• Task Force Chairman Judge called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. All Task Force Members were present with the exception of Task Force Member Pastor Dieckelman who arrived at 6:18 p.m., and Task Force Member Peterson who was absent.

• Public Comments:

  • The following submitted speakers cards in favor of the proposed program “Straight Talk – Real and Local Testimonials” and did not wish to speak:

    1. Omar L. Avales
    2. Nicole Padavick
    3. Timothy Miller
    4. Robert Miller
    5. Mark Seary
    6. Scott Steiner
    7. Josh Kenney
    8. Kyler Speed
    9. Cody Datson
   10. Sherri Schoenberger
   11. James Skresvio
   12. Pamela Winter

  • Langston Jackson, spoke about his past experiences as a youth growing up in Simi Valley, and supports bringing a program into local high schools such as “Straight Talk – Real and Local Testimonials”.
  • Loretta DiLustro, representing Broken No More, spoke about her personal experiences with her son’s addiction which has encouraged her to lobby towards legislative reform, and is in support of Straight Talk.
  • Amanda Starn, spoke about her personal struggles and experiences with heroin addiction, stated a program such as Straight Talk would have been a great resource or outlet for her, and is in support of Straight Talk.
  • Kurtis Girard, stated he is a recovering addict, spoke of his experience with addiction, and is in support of Straight Talk.
  • Stephanie, spoke about her personal experience with addiction, and is in support of Straight Talk.
  • Toni Curcio, Ventura, CA spoke of her personal experience with her daughter’s heroin addiction and commented on the benefits of Naloxone (Narcan), the drug that is used to reverse heroin overdose. She mentioned how grateful she and her daughter are for the training and education they received from Loretta and Susan, and spoke in support of Straight Talk.
The April 24, 2014 meeting notes were reviewed and received by the Task Force.

Introduction of the Simi Valley Unified School District’s new Tobacco Use and Prevention Education (TUPE) Coordinator

Dr. Scroggin, Superintendent for the Simi Valley Unified School District introduced Shannon McCabe as the new Tobacco Use and Prevention Education (TUPE) Coordinator.

Update from the Simi Valley Police Department

Deputy Chief McGinty shared information regarding drug related arrests for the period of January – June 2014:

- Cocaine Related – 6 Arrests
- Heroin Related – 52 Arrests
- Meth Related – 89 Arrests
- DUI Drug Related – 52 Arrests
- DUI Related – 122 Arrests

Deputy Chief McGinty shared information on notable high profile arrests:

- On August 6, 2014 – Meth dealer, Possession for Sale and Transportation
- On August 15, 2014 – supplying Simi Valley dealers with over 5,000 Ecstasy pills, Psilocybin Mushrooms, Cocaine, and LSD
- On August 12, 2014 – Heroin sales
- On August 12, 2014 – Attempted possession of heroin and child endangerment.

In the future, Deputy Chief McGinty stated the departments K-9 Unit will conduct smaller searches with a greater frequency at the middle and high schools, and mentioned Police Officers will be providing educational information and parent resources during the Back to School Night events for the school District.

Vice-Chair Collins, inquired why the community has had success with the fight against heroin. Deputy Chief McGinty indicated the Police Officers work hard, are well trained and educated on this matter.

Presentation and Discussion regarding "Straight Talk - Real and Local Testimonials"

Deputy Chief McGinty spoke regarding the proposed program’s concept of "Straight Talk – Real and Local Testimonials", and how the message from the experiences of young people could be delivered to other young people with similar issues, and reported progress has been made toward hosting a 12 step recovery program bringing awareness to the young people in Simi Valley.
Katherine Cashmere, Straight Up Reality Improv Talk, Ventura County provided a presentation of the proposed program “Straight Talk – Real and Local Testimonials” to engage and train young adults who have had experiences to be a spokesperson to deliver a message in an effort to provide more relatable information to other young adults of addiction.

Janet Vandruff, Ventura County Behavioral Health Services, provides prevention education to young adults and mentioned the services available are affordable and spoke in support of Straight Up Reality Improv Talk.

