



# City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center  
2060 W. College Ave.  
Senior Wing Auditorium

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

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Wednesday, September 20, 2023

9:00 AM

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**9:00 A.M.**

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 3. VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

- Staffing:
  - Gustavo Mendoza is no longer with the City of Santa Rosa; he is now with Santa Rosa City Schools. Congratulations, Gustavo! The Partnership is in the process of determining next steps with the recruitment for the vacant Community Outreach Specialist position.
  - Rogelio Roman joined The Partnership team as the new Wraparound Coordinator. He is responsible for coordinating the Guiding People Successfully (GPS) referral program.
- Grant Updates:
  - There is still no word from the Bureau of Justice Assistance or the California Department of Social Services on the grant applications submitted for the Safe School Intervention Program and the Crisis Response Team and Hospital-Based Intervention Program. Notices should be received by the end of September.
- Communications, Outreach and Education Update:
  - The annual Violence Prevention Awareness Seminar will return this year on Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 8am-4pm. Registration will be open soon.
  - Staff is working on developing a plan for monthly community wellness pop-up events.
- CHOICE Grant Program:
  - The Partnership has begun the process of updating the CHOICE Grant Program in preparation for Cycle 12. The goal is to have a Request for Proposals ready to launch by April 2024.

### 4. SCHEDULED ITEMS

## 4.1 CLIMATE UPDATE

- SRPD reported that youth arrests are up 110% since this time last year compared to adult arrests up 10%.
- There has also been a slight increase in gang related cases with felony assaults between 2022 and 2023.
- There were 12 homicides in 2022; so far this year, there have been 8 homicides, 4 of which were gang related.
- Probation reported that most juveniles in system are 14- and 15-year-olds, on gang-related charges and gun possession charges. The District Attorney's (DA) Office are also seeing a similar trend for prosecutions.
- The DA's Office is working on improving their data tracking system and have been engaged by local schools for prevention programming.
- The Public Defender's Office is bringing an attorney on board to focus on juvenile cases.
- Overall agreement across sectors that parents are not understanding issues surrounding gang involvement and behavioral challenges facing youth.

## 4.2 PRESENTATION - MAN 2 MAN: URBAN YOUTH ADVOCATE

Item cancelled due to presenter being absent

## 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items discussed

Public comment:

Member of the public expressed the need to hold Spanish speaking only classes and community meetings for parents.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

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