

Minutes

July 21, 2016
 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 Second Chances
 6145 Imperial Avenue
 San Diego, CA 92114

Commissioners in Attendance: Chair, Dr. Rodney Hood	Commissioner Genevieve Jones-Wright
Commissioner Joyce Abrams	Commissioner Ray King
Commissioner Mohamed Ahmed	Commissioner Gary Lynn
Commissioner Bishop C. Bowser	Commissioner Cindy Marten
Commissioner Dana Brown	Commissioner Archie Robinson
Commissioner Elizabeth Bustos	Commissioner Shelley Zimmerman
Commissioner Laura Duffy	

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Bonnie Dumanis Commissioner Gary Gallegos Commissioner Don Johnson	
Staff in Attendance: Rev. Rickey Laster, Executive Director Karen Li, Deputy City Attorney Denise Sandoval, Executive Assistant Jordan Mayes, Student Intern	

1. **Call to Order: 5:42 PM w/Quorum**
2. **Welcome:** Chair Dr. Rodney Hood
3. **Public Comment**

- A. Hugh Muhammad
- a) Bridging the Gap (2 day) Summit at Gompers School, Friday and Saturday (in attendance will be SDPD, CVPD, NCPD, San Diego City Schools Police, Southwestern College Police)
 - Perception
 - Prejudices
 - Profiling
 - Will provide a stipend of \$25 - \$50 dollars.
 - Commissioner Marten was thanked by Minister Muhammad for the ability to use her schools.
- B. Peter S. Mabrey, FACHE
President and Chief Executive Officer
Community Health Improvement Partners – C.H.I.P.

Established in 1995, Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP) has been a leader in innovative, collaborative solutions to address critical community health issues in the San Diego region. The mission of CHIP is to advance long-term solutions to priority health needs through collaboration and community engagement. CHIP brings together diverse partners to assess community health needs, educate, and advocate to create policy, systems and environmental change which reduce health disparities. CHIP provides backbone support to plan, coordinate, and support collaborative initiatives to solve our most complex health problems.

Mr. Mabrey discussed a meeting with other community leaders including Chair Hood and CHIP's desire to collaborate with the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention and other community organizations to facilitate a local conference on ways to reduce violence in our San Diego community.

- C. Mr. Aaron Harvey
- a) Mr. Harvey is for police accountability.
 - b) Mr. Harvey carries a cell phone and is called to vehicle stops (when an Officer pulls over a community member they call Mr. Harvey. Mr. Harvey comes to the scene and somehow informs the Officer that he is there for his protection and that of the detained/stopped).

- c) Mr. Harvey stated that he commends just as many, if not more Officers than he has complained about.
- d) Vehicle Pat Down – Penal Code §12031
- e) Mr. Harvey requested a presentation by the Gang Suppression Team on SDPD Policies.

D. Mr. Alonzo Harvey

- a) Mr. Harvey would like the powers that be to revisit the Gang Documentation Criteria (handouts).
- b) Mr. Harvey would also like the gang enhancement charges to be looked at because the gang enhancements are being applied to all charges not only felony charges are allegedly pressed against an individual.

- Commissioner Adolfo Gonzales suggested that the D.A.'s Office also give a presentation.
- Commissioner Laura Duffy asked for clarification whether the gang enhancements are being added to non-gang related crimes; Mr. Alonzo Harvey confirmed, yes.
- Commissioner Geneviève Jones-Wright suggested that when the police do come in to give a presentation to the Commission that they include educating us regarding the Vehicle Pat Down code.
- Commissioner Geneviève Jones-Wright also confirmed that the gang enhancements do get used for non-gang related crimes.
- Chair Hood requested the statistics that Mr. Aaron Harvey provided.
- Commissioner Bustos requested that if there is any information ready about the presentation prior to the meeting that it be made available to the Commission for review prior to the meeting.

4. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2016**

Motion:

Chair Hood made a motion to approve minutes of May 19, 2016 with amendments stated below.

Commissioner Zimmerman requested a spelling correction of Lt. Charlott's name be made.

Commissioner Brown requested that the PowerPoint from the Health Human Services Association presentation be sent out to the Commissioners.

Minutes passed unanimously with amendments.