Director O'Brien, inquired on how the proposed program would work. Deputy Chief McGinty reported the program is currently in its early stages and details are still being worked out.

Task Force Member Pastor Dieckilman, inquired whether this program could potentially evolve into older young adults at the college level. Deputy Chief McGinty mentioned the program could eventually be taken to the college level as the program evolves.

Trustee White, remarked on the higher concentration and need at Apollo High School compared to other larger high schools in need of this type of program and inquired on the program’s capacity and where the program will be brought first. Deputy Chief McGinty reported the concentration is equally spread out among students of all the local high schools, and the program’s capacity would not be an issue.

Task Force Member Montoya, inquired whether the program will have funding issues. Deputy Chief McGinty clarified there would not be funding issues as the program is volunteer based.

Presentation from the Los Angeles Community Health Care Project

Adam Butler from Los Angeles Community Health Project, and Peter Davidson, Assistant Professor, University of California San Diego provided a presentation on services the organization offers to improve the overall health and well-being of people affected by drug use, increase access to health care, empower addicts through training, education, and harm reduction prevention such as the benefits and effectiveness on the use of Naloxone (NARCAN), a drug which is used to reverse an opiate overdose.

Discussion of Agencies Updates Regarding Implementation of the Recommended Strategies to Combat Heroin Abuse

Samantha Argabrite, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a report on the City’s activities since the last Task Force meeting.

As a result of the Youth Summit, a debrief document was submitted to the City Council, and included recommendations to prevent alcohol and drug use.

The Youth Employment Service led a Soft Skills Training for Cashiering and Customer Service course, with participants receiving a hands-on customer service experience at a local restaurant along with a certificate of completion.
• Youth Council members invited local Southern California Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Liaison, Katherine Kasmir (also Straight Up Ventura County’s Executive Director) to speak with them regarding an opportunity to begin a local SADD chapter onsite at a Simi Valley school campus. Youth Council members volunteered to be a part of it.
• The Youth Council invited speakers to present a Drug Prevention Update at its Youth Council meeting. Cheri Toyen, TUPE Coordinator, shared a presentation on the random voluntary drug testing program, and a SVPD representative discussed implementing more frequent K-9 searches, at the request of students.
• The Youth Council’s Teen Crisis Resource Number review committee met and made recommendations to print crisis resource numbers on all 2014-15 SVUSD high school student identification cards.
• Recently, two current Youth Council members received certificates of completion for attending the Mental Health First Aid training.
• City staff attended the County-wide Coordination Council for Suicide Prevention monthly meeting.
• The Library continues to host various programs for youths, ranging from promoting workplace ethics and age-appropriate entrepreneurial ideas for employment, and encouraging community service work to gain non-paid transferrable job skills. Information is available on the library’s website at www.simivalleylibrary.org

• Upcoming prevention activities

• At the City Council meeting of September 15th, the City Council will be proclaiming the month of September as “Recovery Month” and “Suicide Prevention Month”.
• At the City Council meeting of September 29th, the City Council will be proclaiming the month of October as “Stop Bullying Month”.
• The Youth Council-inspired Teen Drive In Movie Night, hosted by the RSRPD and SVHS will be held on September 19, 2014.
• The Library and Community Coalition United will be screening “The Anonymous People” from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on September 22nd for Recovery Month.
• On September 29th, the Youth Council and the Library will be screening California Mental Health Services Authority’s Directing Change Student PSA Contests’ State and Regional Winners followed by a youth-led discussion promoting ending the silence, stigma of mental illness, helping youths recognize the signs of suicidal behavior, and provide resource assistance.
• On October 18, 2014, the Simi Valley Free Clinic will host the annual Tooth Fairy 5K/10K Fun Run and Community Health & Fitness Expo. Staff will ensure that the appropriate City Departments are invited to maximize the community outreach and education about drug prevention, drug and alcohol use and consequences.
- SVTV continues to air public service announcements (PSAs) developed by the Ventura County Behavioral Health Alcohol and Drug Programs related to teen prescription drug abuse and heroin abuse.
- The heroin public service announcements featured at bus stops will be back up shortly.

