

City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center 2060 W. College Ave. Senior Wing Auditorium

Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership Regular Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

9:00 AM

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1. WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 9:02 am

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen spoke on how violence prevention starts at home and advocates that children in the school districts be tested for reading and writing.

Dwayne spoke on how he would like to see the Policy Meetings be held in the Roseland area, and how he would like to initiate volunteer opportunities for individuals, especially Veteran's, to assist in graffiti removal.

3. VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Danielle Garduno, VPP Program Manager, provided updates on the following:

- -New Community Outreach Specialist starting end of January
- -Strategic Plan Implementation is underway
- -Rise in referrals for the Guiding People Successfully program

Public Comment:

Unidentified individual spoke in appreciation for the information shared on the GPS program referrals

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4.1 CLIMATE UPDATE

Law enforcement and schools provided updates on what they are seeing in the community, schools, and juvenile hall.

Public Comment:

Carolyn posed the question on where is the money coming from the staffs the SRPD Gang Crimes Team.

Annabel asked a question to Probation on how many of their officers are people of color and how they are funded.

Ellen spoke on Santa Rosa City Schools COVID policy when it comes to kids returning to campus.

Dwayne spoke on his support for vocational programming and education in schools.

SRPD Crime Statistics and Recent Cases. Provided for information.

4.2 PRESENTATION: SONOMA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION

Sonoma County Juvenile Probation presented on their services and programs for youth and families.

Public Comment:

Carolyn presented a question to Probation on the sealing of records.

Ellen spoke of her experience working with youth who were in and exited Juvenile Hall.

Annabel presented a question to Probation on the process of youth speaking with officers with or without the presence of an adult.

Sonoma County Probation Department: Juvenile Overview. Provided for information.

4.3 PARTNER UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the Policy Team provided updates on their agency's programming.

Public Comment:

Carolyn spoke on the need for more domestic violence services in Sonoma County.

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Ellen spoke on the need to educate youth on further education opportunities.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment:

Dwayne would like information on Graffiti removal programs, and suggested youth volunteer for the park-a-month events as vocational opportunities.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.

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