

City of San Diego
Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention
Executive Directors Report
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To: Commissioners
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Subject: Executive Directors Report

Commission's Goal:

Goal 2--Develop joint partnerships to help address gang issues within the City of San Diego.

Ad Hoc Update

The **Safe School Zones Ad Hoc** continues its work under the leadership of Chief Littlejohn and the San Diego Police Department. Principals from the six pilot schools (Bell Middle School, Montgomery Middle, Horace Mann, O'Farrell, Wilson Middle School and Clark Middle School) have become actively involved and will have a promotional action in May. Initiated by Horace Mann principal, Courtney Thompson, the action will be a neighborhood walk and engagement of local businesses within the 1,000 foot zone. Other schools are invited to participate in this initial kick off and there is a discussion about a fall event tied to walk to School Day.

Community Initiatives Update

The Commission is working with **Jacobs Center's Graffiti Committee** on a curriculum and process for working with San Diego Police Department, StarPal and the Probation Department to educate youth involved in tagging and graffiti. The Graffiti committee is working with the Probation Department, the DA's office for an event this weekend at the Mission Valley Mall.

The **Community Assistance Support Team (CAST)** walked on South 35th street with Pastor Santos and his volunteers, and also walked through Casa Sierra (Imperial and 50th). KPBS covered the CAST events and interviewed Commissioner Bowser. The CAST team also had a phone conference with Oakland's Rev. Damita Davis Howard of the Oakland Night Walks. Here is a link to a detailed story about the walks: <http://oaklandlocal.com/2014/01/east-oaklands-ceasefire-community-leaders-set-the-record-straight/>

Connect 2 Hope a program supported by Councilperson Cole and facilitated through the Urban League, cleaned graffiti off of the Encanto Boys and Girls Club. Chair Lozada will be thanking them next week.

The Commission sent a support letter for the San Diego County office of Education's application for the funding of **Second Chance Act Technology Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles (CFDA 16.812)**

The Commission supported the **NAACP's Trauma Informed Care event** on March 18th. Commissioner Dana Brown was on the panel. About 75 people were in attendance at the Malcolm X library.

The **County's Behavioral Health Agency** will be taking public input regarding Proposition 63, known as the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA or the Act). Prop 63 was enacted on January 1, 2005. The MHSA imposes a one percent income tax on personal income in excess of \$1 million in order to increase funding, personnel, and other resources to expand service programs and monitor progress toward statewide goals for serving children, transitional age youth, adults, older adults, and families with mental health needs. In summary, Proposition 63:

- 1) Provides funds to counties to expand services and to develop innovative programs And integrated service plans for mentally ill children, adults and seniors.
- 2) Requires the State to develop mental health services programs including prevention, early intervention, education and training.
- 3) Creates a commission to approve certain county mental health programs and expenditures.

The MHSA requires that each county mental health program shall, with involvement of stakeholders, prepare and submit a three-year Program and Expenditure Plan for approval by the California Department of Mental Health (DMH).

2014 Community Violence Prevention Summit Update:

More than 200 agency representatives, residents and advocates came to the Summit at the Jacobs Neighborhood Center. Overall, the response was very positive. Attendees made connections with resources, initiatives and ideas. Our keynote speaker Julio Marcial, from The California Wellness Foundation was very much appreciated. Overall the team organizers (Anthony Ceja from County Office of Education, Grace Lui and JJ Anderson from the DA's office, Ian Gordon from Workforce Partnership, Agin Shaheed from San Diego Unified School District, Amelia Barile-Simone from HHSA and Gonzalo Mendoza from Probation) got kudos for the conference. An attendee wrote:

Please keep doing them! Amazing work and great job to each of you who planned the summit. Thank you!

State-wide & National Forums Involvement

The 13 California Cities Network is continuing its work. It will be getting some funding to move forward with advising and researching bills and what works in gang prevention. San Diego will be hosting the **April 16th conference call**. I will be contacting you all regarding participating in the call and having input into the Los Angeles California Endowment spring conference.

Announcements

Our joint meeting with Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods is scheduled for **May 14th**. We will also present the 2014-2016 Strategic Action Plan at that time. **Time is 6 p.m.**