- Doug Gale, Director of Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District reported on the following updates.
  - A new education program called Teen Club After School will be launched at Sinaloa Middle School, held monthly, and will provide education and training for Mental Health First Aid classes, life skills, team building and leadership training.
  - RSRPD continues to hold monthly Mental Health First Aid classes with a reported 70 participants attending the last 3 classes held.
  - Mental Health First Aid workshops are being offered at New Heart Church on a quarterly basis, and ongoing outreach to encourage and promote other churches in the community to host the workshop is occurring.
  - RSRPD continues to reach out to parents offering parenting workshops presented by Interface Children and Family Services which have been held monthly.
  - June Ewart has been recently hired to join the Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District as the Outreach Specialist, specializing in bringing awareness to programs dealing with substance abuse, mental health issues, and will participate in county-wide related committees and coalitions.
  - In recognition of September's National Recovery Month, a movie screening will be held at the library on September 22\textsuperscript{nd} presenting \textit{The Anonymous People}
  - In recognition of October's stop Cyber-Bullying/Bullying Month, a Cyber bullying workshop will be held at the library on October 2\textsuperscript{nd} featuring a panel of representatives from various governmental agencies including Senator Fran Pavley's office.

- Director Hostetler, inquired if RSRPD's website currently reflects workshops and resources available to the public. Doug Gale, remarked the information will be available once it's been approved and finalized for publication.

- Dr. Scroggin, Superintendent of Simi Valley Unified School District, reported that the District, in partnership with Simi Valley Hospital, discussions continue regarding launching the random drug testing program which should be implemented shortly in the high schools, and the District would like to begin discussions immediately to explore implementing the proposed program "\textit{Straight Talk – Real and Local Testimonials}".
• Update Related to Opioid Antagonist Legislation

• Samantha Argabrite, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a report on Opioid Antagonist Legislation, announced a Recovery Conference will be held on September 10, 2014 presented by the Ventura County Behavioral Health Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.
• An update was provided regarding SB 1438, which would add peace officers to the list of those authorized to administer NARCAN to someone at risk of an opioid overdose, and would require the Emergency Medical Services Authority to adopt and develop training standards for all prehospital emergency personnel regarding the use and administration of an opioid antagonist. The City wrote a letter in support of this bill, and the Senate is expected to take action Friday, August 29th.
• An update was provided regarding AB 1535, which would allow a pharmacist to prescribe NARCAN to a person at risk of an overdose or the person’s family member or friend, which was sent to the Governor on August 19th pending signature.

• Update and Discussion of "A Way Out: A Simi Valley Comprehensive Proposal Plan to Give our Young Adults a Better Path to Choose"

• Samantha Argabrite, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a report on the proposal of providing safe haven homes for young adults in need of shelter away from the addict home environment or parents who are addicts. City staff recommends identifying partnerships with the faith based communities to establish a decentralized option for the youth in need of these services.

• Audience Comments

• Kate Bennett, spoke in support of having a faith based community in partnership with the City working to potentially offer a safe haven place for youths to go to whose parents are alcohol and drug users, and noted experiencing frustration while trying to call for assistance during a friend’s crisis situation, noting the resource phone numbers should be improved.
• Susan Klimisko, spoke in support of the concept of harm prevention services to empower addicts through training and education as earlier presented by the Los Angeles Community Health Care Project.
• Task Force Comments

• Task Force Member Pastor Dr. Weir, spoke about success at the Simi Community Church’s faith based program for at-risk youths which offers support, guidance, counseling and encouragement through other peers and adult counselors, and further encourages youths in need, to attend the program which meets at the Simi Community Church at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday nights.

• Vice-Chair Collins, expressed thanks to “Straight Talk – Real and Local Testimonials” for their informative presentation, looks forward to working with Simi Valley Police Department and the Simi Valley Unified School District, and questioned when would be the most effective and beneficial grade level to introduce youths to the proposed intervention program.

