

Minutes
CITY OF UNION CITY
Union City Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Advisory Committee Meeting
6:00P.M. Wednesday January 5, 2011
Ruggieri Senior Center 33997 Alvarado-Niles Road
Union City, California 94587

I. ADVISORY BODY – Youth Violence Prevention/Measure UU Funds/CalGRIP Grant

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND MEETING OBJECTIVES – Jean Harper, Chairperson/Human Relations Commission

Jean Harper welcomed all to the meeting. She recommended the following additions to the minutes: add "Approval of Minutes" to the Agenda; add titles/positions of all attending the meeting; and keep the meeting to an hour and a half.

III. IN ATTENDANCE: Tony Acosta, Deputy City Manager; Jill Stavosky, Leisure Services Manager; Patricia Abadesco, YFS, Intervention Counselor; Sergio Abundis, YFS, Case Manager; Fabiola Camarillo, YFS, Employment Coordinator; John Cabrera, YFS, Outreach Staff; Darl Michael, YFS, Outreach Staff; Lt. Gloria Lopez-Vaughn, UCPD; Sgt. Matt Pardo, UCPD; Joshua Clubb, UCPD Officer; Bruce Vance, UDPD Officer; Jonathan Petty, Human Relations Commission; Ryan Seto, UCPD Officer; Emily Duncan, City Council Member; Kevin Harper, NHUSD; Jean Harper, Human Relations Commission; Mary Schlarb, COR; Susan Peinado, COR; Emerita Alvarado, COR; Ray Degrade, Pastor's Alliance; Karen Yifru, Community Member; Helia Jackson, Leisure Services Administrative Assistant, and Secretary for the Committee.

IV. Youth & Family Services

A. Program Update

1. Street Outreach – John Cabrera & Darl Michael

John Cabrera, a formerly affiliated member, is the new Outreach Lead staff member. Also a chaplain, he has ministered to prison inmates and is ready to work with the community youth.

Darl Michael, Street Outreach staff, was raised in Union City and attended James Logan High School. His passion is to work with youth and enjoys coaching basketball at St. Anne's Church. John and Darl are working with the Police Dept and NHUSD. YFS continues to look for a third Outreach Staff member.

2. Community Outreach - Patricia Abadesco

• Jan 27th – YFS Community Meeting

Program Manager Abadesco will be leading an Community Meeting at Our Lady of the Rosary on January 27th at 6:30PM to inform the public about our program. Invitations will be printed and sent out to various groups in the community.

3. Interagency Contacts – Patricia Abadesco

• Bakersfield/Oxnard Working Group Visits

Program Manager Abadesco visited with the Bakersfield/Oxnard working groups to view how these groups work with schools and the probation office. Their local Police Dept gave updates on what is going on in the streets with gangs. Although their call-ins are large, with about (20) twenty participants, they tend to convey a message of caring and love from the community.

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4. UCPD – Lt. Gloria Lopez-Vaughn

- **Debrief on Street Outreach Training**

Lt. Lopez-Vaughn along with (25) twenty five officers attended the Outreach Staff Training, which went well. Lt. Lopez-Vaughn is in charge of the COPPS unit, which works with identifying gang activity.

Mary Schlarb, asked about having Police attend monthly COR meetings such as in the past. Sgt. Pardo asked to be informed about upcoming COR meetings. She also expressed concern about Police not patrolling in the Decoto area also as in the past. Budget cuts have eliminated (4) SRO's, we now have one at JLHS.

- **Referrals**

- **“COPPS” Power Point Presentation – Sgt. Matt Pardo**

Sgt. Matt Pardo, Supervisor to the COPPS Unit, explained through the presentation, how Police work with problem solving, identifying gangs, and working with mediation groups. COPPS also works with Neighborhood Watch groups throughout the community. There are (2) two NW groups in the Decoto area.

5. Southern Alameda County Youth Court – Tony Acosta

Supervisor Acosta, visited the Southern Alameda County Youth Court, which is a peer based program, operating under adult supervision. The youth serve on a jury, and it runs like a court trial. However, the offenses which are tried are minor, such as playing hooky. A similar youth court in Fremont will soon be in operation.

6. Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget Development – Tony Acosta

Supervisor Acosta discussed the 2011-2012 program budget. City staff will be asking the City Council to proceed with hiring a part time Administrative Assistant to the program. The crime data analysis has been received and is being reviewed by the Police and staff. This information can be used for call-ins.

The vote for Measure AA passed, however the City will not receive this money until July 2011. Discussion included: where and how will the money received be spent; other grants are in process, such as a supplemental funds for our program; and we may be able to apply for additional funding from Cal-Grip for this year.

B. Participant Update

Sergio Abundis

- **Case Management**

Sergio Abundis has (66) sixty six open and (36) thirty six active cases. Twenty five are from the call-ins, (4) four from probation referrals, and (37) thirty seven are general referrals. Referrals are from the school, community members, and other clients. He is currently monitoring their progress and assisting when needed.

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Tri-Ced will help subsidize TB testing through the Tiburcio Vasquez Center. Eight youth have been hired through Tri-Ced.

- **10th Street Community Center**

We are exploring funding sources, primarily the Kaiser grant to keep the 10th Street Center operating past March. Sixteen attend two classes on Monday, (19) nineteen attend Tuesday. There are currently (24) twenty four on a wait list.

There are two weekly evenings dedicating towards opening and operating the 10th Street Center, with one evening towards drop in GED tutoring.

Fabiola Camarillo

- **Employment Coordinator**

Fabiola Camarillo met with the Latino Chamber of Commerce for a presentation of our program for employers. Fabiola asked to tour potential work places for her clients. She continues working with call-ins, some active and some are on and off. She is working on the January 27 YFS and community meeting.

Jean Harper asked if Fabiola can provide the Committee next month, with a matrix of her progress with the youth.

C. Next steps

- **Outreach staffing (3rd position)**

Staff is working on hiring a third staff member, so far there are (54) applicants.

- **Sacramento Program Connection**

- **Faith community street outreach program development**

Two of our community Pastor's attended a faith based training, which is vital to our program, and extended an invitation to all to participate in an upcoming Tri-City event.

- **Crime Data Analysis/Problem Statement**

- **Report finalization**

Jean Harper asked if the Committee will meet to review the crime data once it is out. Discussion included: with this information will we be able to identify individuals as opposed to just knowing where the crime is going on; however, the data does not have names of individuals, although this information is given out to other cities.

- **Ongoing data compilation**

- **Ongoing data analysis**

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.