

## **Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention**

### ***Minutes for Meeting***

City Hall, Committee Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor

202 C Street

San Diego, CA 92101

Thursday, November 15, 2012

#### WELCOME

#### CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Rosa Ana Lozada at 5:38 PM.

#### ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

1. Chair Rosa Ana Lozada
2. Commissioner Bill Kowba
3. Commissioner Chief Mack Jenkins
4. Commissioner Dana Brown
5. Commissioner Dr. Rodney Hood
6. Commissioner Danny Villareal
7. Commissioner Bishop Bowser
8. Commissioner Chief Lansdowne
9. Commissioner Fred Sotelo
10. Commissioner Pastor Archie Robinson
11. Commissioner Joyce Abrams

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jesus Leon from the MAAC project introduced himself to the Commission
- Kevin Henderson from Youth Build Nationally spoke about the problem of gangs at the MAAC Youthbuild site,
- Denise Reed of Palavra Tree invited the Commission to learn more about the Eduard Market' attempt to get a liquor license and asked for the Commission to support the community's wish that it be denied.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The September 2012 meeting minutes were approved with Commissioner Chief Lansdowne making the motion and Commissioner Pastor Robinson seconds the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Special Thanks**-Chair Lozada and Commissioner Chief Lansdowne acknowledged Commissioner Chris

Yanov's years of service to the Commission.

**Special Report** (the Unity Report by Chair Lozada was tabled until next meeting)

ACTION ITEM A

San Diego County Probation has developed a continuum of services for youth within their custody. Chief Jenkins briefed the Commission on this effort. He stated that over the last 4 years there has been a 40% reduction in referred youth and a 22% reduction of youth being put on probation. He stated that the decline in juvenile placed on probation is the result of diversion programs and wrap around services. Fewer youth are committing crimes while on probation (*Goal 2: Research community and statewide activities to share with Commission members and Mayor/Council*).

**Recommended Action:** *Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to work with the San Diego County Juvenile Probation Department to develop a targeted communication plan that informs City Departments, City Schools, etc. of Juvenile Probation's continuum of services.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Dana Brown and seconded by Commissioner Danny Villareal.

The Action was passed unanimously.

Ad Hoc Committee members will be: Commissioner Kowba, Commissioner Bishop Bowser, Commissioner Fred Sotelo, Commissioner Chief Lansdowne and Commissioner Chief Jenkins.

ACTION ITEM B

San Francisco and San Jose have established a Hospital-Community response to gang violence. Prior to the Wraparound Project at the San Francisco General Hospital, 35% of victims of gang violence returned to the hospital with additional injuries, now the figure is 4 %. In one study published this year, 90% of participants provided positive meaningful responses to the intervention ( $P < 0.001$ ) Commissioner Dr. Rodney Hood said this is an important effort to speak to the families and comfort them when possible. Pastors Bowser and Robinson shared examples of when they had been called upon to families to offer them comfort and calming words (*Goal # 1. Develop a strategic collaborative effort between various agencies who work with gang related issues*).

**Recommended Action:** *Establish a Hospital-Community Ad Hoc to further research implementation options and resources.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Dana Brown and seconded by Commissioner Danny Villareal.

The Action was passed unanimously.

Ad Hoc Committee members will be: Commissioner Dr. Rodney Hood, Commissioner Pastor Robinson, Commissioner Bishop Bowser and Commissioner Villarreal.

### ACTION ITEM C

The National Council on Crime and Delinquency would like the Commission to be a co-sponsor of their 2014 Conference on Children, Youth, and Families. The NCCD Conference on Children, Youth, and Families (CCYF) will feature workshops and presentations by jurisdictions that have adopted evidence-based practices, conducted innovative research to develop and improve programs, and applied implementation science to effectively and sustainably introduce change. The conference will be held in San Diego in early 2014. Executive Director Lynn Sharpe Underwood explained that the Council is not requesting funds but is looking for a group of local organizations to be advisory with them as they plan for the conference (Goal # 1. *Develop a strategic collaborative effort between various agencies who work with gang related issues*).