• Task Force Member Montoya, expressed thanks to Pastor Dieckilman for opening the church to hold various 12 step meetings, and thanked the City for recognizing, and encouraging community support, and thanked the City for bringing awareness to the community by proclaiming September 13 as “Heroin Awareness Day”.

• Chair Judge, expressed thanks to the organization “Straight Talk – Real and Local Testimonials”, for their Straight Talk presentation, Deputy Chief McGinty for his continued hard work and support, and the Los Angeles Community Health Care Project for their informative presentation.

• Future Meeting Date

  ACTION: Next meeting to be scheduled for December 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

• Chair Judge provided the Good Samaritan Law Reminder, stating you are immune from prosecution if you call in an overdose and you are also under the influence. He further mentioned he would like to provide a reading of the law at the next scheduled meeting.

• Adjournment

  ACTION: Chair Judge adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2015
TO: Task Force on Heroin Prevention
FROM: Simi Valley Unified School District
SUBJECT: Agenda Item VII. Review of the Voluntary Drug Testing Program for the 2014-2015 School Year and Update from the Simi Valley Unified School District related to its implementation of strategies to combat heroin abuse

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Task Force review the Voluntary Drug Testing Program statistics as provided and receive and file the report from the Simi Valley Unified School District.

OVERVIEW

During the 2014-15 school year, Simi Valley Unified School District (District) partnered with Simi Valley Hospital to offer the Voluntary Drug Testing Program (Program) for 9th-12th grade students in the District. The Program is voluntary and enrollment requires parent permission. The goal of the Program is to provide both parents and students with another tool and resource to prevent drug use.

In September of 2014, all parents of 9th-12th grade students were notified of this opportunity via the Parent Link email system. A letter detailing the Program specifics and an enrollment form were sent to 6,796 parent email addresses for Apollo, Royal, Simi Valley, and Santa Susanna High School students. Additionally, enrollment forms were made available at each high school and on the District webpage. Throughout the school year, 56 students from all four high schools enrolled in the Program.

Between November 2014 and May 2015, 10 students each month, were randomly selected to be tested. All parents of the students selected were contacted by their student’s high school and were also sent a follow-up email by the District’s TUPE Coordinator. Testing results are confidential and were made available, via the Hospital, to the parents of those tested. For the 2015-16 school year, the Simi Valley Unified School District and the Simi Valley Hospital have partnered to enhance the success of the Voluntary Drug Testing Program.

SUMMARY

The Simi Valley Unified School District initiated a Voluntary Drug Testing Program during the 2014-15 school year and have included the results above.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2015

TO: Task Force on Heroin Prevention

FROM: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

SUBJECT: Agenda Item VIII. Update from the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District related to its implementation of strategies to combat heroin abuse

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Task Force receive and file the attached report that will be presented during the meeting by the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

OVERVIEW

See attachment.

SUMMARY

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has provided an overview of their activities related to its implementation of strategies to combat heroin abuse since the last Task Force on Heroin Prevention meeting in 2014.
Heroin Task Force: 
Agency Report
As presented by Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
September 2, 2015

Agency Report: August 2014-August 2015

- Publicity Outreach
- Health and Wellness
- Prevention Programs
- Teen Opportunities
- Collaborative Efforts
- Committee Efforts
- Future Efforts
Publicity Outreach

- **Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District’s Reporter**
  - The Reporter is the Park District’s informational and seasonal programming guide.
  - The Reporter includes various course offerings, sports and fitness programs, trainings and workshops, and more to engage the community in healthy choices and lifestyles. The most current Fall 2015 Reporter was mailed to homes on August 7.

- **Drugs Destroy Tri-Fold Brochure**
  - Contains phone numbers and website addresses for various organizations that provide aid to those in need arising from drug/alcohol use. Distributed via Park Rangers, at the District Lobby and Community Center, on the website, and via local organizations.

