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CITY OF UNION CITY
Union City Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Advisory Committee
Meeting
held at 7:00P.M., Wednesday, September 2, 2009
Union City Sports Center
31224 Union City Blvd.
Union City, California

- I. **ADVISORY BODY – Youth Violence Prevention/Measure UU Funds/CalGRIP Grant**
- II. **WELCOME – Emily Duncan, Chairperson/Human Relations Commission**
- III. **INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING OBJECTIVES – Emily Duncan**

Emily Duncan welcomed all to the group.

- IV. **PROGRAM UPDATE – Patricia Abadesco**

- A. **Hiring Process Update – Patricia Abadesco**

Ms. Abadesco introduced the new Intervention Counselors, Adrian Valadez and Artria Lewis. Adrian has previously worked with Child Welfare Programs and is providing counsel for Spanish speaking families. Artria Lewis has worked with Kevin Grant in Oakland and with the Youth Corps. He would like to have a dress code/color designated for the staff so as to be identifiable to the law. Tito Rodriguez also new was unable to attend the meeting. Case Manager Sergio Abundis is working at the Tri-City Center and focusing on helping youth find employment. Kristie Potter, Intervention Counselor is working with the new hires, the Parent Project and family counseling. The Outreach Staff will be going to Conley-Carabello for campus orientation; they will attend the September 8th City Council meeting to be introduced.

The Advisory Board requested a (60) day limit as far as hiring the final Outreach Worker.

- **Resource Center Update**

The Resource Contempo Office has the wiring installed but other work is still in progress.

- **Street Outreach**

- **Youth Violence Prevention Working Group Meetings**

- **Fabiola Camarillo – Presentation**

Fabiola, Youth Coordinator is working on an “Employer” Power Point Presentation which will be presented on September 15 at the Masonic Home. The goal is to have community employers hire youth.

B. Consultant Selection Process

- **Crime Data Analysis – Public Health Institute – Capt. Kevin Finnerty**

Capt. Finnerty reported that the City is in process of finalizing the contract with Crime Data Analysis.

- **Strategic Planning and Program Implementation – Re: S. Wakeling**

The Strategic Planning and Program Implementation is up and running. Ms Abadesco, Manager Stavosky and Director Acosta will meet with Stewart Wakeling and Ronda Jackson. In the future Stewart and Ronda will meet with smaller “working” teams.

Capt. Finnerty and the Oakland Police will meet to discuss our program and hopefully will get ideas as to what Union City needs to do to successfully implement the program, and how to keep the Outreach Staff safe when working. Capt. Finnerty asked that the new hires have their pictures taken so that the Union City Police Dept will know who they are. Due to Federal Grant Funds there will be (4) four new officers’ hired and (1) one will assist with the YVPI Program.

C. Budget Review – Jill Stavosky

- **Adopted FY2009/2010 Budget**

Manager Stavosky reported that the budget is not yet finalized.

D. CalGRIP Grant Status

Manager Stavosky reported that the quarterly report for CalGRIP was sent in and returned with a gold star (very good).

E. Next steps

The Advisory Board discussed possibly meeting with the Office of Education to see how to develop training for teachers in regards to safety, academics and alternative education.

Follow up with existing organizations/services and referrals to find out where there are opportunities to prevent violence.

The Advisory Board discussed how often they should meet, possibly every other month? This will need to be checked with Director Acosta and also CalGRIP, (how often do they require meetings to take place). There was also concern about members not attending as before.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05P.M. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7 2009.