**Recommended Action:** *Recommend that the Mayor accept the invitation, so that the Commission can participate in a manner consistent with its mission under the Municipal Code.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Chief Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Pastor Robinson.

The Action passed unanimously.

1. Mayor Elect Bob Filner came in. The Chair Rosa Ana Lozada acknowledged him and invited him to speak. He stated that he had reappointed Commissioner Chief Lansdowne as Chief of Police. He also stated that he wanted to meet with the Commission to learn about the work the Commission has been doing for the past 6 years.

### CURRENT INFORMATION SCAN

- *Gang Crime Statistics*- Officer Todd Griffen, Gang Unit  
From January 2012 to date:

- There have been 15 gang related homicides (no homicides for the month of October).
- There have been 18 assaults with 165 total for 2012 – compared to 141 last year.
- There was only 1 shooting in October, bringing it to a total of 14 for the year, compared to 6 last year.
- There have been 1,096 total robberies, compared to 81 last year.
- There were 5 auto thefts during October, 48 total as compared to 23 last year.
- The total number of gang related crimes, including other types of crimes is 84 for the month of October. The total is 822 gang related crimes, compared to last year when there were 748 gang related crimes.
- i. Commissioner Bowser and Commissioner Sotelo requested a hot spot map for the crimes so that organizations can serve neighborhoods better.

- ii. Chief Jenkins requested a map that showed cold vs. open cases and juveniles vs. adults.
  - iii. Chief Lansdowne says first in 10 years he had seen such an increase of gang related crimes. Commissioner Dr. Hood asks if there is cause for this increase. Chief Lansdowne says it's too early to tell.
- *County Realignment- Chief Jenkins*
    - Gonzalo Mendez Director of Special Ops Division reported that of the 2,300 Shifted offenders returned to San Diego County, 750 were on parole in the San Diego County with 1,500 in jail.
    - In the city of San Diego specifically, there were a total of 758 realigned offenders under probation supervision as of January 11, 2013.
  - ii. Pastor Bower asked for a map of the neighborhoods these individuals are returning to.
  - iv. Pastor Robinson complimented the Probation officers and hoped that there would be more training so that they can handle some of the issues being faced by those returning home.
- *Reentry Report – Bonnie Dumanis, District Attorney-Not present at the meeting*
  - *County Law enforcement report – Sheriff Gore-not present at the meeting*

## COMMUNITY REPORTS

Juma Ventures – Shawnie Patterson and Jose Diaz make a presentation about Juma Ventures and what it has done to help them improve their school life and focus them on education. Commissioner Kowba asked for them to share with others within the school district the opportunity Juma offers youth.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Grants Information:

San Diego Office of Education/Juvenile Court Schools application to the Office of Juvenile Justice Programs for the Second Chance Act Juvenile Offender Reentry Program called Pathway to Success was funded. They received \$350,000.

Professor Dana Nurge (San Diego State University), Dr. Ami Carpenter (University of San Diego) and Professor Jamie Gates (Point Loma Nazarene University), will gather empirical evidence on the suspected relationship between gangs and human trafficking with the \$400,000 grant. The new research, titled “Measuring the Extent and Nature of Gang Involvement in Sex Trafficking in the San Diego/Tijuana Border Region,” builds on Carpenter’s yearlong study of gangs in San Diego and Tijuana, which established that 10 San Diego gangs are involved in sex trafficking.

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Municipal Code Changes:

The Commission was established by the Municipal Code Section 26.1902. This Ordinance adds a member to be nominated from District 9; changes the President of the Workforce Partnership and the CEO of SANDAG from appointment members to officeholder members and removes the Division of Adult Parole Operations Administrator and the Superintendent of the County Office of Education from the membership, which will now be a total of 20. The State of California has closed the San Diego County Office of Parole and the Superintendent of County Schools is a duplication of the San Diego Unified Schools District Superintendent; and the quorum will be amended to define a quorum as a majority of filled positions. City Attorney Mary Nuesca and the Executive Director are working to get this before council in December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▪Compassion Project Dinner for families on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Jackie Robinson YMCA; San Diego City School's Resource Fair Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

▪Next Meeting will be January 17, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 P.M.