- **Community Links on our website**
  - The Park District’s website continues to serve as an informational base for District programs, but also provides links to other agencies, events, and trainings that assist with drug prevention or treatment. Community Links in the Reporter.
  - The Reporter, distributed seasonally, provides contacts for agencies and organizations.

Health and Wellness:
Mental Health First Aid

- **Mental Health First Aid Training**
  - Since August 2014, another 170+ citizens have been trained, joining the 400+ who were trained prior to that date in Simi Valley.
  - Training provides a 5-step method to assisting someone with a mental health crisis.
  - Training is provided by Ventura County Behavioral Health through Prevention and Early Intervention funding made possible by Proposition 63, Community Coalition United and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.
  - County and local resources are distributed to attendees through the Community Coalition United.

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid Training**
  - Since January 2015 when it was implemented in Simi Valley, over 60 citizens have been trained in the youth module, equipping them with the ability to assist a youth, aged 12-18. Participants learned risk factors and warning signs of mental health challenges and substance use.
  - Supported statewide campaigns with Each Mind Matters to draw awareness during the month of May for Mental Health Awareness Month.
Health and Wellness: Parenting Seminars

- Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District collaboratively works with Interface Children and Family Services and the Triple P Program to provide FREE parenting seminars. Parenting seminars are provided seasonally, with three trainings per season. To encourage participation childcare is provided for a nominal fee for those with a need.
  - Parents can enroll in the series or individual seminars.
  - Seminar series for parents and caregivers of youth ages birth -12 years includes:
    - The Power of Positive Parenting
    - Raising Confident, Competent Children
    - Raising Resilient Children
  - Seminar series for parents and caregivers of teens includes:
    - Raising Competent Teenagers
    - Raising Responsible Teenagers
    - Getting Teenagers Connected

Health and Wellness: Youth Hockey Outreach

- Youth Hockey Outreach Program is a free referral based program that seeks to provide hockey training and “warm room” trainings to at risk-youth. The program is provided by Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, Community Coalition United and Iceoplex. The program is free to participants and includes equipment use.
  - Participants receive one hour a week of on-ice training with a coach, developing hockey skills. On ice time with a coach provides a natural setting for mentorship opportunities.
  - Warm room time consists of skill and interest building and includes guest presenters from various organizations, including but not limited to the Restorative Justice Collaboration, City of Simi Valley Youth Employment Services, Art Trek, Eat 2 Be Healthy, and more. Warm room provides a natural setting for community connectedness.
Health and Wellness: safeTALK Training

- A training that seeks to help individuals identify and engage people with suicidal thoughts and connect them with further help.
- Training was provided by Ventura County Office of Education
- Training event was hosted by Simi Valley Youth Council and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District during the month of May to increase awareness of Mental Health Awareness Month.
- 12 teens attended the training on May 7

Health and Wellness: Recovery Awareness

- In recognition of National Recovery Month, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, Community Coalition United and the Simi Valley Public Library hosted an event in September 2014.
- A featured documentary, The Anonymous People, was shown to support the 23.5 million Americans who are living in long term recovery and increase awareness in the community on how to support individuals in recovery.
Prevention/Early Intervention: Reality Party for Parents

- On March 7, 2015 Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District worked with Straight Up Ventura County, Simi Valley Unified School District, and the Simi Valley Police Department to host a Reality Party for Parents.
- Reality Party for Parents is a mock teen party theatre with teen actors that strive to expose underage drinking, binge drinking and drug culture. Parents, agencies, caregivers and concerned community members tour a home set up to demonstrate a typical teen party and are educated on the typical behaviors and dangers.
- The outcome hopes to raise awareness, reduce incidence, increase communication between youth and their families and provide resources to the attendees.

