



City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center
2060 W. College Ave.
Senior Wing Auditorium

Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

9:00 AM

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment:

Carolyn Spencer spoke about the closure of Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) and spoke of a personal relationship for an individual who was affected by the closure of the organization.

3. VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Danielle Garduno, Program Manager, provided the following updates on The Partnership:

- New Community Outreach Specialist, Juan Flores, has started with VPP.

- The successful visit with the City of San Jose's Youth Intervention Services team in San Jose.

- Strategic Plan implementation for Intervention Services is underway with support at schools, and identifying two local clinics to provide services for the Tattoo Removal Program. Additionally implementation for Communication, Outreach, and Education continues with parent education events, with one being held on January 31, 2024 at Santa Rosa High School and another being held on April 4, 2024 at Roseland University Prep.

- CHOICE Grant Cycle XII Request for Qualifications will be released on Tuesday April 2, 2024.

- Update on the Operational Team and the increase in referrals that are received through the Guiding People Successfully (GPS)

program.

Public Comment:

Anabel Nunez asked if The Partnership is accepting volunteers and what the CHOICE Grant program is.

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4.1 CLIMATE UPDATE

Santa Rosa Police provided an update on the number of gun confiscations in 2024, which is now at 120.

Sonoma County Juvenile Probation Department representatives provided current numbers for who is in the hall, with a total of 60, and 7 of those youth are from out of the county. Additionally, Juvenile Hall has developed a music program.

Roseland School District representative provided an update on the funding cuts they are facing for school counselors and welcomes partnerships to support their schools.

The Partnership invited New Hope for Youth from San Jose to share information on their services they provide for the City of San Jose and Santa Clara County.

Public Comment:

Anabel Nunez requested that members of the Policy Team refrain from using certain words that can leave negative impressions.

Carolyn Spencer presented a series of questions to the Policy Team and stated that the funding cuts the schools are experiencing are hurting the youth in our community.

Victor Castro spoke about funding issues and that youth are needing after school programs, and urges schools and police to work together for finding funding.

4.2 PRESENTATION - MAN 2 MAN: URBAN YOUTH ADVOCATE

Dr. Stewart Perrilliat gave a presentation on his program Man 2 Man.

Public Comment:

Carolyn Spencer thanked the presenter and will reach out to them directly with specific questions.

4.3 PARTNER UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erica Vogel from Community Matters gave an update on their work with schools in the county, working with 37 schools and over 1000 children in conflict resolution. There is an Up Stander Luncheon on May 3rd with an opportunity to meeting with ambassadors and trainers of the Safe School Ambassadors program.

Mark Stapp, Vice Chair for the Policy Team, relayed that Sonoma State has received funding to serve incarcerated students.

Public Comment:

Carolyn Spencer asked the Policy Team how local community based organizations plan to support the youth who were housed and supported by Social Advocates for Youth, and what services are available for individuals who experience domestic violence.

Anabel Nunez made public comment that she volunteers at Elsie Allen High School.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned

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