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COORDINATING & ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Chair, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Corey Sianez

Chief of Police for the City of Buena Park with a population over 83,884

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Steven Davis

Police Captain of Operations for the City of Anaheim with a population over 357,084

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Jack Conklin

Chief of Police for the City of Brea with a population over 43,710

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Rod Cox

Chief of Police for the City of Cypress with a population over 49,743

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board..... Dave Hendricks

Chief of Police for the City of Fullerton with a population over 142,457

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Jerry Price

Chief of Police for the City of La Habra with a population over 62,064

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Terry Kim

Chief of Police for the City of La Palma with a population over 15,568

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Darin Lenyi

Chief of Police for the City of Placentia with a population over 51,932

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Jim Wren

Public Safety Director for the City of Stanton with a population over 38,305

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Nate Wilson

Lieutenant for the Orange County Sheriff's Department contracting for Police Services for the City of Stanton with a population over 38,305

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Dave Christian

Assistant City Manager for the City of Yorba Linda with a population over 67,637

Member, Coordinating & Advisory Board.....Jarrett Kurimay

Lieutenant for the Orange County Sheriff's Department contracting for Police Services for the City of Yorba Linda with a population over 67,637

North Orange County Public Safety Task Force Staff

Executive Director.....Soo Elisabeth Kang

Fiscal Agent.....City of Stanton



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The state Budget Act of 2017 in accordance with Assembly Bill 97, Chapter 14, Statutes of 2017, Item #5227-104-0001, awarded the North Orange County Public Safety Task Force for the cities of Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, Placentia and Stanton in Orange County for the purpose of violence prevention, intervention and suppression activities. The provisions, as listed in the Budget Act of 2017, associated with these funds are as follows:

1. Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC) will award \$20,000,000 to the North Orange County Public Safety Task Force equally over a four year period effective July 1, 2017 with all funds encumbered or expended until June 30, 2021.
2. The Task Force will establish a Coordinating & Advisory Board to prioritize the use of the funds.
3. The funds shall be used by the Task Force for the purpose of violence prevention and intervention activities to include the following:
 - a. Programs to address **youth violence prevention and intervention** in K-12th schools
 - b. Programs to promote and enhance the **successful reentry of offenders** into the community
 - c. Programs to tackle **homeless outreach and intervention efforts**.
4. The Task Force shall distribute 60% of the funds to community based organizations to assist with these efforts.
5. The North Orange County Public Safety Task Force shall report to the Board of State and Community Corrections once per funding cycle on how these funds are being used and any relevant finds on the overall effectiveness of the Task Force.

In fiscal year 2017-2018, \$5,000,000 (payment 1 of 4) in funding supported 48 programs in 37 funded community based organizations in the North Orange County region initially made up of the cities of Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, Placentia and Stanton. In addition to the six North Orange County cities cited in the Budget Act of 2017, the cities of Cypress, La Habra, La Palma and Yorba Linda were also included for community based organization funding considerations and have representation on the Coordinating & Advisory Board.

With ten cities, the Task Force is a coordinated and regionalized effort amongst local law enforcement agencies, community based organizations and community members. Stakeholders determine where to direct resources through a selection committee planning process. The Board of State and Community Corrections distributes the appropriated Task Force funds. The Task Force's Executive Director with the City of Stanton, the designated fiscal agent, monitors the fiscal and programmatic components of the services. The coordinated efforts acknowledge the value the Task Force places on local discretion and multiagency collaboration in addressing the issues of violence prevention and intervention in our communities.

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What did the North Orange County region look like BEFORE the Task Force funding?

COLLABORATION EFFORTS

The North Orange County region as defined by the funding has a rich history of collaborative approaches to addressing various public safety issues. Collaborative efforts are seen through the various city specific collaborative groups to assess community needs, reevaluate efforts and launch initiatives to address those issues specifically to the local cities. However, the existing collaborative groups in the region are limited both in funds and resources causing counter-productive competition amongst community based organizations for those opportunities. Moreover, based on the observations of this past year, the larger and more stable community based organizations are less collaborative than the smaller organizations because they may not need to do so. Often, the collaborative efforts in the regions are unnecessarily duplicative and simultaneously, have gaps in services. Compounding the issue are those community based organizations that operate independently with little or no coordination or collaboration. The result is a lack of continuum of care which is vital in promoting public safety in all aspects of any community.

