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YGRIP Goals

- Develop a Cohesive Operational Team
- Strengthen Relationships Among Participating Members
- Establish a Working Foundation

Agenda

Friday, January 16, 2015

10:30-11:45

- I. Referrals (Brief follow-up)
 - A. Woodland High School Referrals
 - B. Esparto Referral

- II. Measure J Presentation (Christine Engel)
 - A. Programs
 - B. Costs

- III. Discussion on Next Steps for YGRIP Initiative

- IV. Discussion on Adriano Rontal as Speaker

- V. Next Meeting
February 13, 10:30-11:45
Community Services/Senior Center

Operational Team Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 16, 2015

In attendance: Ben Flores, Lori Perez, (YCOE), Cindy Anenson, (Yolo County Probation), Martina Bautista (YMCA), Marcella Garcia (for Hector Molina, WJUSD), Vita Mandalla (Yolo County District Attorney's Office), Marie Bacciarini (Communicare), Jacob Holt (WHS Learning Community Director), Andrea Pelochino (Yolo County Public Defender), Louie Pires, (Yolo County Sheriff's Office), Omar Flores, (School Resource Officer), Heath Parsons, (Woodland Police Department), John Perez, (Yolo County Gang Task Force), Aaron Delao, (Yolo County Gang Task Force)

The meeting began at 10:40

There was a brief update on each of the past referrals. The agencies that were to follow up on items reported out. Overall, there has been minimal change observed in the students that have been referred.

Julie Davis, an RN from the Esparto USD, presented information on a referral she submitted. The student referred had been in a gang and does not want to return but needs to find a way to financially help his mom. He is viewing gang membership as one option for getting those funds. Vita Mandalla suggested that Julie reach out to the RISE program in Esparto for assistance. She mentioned there is the possibility of a job for the student through the RISE program.

Christine Engel, Director of Community Services, presented the programs in her department that will be offered to all youth with the financial support of the Measure J funds. They included a "recreation" van that will be taken to various parts of the community, an extended swim program, outdoor field trips, Friday Movie Nights and more. Although, the programs are not designed specifically for at-risk youth, they will be encouraged to participate. Information regarding the activities will be disbursed to the community via various avenues (newspaper, fliers, and schools).

The remainder of the meeting revolved around finding and implementing activities that will help YGRIP better serve the youth of our community. Below are the ideas and recommendations brought up by the team. Prior to the ideas and recommendations being presented the YGRIP Coordinator suggested that committee members share viable programs, roadblocks to implementing programs, and funding/personnel needed to implement the program.

- Ben began the discussion by sharing information on a city map of validated gang members and actual gang activities. He also shared Yolo County Probation information regarding the number of active youth on probation and the demographic makeup of the active youth. The majority of the youth on probation are from Woodland and are Hispanic. He posed the following questions to the group? If what we are doing individually is working, why is there an increase in validated gang membership and gang activity? Why is there still an education gap among white and Hispanics? What can we do collectively to enhance current programs and/or develop new programs with the goal of better serving our youth and their families?
- Find resources to begin a PAL or similar program in our community. Funds for this program will be sought out via community, Yoche De He and private citizens.
- Heath Parsons presented a draft of a Summer Program that will operate daily from 8-12 and serve students between ages of 9-12. The program will consist of recreational activities, tutoring, counseling and possible field trips. It will require some funding but will also rely on volunteers. Heath is going to work out more of the details with other members of the committee and present it again in February. It was recommended that this info get out to the schools soon as the district and school meeting agendas will be full as the year winds down.
- There is a need to develop a mentor program. Andrea said she has information on this program and will forward it to Ben.
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters will be contacted to serve students in our community. The program is currently serving about 5 students in Woodland.
- There was discussion about how the Woodland Community Services facilities can be more accessible for at-risk youth and low income families.

- Collaboration and communication among agencies need to focus on working together to improve activities for our youth.
- There was discussion about selecting one student that has been referred or needs assistance to get him/her back on track and away from gang activity – this will be followed up at next meeting.