Prevention Program: Eat, Learn, Play

- Eat, Learn, Play (2015 pilot program)
  - Collaborative program with Simi Valley Unified School District, Simi Valley Public Library and Food Share.
  - The School District provided meals daily to youth at Rancho Simi Community Park from June 8-July 31. To supplement the School District’s free lunch program with family programming, multiple agencies adopted a day of the week in which they too could provide services to the families attending the lunch program.
    - On Tuesdays during the duration of the program Food Share provided groceries for attending families and lunches for adults.
    - On Wednesdays the Simi Valley Public Library provided literacy and music activities.
    - On Thursdays, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District provided health and fitness activities, as well as craft activities.
    - Guest community members such as Ventura County Fire Department, Emergency Services, Park Rangers and others were also invited to attend during weekly thematic activities.
- The Pilot program was deemed a success and was concluded to be well attended and received by the community.
Prevention: Opportunities for Teens

- Programming and events are provided for teens as a means of prevention and social connection, encouraging them to participate in healthy choices and provide them with a network of peers and mentors that can have a positive impact on their lifestyle choices.

- Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District offered teen seminars and workshops, teen pool party, babysitter training courses, art and anime courses, sign language classes, sports, teen camp, and much more to engage youth.

- An after school Teen Club was established at Sinaloa Middle School and will expand to Hillside Middle School this fall.

- Intergenerational Programming
  - Teen volunteers assist seniors with use of their cell phones, laptops and tablets through one-on-one or small group instruction. Instruction is tailored specifically to the individual needs of the senior. This program bridges generational gaps, empowers teens as they instruct on a specific skill set and encourages seniors to provide mentorship to the youth.

- Employment - Along with hiring youth year-round, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District hosts an annual Job Fair for youth interested in working for the Before and After School Care Programs offered through the District.

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Prevention: Opportunities for Teens

- Volunteer Opportunities
  
  - Provides youth with opportunities to develop skill sets, engage in positive social interactions, build social and community connections, builds self-esteem and encourages mentorship opportunities.

  - 248 active youth participate year-round in volunteering opportunities with Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. 47% of our active volunteer database. 52 of the youth volunteers were added between April and July of 2015.

- Employment
  
  - Along with hiring youth year-round for programs and events, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District hosted an annual Job Fair for youth interested in working for the Before and After School Care Programs offered through the District.
Prevention Programs: Collaborative Efforts

- Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District and the Simi Valley Public Library collaboratively host monthly Crafting Sessions.
- Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District also worked with the Interact Clubs to host a teen movie night at Royal High School in March 2015.

Committee Efforts

- Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has representation at the following committees:
  - Community Coalition United
  - Restorative Justice Collaborative
  - Ventura County Behavioral Health Advisory Board
  - Community Advisory Committee
  - Suicide Prevention Committee - County and Regional
  - Ventura County PACT
Future Efforts

- In recognition of September as Suicide Prevention Month, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, City of Simi Valley and Simi Valley Public Library will collaboratively host an event that encourages Simi Valley residents to get involved in a statewide campaign, Directing Change. The event will feature videos of past entrees, speakers and informational session to encourage future participation in the campaign.

- In recognition of October as Stop Bullying Month, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, City of Simi Valley, and Simi Valley Public Library will collaboratively host an event that seeks to educate and provide tools to families and youth in regard to bullying. This year’s restorative theme encourages the community to combat bullying through a community approach.

- Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is working with the Interact Clubs on their Festival Arts Youth Movement event that will occur at Rancho Simi Community Park in Spring 2016.

Links

- Drugs Destroy Brochure: http://www.rsrpd.org/admin/taskforce/drugsdestroybrochure.pdf
- Community Links on RSRPD Website: http://www.rsrpd.org/admin/taskforce/taskforce.html
- Teen Programs and Activities: http://www.rsrpd.org/rec/teen/teen.html
- Upcoming Events: http://www.rsrpd.org/rec/events/events.html
MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 27, 2015
TO: Task Force on Heroin Prevention
FROM: City of Simi Valley
SUBJECT: Agenda Item IX. Update from the City of Simi Valley related to its implementation of strategies to combat heroin abuse

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Task Force receive and file the updates provided below which will be verbally presented during the meeting by the City of Simi Valley.