What has occurred since the Task Force funding has been distributed and applied in the region?

COORDINATION EFFORTS

Collaborative efforts were evident in the region but the lack of coordinating those partnerships was revealed in duplication of services as well as gaps in other services. Application of the funding in the region established two foundational activities. In order to thoughtfully coordinate efforts in the three focus areas, accurate information was sought. In the area of homeless outreach, there was just no way of telling who the homeless individuals are, where the homeless individuals sleep or consider their city of residence, when the homeless individuals became homeless, and what resources have been offered. The January 2017 Point in Time count was considered inaccurate as evidenced by the weekly street outreach conducted in the region in the after action reports. The Task Force was seeking meaningful data to curb street homelessness in the early preventative stages, reduce street homelessness in the intervention stage and to coordinate these efforts in the region through common metrics, common communication modes and common efforts. The other foundational activity was the emerging area of specialized programming. As a program was offered, it was clear that a specialized programming was required. A program within a program was developed. In the case of Big Brothers Big Sisters in their mentoring services, law enforcement personnel mentors paired with juvenile mentees was the impetus for Bigs with Badges. Coordination efforts are illustrated in the following:

Meaningful Data

North Orange County Public Safety Task Force Homeless Census Report

Spring 2018

The purpose of the Census was to seek out information that is accurate and contains geographic, demographic and personal information of those individuals who are street homeless.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The deployment of the census staff was always law enforcement led as they provided local knowledge, local access and public safety for all those involved.



The duration of the Census was from March 19-April 20, 2018 in the morning, mid-day and evening in the designated locations multiple times.

Ten North Orange County Public Safety Task Force cities of Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Placentia, Stanton and Yorba Linda and 3 additional cities of Los Alamitos, Orange and Villa Park (as these cities are part of the County of Orange’s designated North Service Planning Area) participated in the Census.

Eleven (Cities of Stanton, Villa Park and Yorba Linda contract with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department) law enforcement agencies participated in the census with 1,114 hours of law enforcement officers’ time.

Over 800 hours of community service hours of volunteers were dedicated to this effort by 160 volunteers from 27 community based, faith based and university organizations.

The region’s existing local collaboration among community based organizations, law enforcement agencies and faith based organization was leveraged to strategically implement coordination to produce accurate data for the purposes of effective homeless outreach.

Strategic implementation of coordinated efforts is most evident in the methodology comparison of the Point in Time Count conducted in January 2017 and the Census conducted in spring 2018 shown in the table below.

Methodology Comparison

North Service Planning Area Results	Point in Time Count 2017	North Orange County Public Safety Task Force Census 2018
Methodology	Statistical Sampling	Census
Data Collection Period	1 event totaling 4 hours	11 events totaling 44 hours
Interviews Conducted	80	1,140
Unsheltered Homeless	936	1,474



Specialized Programming

Bigs with Badges

Fall 2018

CONNECTING YOUTH WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH MENTORING

Big Brothers Big Sisters has created a program to bridge the divide between police and the communities we serve. Bigs with Badges encourages law enforcement to volunteer as Big Brothers or Big Sisters in one-to-one relationships with youth ages 7 – 17, who need and want a mentor in their lives. Big Brothers Big Sisters believes that by fostering understanding, Bigs with Badges will improve community relations one meaningful relationship at a time.

Bigs with Badges helps to develop confident and competent youth and helps our staff become more engaged with the communities they serve. Public safety is a shared responsibility between the public and the police and this is an important part of that partnership.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County has partnered with the Coordinating & Advisory Board, under the chairmanship of Chief Corey Sianez (Buena Park Police Department) to offer police officers the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child. On the launch date of the Bigs with Badges program, over 40 police personnel signed up to become mentors in one police department alone.

