensive Services and Resources Inventory
- Receive update on the Short-term Strategy-Community School Resource Team strategy and work plan
  - Status of referrals
  - Progress on youth plans approach
  - Status of the development and evaluation of accountability standards - measurable objectives
  - Progress on defining roles and responsibilities
- Hear a presentations from an agency focusing on services to the target population
- Begin discussions on long term strategy and options
- Determine priorities and deliverables for the next meeting