



# City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center  
2060 W. College Ave.  
Senior Wing Auditorium

## Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership Regular Meeting Minutes - Final

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Wednesday, September 18, 2024

9:00 AM

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### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair MacDonald called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carolyn Spencer commented on the lack of public meeting after the recent Elsie Allen High School incident and commented on the treatment of these students by the Santa Rosa Police Department during and after the investigation.

### 3. VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

Program Manager Danielle Garduño shared that the CHOICE Cycle XII funding recommendations are to be presented to the City Council on September 24, 2024. There is a Request for Proposals out to the public for Street Outreach and Crisis Response work that will close on September 23, 2024. The Partnership is holding the annual Violence Prevention Seminar on October 10, 2024.

### 4. SCHEDULED ITEMS

#### 4.1 CLIMATE UPDATE

The Santa Rosa Police Department, Captain Marincik, reported calls for service increase by 6% year over year, arrests of youth and juveniles are down by 4% and firearm seizures have increased. Investigations have been furthered by the STOPit App at schools. Graffiti has been increasing around town and in other jurisdictions.

Sonoma County Probation, Vanessa Fuchs, reports other communities have been observing a rise in the number of youth detained, especially women. Brad Michnevich reported Sonoma

County Juvenile Hall currently holds 68 youth, with four from out of county.

Deputy Director of Transit in Santa Rosa, Rachel Ede, reported the temporary relocation of the transit mall has led to a reduction of problematic activity there though there is an increase in reports of youth tagging in city busses.

District Attorney's Office reports the Keeping Kids in School program has been successful in truancy mediation. Legislature changes are being made to support restorative justice that will not re-traumatize victims. This office is working with the Sonoma County Office of Education on developing a crisis response plan.

The Public Defender's Office announced a need for mentors for youth.

inRESPONSE reported an increase in calls for service this past month due in part to school being back in session.

The Santa Rosa Plaza staff reported a decline in juvenile issues at their site in the last months but an increase in youth experiencing homelessness around the mall property.

Superintendent of Santa Rosa City Schools, Dr. Morales, thanked the Violence Prevention Partnership for their response to the recent Elsie Allen High School incident and for mental health support provided to the students. Santa Rosa City Schools will hold an all-staff professional development day to focus on implementing safety strategies.

April Santos, Montgomery High School Principal, reported that campus culture has improved in the last two years. She commented the campus' no cell phone policy is supporting an increase in participation. Superintendent Morales announced intent to unify Santa Rosa City Schools' cell phone policy.

Danielle Garduño detailed the Partnership's response to the recent incident at Elsie Allen High School including deploying the Safe Campus Intervention Program (SCIP) team and arranging two wellness events on-campus for students, calling for participation in the second upcoming event.

Community Outreach Specialists Juan Flores and Rogelio Roman shared SCIP has been on campus sites in preparation for launching up to eight youth empowerment groups this fall.

Raul Guerrero reported the Roseland School District completed their fencing project to increase physical security around all campuses.

Public Comment:

Carolyn Spencer objected to comments made by Montgomery High School Principal and to the district's categorization of students as gang involved.

Anabel Nunez asked what are schools doing to prevent the Santa Rosa Police Department misconduct towards students, specifically interrogating students without their parent present.

## **4.2 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

Danielle Garduño shared about the Violence Prevention Partnership's attendance of the Global Homeboy Industries Network Conference and their approach to workforce development. She announced the Partnership's plan to start a working group before opening discussion to the whole group. Partners made suggestions and expressed interest.

Public Comment:

Lara Mayellian from the Sonoma County Library promoted the library's resources that could help workforce development efforts.

Carolyn Spencer commented on the need for financial literacy

programs, partnership with unions, stipends and making sure gang-impacted youth have a place in any workforce development programs.

Anabel Nunez commented on alternative education programs and the available lived-experience experts in the community.

## **5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Upcoming Meeting Date:  
November 20, 2024

## **6. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned by Chair MacDonald at 10:35am.

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