Moreover, the Bigs with Badges is the first launch in the State of California. Nationally, other states such as Florida and New Mexico have existing Bigs with Badges programs with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

COORDINATION EFFORTS EMERGING

As a result of the funding allocation in the region, three trends emerged: 1) prominent presence in the community of collaborative and coordinated efforts; 2) focused program capacity activities and 3) specific outreach efforts to target sub-populations. The pronounced alignment of collaborative efforts through the coordination of the partnerships in the region is detailed below:

Prominent Presence in the Community

An increased presence in the community was immediate and noticeable. A school resource officer in La Palma emerged to bring about a safe school environment and a viable array of options for out of school opportunities in a supervised and structured setting. The school resource officer expanded his ability by reaching out to fellow funded community based partners to tap into their expertise in the way of mentoring services through Big Brothers Big Sisters of OC and case management and counseling services through Community Health Services. Meanwhile, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Anaheim hallowed out their older vans to bring programs to nine neighborhoods in Anaheim increasing their presence in the community and allowing a greater access of potential community members to receive programming within walking distance.

Focused Program Capacity

Resilient Families Program through Cal State University of Fullerton was able to serve a larger number of parents through their program as a direct result of the funds. Expansion of the program was made possible by hiring a Spanish speaking facilitator and serving additional school districts in the area.



Sunburst Youth Academy that serves youths ages 16-18 years old to reform their lives academically, emotionally and socially have partnered with Task Force funded community based organizations to reinvigorate their mental health services, mentoring and case management services. With reinforced services, the Academy was given opportunities to expand their workforce development curriculum to better serve their youths in the region.

Specific Outreach to Target Sub-Population

In Anaheim, San Jose Taller-Hope Builders was serving 25% of their clients who were formerly incarcerated. With the enhanced funds, Hope Builders boosted its outreach capacity to increase that percentage while continuing their construction workforce development program and medical health vocational education programs for their clients.

Addressing chronic absenteeism and truancy, the Savanna School District received mental health services through the Stanton's MSW Counseling Program, case management services and more importantly, home visits from school staff accompanied by law enforcement and community based organization's staff. Welcome back to school home visits were made to the top five "offender" families who were in danger of dropping out of school due to dangerous absenteeism rates in the school district. Home visits came with back to school baskets filled with school outerwear, healthy snacks, school supplies and books. Follow up visits and close monitoring of the student's attendance ensured that many of the top offenders increased their school attendance and reported school pride and a sense of academic achievement as the school year ended.

Public Safety Task Force: Coordination Services and Outreach

In the months of November 2017, January and April 2018, multi-jurisdictional law enforcement agencies launched outreach efforts in the region focusing on violence prevention, successful reentry and homeless intervention activities. The outreach efforts consisted of training in that particular focus area, identifying existing resources, public safety related issues, understanding the rationale for outreach and varying degrees of engagement and showcasing best practices and evidence based models in promising programs in other regions. Eight law enforcement agencies and the Orange County Sheriffs Department sent law enforcement officers to these outreach gatherings as well as schedule presentation during a shift briefing to inform fellow officers from their respective law enforcement agencies. The outreach efforts were coordinated by Lt. Tamra Banks from Buena Park Police Department.

Evaluation

Evaluation services to support the Task Force's activities in the three focus areas by the Social Science Research Center (SSRC) at California State University, Fullerton were contracted to 1) conduct key informant interviews; 2) summarize the results with development of the regional landscape of current efforts directed at the three focus areas; 3) develop a formative evaluation plan to be implemented during Years 2 through 4.