5. Presentation:

- a) Jonathan Herrera, Director of Safety and Neighborhood Services, Mayor's Office, General Update.
- Mr. Herrera thanked the Commission for all of their hard work such as it relates to restorative justice, community resources, and prevention of gang violence.
 - Mr. Herrera made it known that he has an open door policy and he will make sure that the commissioners get his contact information.
- b) Liisa Bozinovic, Executive Director Biocom Institute, BIOCOM Institute Workforce Development Program. Power point presentation given by Ms. Bozinovic. Jonathan Herrera inquired if there was a graduation ceremony, because if there is he would like to offer certificates from the Mayor as a support system to the graduates. He also asked how this program is funded. Ms. Bozinovic said it is a federally funded program that works through Workforce Partnership.

Commissioner Lynn asked if they were considered eligible for the program if they had a criminal record. Ms. Bozinovic responded that they were still eligible for the program, depending on which company they choose to apply for. Commissioner Lynn also asked if they could still participate if they were on probation and Ms. Bozinovic responded that being on probation may be an automatic qualifier. She would have to go back and check.

Commissioner Bustos: What resources or what is your program need? Ms. Bozinovic responded that the services needed would be like if the individual required mental health or if they were losing their home while in the program, those types of programs.

Commissioner Adolfo Gonzales informed that he would like to discuss bringing this type of program into the institutions. He would like to get your contact information for a meeting.

6. **Commissioner Highlight:** Commissioner Geneviève Jones-Wright
Commissioner Jones-Wright is a Public Defender for the County of San Diego. She shared her story about what lead her to become a public defender in the same city she grew up in.

Commissioner Jones-Wright also started a non-profit organization called “Little Ladies”. It is a mentoring program for young ladies. Most of the young ladies predominantly come from southeast San Diego but the program services all communities.

Commissioner Jones-Wright is also a member of a non-profit organization named David’s Harp Foundation, whose mission is to inspire, educate and empower "at-risk" and homeless youth to achieve academic success through music education, sound engineering and multimedia production. She will showcase a video tonight from David’s Harp Foundation in regards to the youth’s perception of Police Officers as well as the Police Officers perception of his job and what they think of him.

Commissioner Jones-Wright also is part of the Innocence Project, whose mission is to free the staggering number of innocent people who remain incarcerated, and to bring reform to the system responsible for their unjust imprisonment. Commissioner Jones-Wright is a “volunteer attorney” and her role under that title is to review applications and make recommendations. She reads the appellate court rulings and briefs filed in the cases, and all pertinent information to make decisions on whether to close the file or do further investigation.

7. **Action Items**

- a. Commissioner Laura Duffy, U.S. Attorney – Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP) and the Legal Enrichment and Decision Making Program (LEAD).

GRIP works with numerous school districts within Orange County in implementing targeted gang prevention strategies to at-risk youth, families and communities.

The core components of GRIP include prevention efforts that focus on community engagement and education of faculty, parents and students on the risks and impacts of gang behavior;

intervention strategies including STRIKE Team and case management of at-risk youth and families; and, enforcement efforts that include truancy and curfew sweeps, as well as, prosecution.

Program staff offer support and resources to students and families and provide the coordination of services among all of the collaborative partners.

GRIP has proven to be a very successful program, and is truly unique by virtue of the commitment and efforts of such a wide range of collaborative partners. In its most recent report, the Orange County Grand Jury recognized the Anaheim gang prevention program (Anaheim GRIP) as one of the most effective gang prevention programs in the State of California and recommended that the GRIP model be expanded throughout Orange County.

Project LEAD is an initiative that partners Assistant U.S. Attorneys and support staff with DC Public schools to provide mentoring and an interactive curriculum to 5th graders. The program shapes good decision-making skills and teaches components such as conflict resolution, critical thinking, and responsibility. The mentors meet with students twice a month for an hour to implement an interactive curriculum designed for student participation and unique learning. The Project LEAD Program is in 18 D.C. public schools.

There was heavy discussion regarding the educational time frame and if the program would continue on a year by year basis.

Commissioner Duffy responded by stating that it would be based on the principal's instruction and need.

MOTION:

Commissioner Brown made a motion for the Commission to adopt GRIP and LEAD as one the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention Initiatives.

Seconded by Commissioner Bustos.

Discussion:

Commissioner Bowser expressed two concerns

- Will there be a high risk piece integrated for the program?

- Will the schools in his community be serviced?

Commissioner Bowser also expressed the need for an ADHOC committee to get more input from the Commission on the programs.

Commissioner Duffy offered that the GRIP Program was a moldable program.