OVERVIEW

- The Youth Council promoted and participated in the Straight Up Reality Party for Parents to provide a real-life demonstration about the realities of teen parties.
- In partnership with the Simi Valley Unified School District, the Simi Valley Youth Council provided Teen Crisis Resource Information to all high school students within the District via student identification cards.
- The City of Simi Valley and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District partnered to host the Simi Valley Youth Services Providers Meet and Greet on February 18, 2015, bringing together 40 youth-serving organizations to share resources and discuss collaborations.
- SVTV continues to air public service announcements (PSAs) developed by the Ventura County Behavioral Health Alcohol and Drug Programs related to teen prescription drug and heroin abuse.
- The Simi Valley Public Library offers a wide variety of programming for teens to provide positive alternatives, and programming for adults, such as the Triple P - Positive Parenting Program.
- To help prepare teens for employment, the Youth Employment Service hosted its annual Job and Career Expo on April 11, 2015 and has offered teen workshops at the Simi Valley Public Library, as well as for all tenth grade students within the Simi Valley Unified School District.
- During the August 31, 2015 City Council meeting, the City Council will proclaim September 12, 2015 as Heroin Awareness Day in the City of Simi Valley.
- During the same meeting, the City Council will proclaim the month of September 2015 as Suicide Prevention month.
SUMMARY

The City of Simi Valley continues to partner with the Simi Valley Unified School District and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District to implement strategies to combat heroin abuse in the City.
DATE: August 27, 2015
TO: Task Force on Heroin Prevention
FROM: City of Simi Valley
SUBJECT: Agenda Item XIV. Reading of Good Samaritan Law

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Chair read at the meeting, and the Task Force receive, the language from the California Health and Safety Code, Section 11316.5, related to the Good Samaritan Fatal Overdose Prevention Law.

OVERVIEW

The complete language of the law is attached.

SUMMARY

California Health and Safety Code, Section 11376.5, the Good Samaritan Fatal Overdose Prevention Law, provides that it is not a crime for someone under the influence of a controlled substance who seeks medical assistance for another person experiencing a drug-related overdose that is related to the possession of a controlled substance.
DIVISION 10. UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT [11000 - 11651] (Division 10 repealed and added by Stats. 1972, Ch. 1407.)

CHAPTER 6. Offenses and Penalties [11350 - 11392] (Chapter 6 added by Stats. 1972, Ch. 1407.)

ARTICLE 4. Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions [11364 - 11376.5] (Article 4 added by Stats. 1972, Ch. 1407.)

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, it shall not be a crime for a person to be under the influence of, or to possess for personal use, a controlled substance, controlled substance analog, or drug paraphernalia, if that person, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for another person experiencing a drug-related overdose that is related to the possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance analog, or drug paraphernalia of the person seeking medical assistance, and that person does not obstruct medical or law enforcement personnel. No other immunities or protections from arrest or prosecution for violations of the law are intended or may be inferred.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, it shall not be a crime for a person who experiences a drug-related overdose and who is in need of medical assistance to be under the influence of, or to possess for personal use, a controlled substance, controlled substance analog, or drug paraphernalia, if the person or one or more other persons at the scene of the overdose, in good faith, seek medical assistance for the person experiencing the overdose. No other immunities or protections from arrest or prosecution for violations of the law are intended or may be inferred.

(c) This section shall not affect laws prohibiting the selling, providing, giving, or exchanging of drugs, or laws prohibiting the forcible administration of drugs against a person’s will.

(d) Nothing in this section shall affect liability for any offense that involves activities made dangerous by the consumption of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog, including, but not limited to, violations of Section 23103 of the Vehicle Code as specified in Section 23103.5 of the Vehicle Code, or violations of Section 23152 or 23153 of the Vehicle Code.

(e) For the purposes of this section, “drug-related overdose” means an acute medical condition that is the result of the ingestion or use by an individual of one or more controlled substances or one or more controlled substances in combination with alcohol, in quantities that are excessive for that individual that may result in death, disability, or serious injury. An individual’s condition shall be deemed to be a “drug-related overdose” if a reasonable person of ordinary knowledge would believe the condition to be a drug-related overdose that may result in death, disability, or serious injury.

(Added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 338, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2013.)