REGIONAL FUNDING

FOCUS AREA #1

Programs to address **youth violence prevention and intervention** in K-12th schools

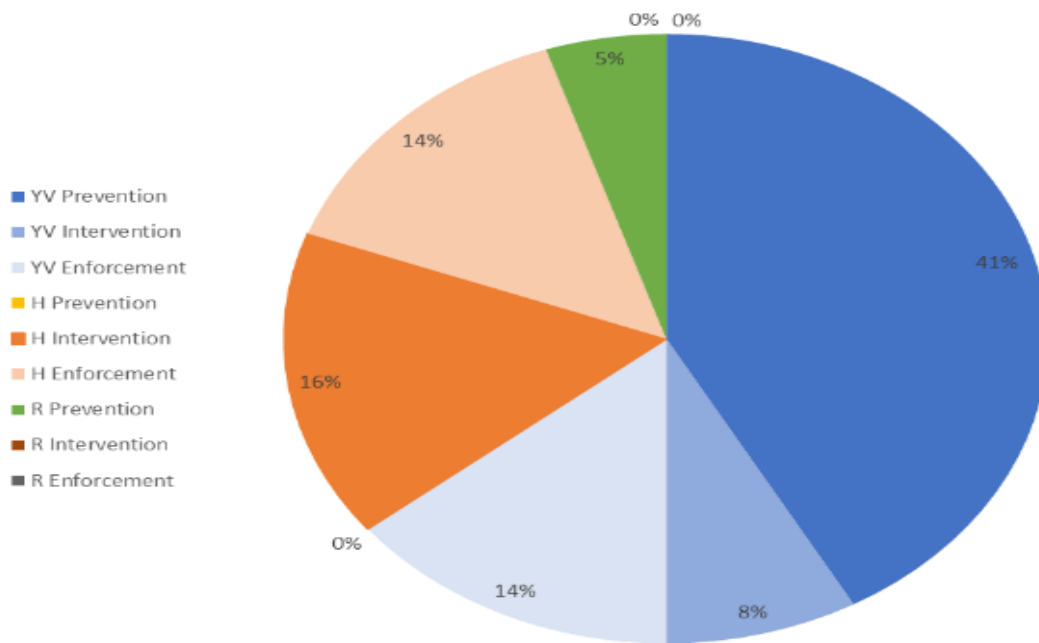
FOCUS AREA #2

Programs to promote and enhance the **successful reentry of offenders** into the community

FOCUS AREA #3

Programs to tackle **homeless outreach and intervention efforts**

% of Agencies Focused on Each Area



YV:	Youth Violence Prevention Efforts	41%
YV:	Youth Violence Intervention Efforts	8%
YV:	Youth Violence Enforcement Efforts	14%
H:	Homeless Prevention Efforts	14%
H:	Homeless Intervention Efforts	16%
R:	Reentry Prevention Efforts	5%
R:	Reentry Intervention Efforts	1%
R:	Reentry Enforcement Efforts	1%



City Net-Stanton	HOMELESS OUTREACH
Pure Game	YOUTH VIOLENCE P/I
Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove	YOUTH VIOLENCE P/I
Boys & Girls Club of Stanton	YOUTH VIOLENCE P/I
DRUG USE IS LIFE ABUSE (DUILA)	YOUTH VIOLENCE P/I
Cal State Fullerton-Social Science Research Center Evaluation-Regional	All three areas
MSW Counseling Program-Regional	All three areas
Cal State Fullerton-Resilient Families Program	YOUTH VIOLENCE P/I
Sunburst Youth Academy Foundation-Regional	YOUTH VIOLENCE P/I
Ocean Institute-Regional	All three areas
Big Brothers Big Sisters OC-Regional	YOUTH VIOLENCE P/I
City Net-Homeless Census-Regional	Homeless Outreach
City Net-Reentry Services-Regional	Reentry Services
TOTAL CBO (60%)	\$3,000,000

CITY LIST

CITY	FOCUS AREA(S)
Anaheim	All three areas
Brea	All three areas
Buena Park	All three areas
Fullerton	All three areas
Placentia	All three areas
Stanton	All three areas
TOTAL CITY (40%)	\$2,000,000
GRAND TOTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018	\$5,000,000