Executive Director Rev. Rickey Laster informed Commissioner Bowser that the schools were picked due to their high truancy.

Commissioner Bustos suggested a consumer transparency piece be added to the program.

Chair Hood informed that he would not like to see another subcommittee formed. Chair Hood congratulated Commissioner Duffy and asked her to meet with Commissioners as we move forward.

Executive Director, Rev. Rickey Laster suggested that Commissioner Duffy come to one of the sub-committee meetings and answer questions.

Commissioner Marten informed that they would treat this program as we would all programs and hold it to same rigorous standards.

Commissioner Lynn asked which part of our strategic plan this program would fit under.

Executive Director responded that it would fall under prevention.

Commissioner Abrams requested to be on the subcommittee.

Chair Hood requested that we share the sub-committee meeting dates with all commissioners.

ACTION:

Commissioner Bowser proposed a friendly amendment to the motion above that the Communications and Outreach Subcommittee would like to give further input to Commissioner Duffy prior to the implementation of the program.

Motion Passed unanimously (13-0)

8. Information Scan

- a. Gang Statistics and Initiative Updates – Commissioner Shelley Zimmerman, Chief of San Diego Police Department – Presented by Lieutenant Charlot:
 - Requesting that the gang statistics be broken down into what gang sets or what part of town the crimes were committed as well as what constituted the crime as gang related.
 - Requesting Human Trafficking statistics
- b. Probation Update – Commissioner Adolfo Gonzales, Chief of San Diego County Probation Department – Presented by Jason N. Druxman, Division Chief:
 - Star/Pal Life Skills Course for High Risk Gang Youth
 - Art 4 Change
 - Tattoo Removal Program
 - SDUSD PD & Probation Collaboration High School Graduations
 - Soft Opening for Wellness Centers
 - Junior Achievement in Collaboration with Mission Federal’s Financial Simulator
 - Walk and Knock

9. Committees

- a. Outreach and Communications Standing Committee – Commissioner Bishop C. Bowser:
 - Commissioner Jones-Wright introduced the family of Antoine Brown’s victim. They want to give their side of the story, and this documentary will come full circle, with views from all sides.
 - The family would like the community to learn from this tragic incident.
 - It was requested that the family provide their contact information for interviewing purpose.
 - Executive Director thanked Commissioner Jones-wright for bringing this topic forward.
- b. Commissioner Bustos gave an update on the Newsletter Sub-committee:
 - September – Inaugural newsletter, focus on Chair’s vision, Executive Director’s Corner.
 - Request for biographies and pictures to all

- commissioners.
 - Reminded the commissioners to take pictures at events that they attend and send them to Commissioner Bustos.
 - Development of a story bank.
 - c. Commissioner Brown gave an update on the Youth Subcommittee:
 - Target youth that we (commissioners) are already engaged with.
 - Commissioner Brown asked that the commissioners who are interested in this please email her.
 - Commissioner Brown envisions an opportunity for us to be the Students and the Students to be the Teachers, to create that sanctuary.
 - Commissioner Brown suggested a phone call meeting soon, to discuss logistics.
10. **Chair's Report**
- a. Strategic Action Plan Subcommittee Update – Deferred to the September meeting.
11. **Executive Director's Report**
- a. Updated on Summer Night Lights – \$30,000-\$35,000 from Council Member Cole's Office. There may be additional funds from Park and Recreation and Police.
 - b. Provided copy of letter to Mayor Kevin Faulconer urging support for restorative justice programs and practices in San Diego.
 - c. Updated on community support for law enforcement – pictures of the event were passed around for everyone to view.
 - d. Introduced Mr. Chuck Smiar, Commissioner, North San Diego County Gang Commission he is here to observe what our Commission is doing and report back to his Commission.
12. **Announcements:** Commissioner / Community Updates / Upcoming Events
- a. Commissioner Archie Robinson informed that this meeting has been one of the greatest in a long time.
 - b. Chair Hood requested that at the next meeting we have a larger room, better access to AV equipment, and the Agenda out for a longer period of time.
 - c. Commissioner Jones-Wright presented a video with two

teenagers' perspectives on police and Police Officer Fuertes' perspective on teenagers. All three were interested in Hip Hop music. All three of them wrote 16 bars of a song and at the end, all three of them were shocked by how they all had so much in common but didn't know it.

The Commissioners applauded the video.

13. Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting:

September 15, 2016

Location: TBD

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