

## LB GRIP Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

### AGENDA

Center for Working Families, 1900 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA  
 February 7, 2011 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### *Reducing Violence, Saving Lives*

**OUR VISION:** We envision a community where youth are highly valued, well educated, skilled for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workplace, healthy, law abiding, and contributing members of society who respect the rights of others and themselves.

**OUR MISSION:** The LB GRIP Project will create a collaboration of educational, prevention and intervention based programs, as well as related support systems designed to provide essential educational, career, social and life skills development training and services for at-risk youth and adults in the Long Beach Police Beats 4, 5, 21, and 23.

**Attendees Members:** Sue Baker, Rene Castro, Tracy Colunga, Anita Gibbins, Tim Goddard, Annie Greenfeld, Dr. Lydia Hollie, Deborah Kearns, Dr. Farah Khaleghi, Lillian Parker, Claudette Powers, Karen Reside, Hilary Rivers, Marc Rothenberg, James Ruggirello, Matt Saldana, Dr. James Saucedo, Jud Schoendorf, Sandra Scott, Jerlene Tatum, Betty Jean Thompson, Charles Wade, and David Wong,

**Alternates:** Brenda Novela, Sgt. Stephen Stough, Ray Chavarria, Quentin Brown, Marie Nieto-Grant, and Ben Espitia.

**Attendees Staff and Affiliates:** Kathy Berry, Alma Campos, Kezia Daniels, Teresa Gomez, Dara Cerwonka, Erik Miller, MarQuitta Sutton, Adam Daniels, Sean Earl, Eddie Ramos, Frank Gonzalez, Ladine Chan, Lala Soum, Giovanna Martinez, Goretty Ramos, Yvonne Robinson, Sinta Wade, Katie Virant, and Sakkara Thomas.

**Guests:** Dana Slay and Ericka Gutierrez.

5:35

**Welcome (10 Min)**

Introductions were made. Quorum

**Kezia Daniels, Coordinator**

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**Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention**

5:45

## **Chair Remarks (20 Min)**

**Rene Castro, LB GRIP Chair**

- LB GRIP Retreat Clip – You Tube – enter LB Grip to go to the clip
- Building Healthy Communities – Connecting to Cal Endowment and Weed and Seed. Cal Endowment will be spending millions of dollars in the community.
- Approval of Minutes (**Action Item**)  
Minutes were approved from Oct. 11, 2010 meeting
- Recommendation for Removal of Inactive Members  
They have been contacted several times and are removed – Brent Fremming, Gus Frias, Hattie Bass, Kelly Parker, Robert Robinson. Resignations from Brenda Knepper, and James Lewis from Long Beach Rescue Mission. Lillian Parker stated Hattie Bass has been ill. Her name was removed. Motion, Seconded, Carried
- Voting in of New Members (**Action Item**)  
**Kathy Berry, LaDine Chan, Goretty Ramos, Adam Daniels, Fanya Baruti, Lala Soum, Frank Gonzalez, Sintia Wade, MarQuitta Sutton, Sakara Ingrid Thomas, Sean Earl, Motion, Seconded - Carried**

Rene addressed the concept of the “Umbrella”. The CalEndow has offered to facilitate a violence prevention coalition. Endowment would lead the initial meeting. Would include youth, and domestic violence prevention. Endow would help draft a community violence prevention plan.

6:05

## **LB GRIP Staff Report (20 Min) Financial Update**

- Grant I Summary Report
- Grants II & III Update

**Teresa Gomez/NSB and Karen Reside/LB GRIP Secretary**

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Teresa presented the chart of differences with GRIP 1, 2 & 3. 1 is completed and the final report is in process. 2 Shifting to evidence-based management and wraparound services. Teresa reviewed chart of differences between grants. Prevention and intervention services are all listed. There will be no discretionary funds as in past. \$25k is provided for training of members as well as funding for partners.

For CalGRIP III key partners are OJS, For the Child, and LA County Mental health services. Numbers to be served are listed. Partner funding has not been set yet. City hasn't received the final funding notice from the State.

UCC – youth after school, mentoring ages 13 – 21 leadership training.

LB Shortstop – crime diversion. 500 families taught at courthouse.

Boys & Girls Clubs – 250 youth in Street SMART

Women's Shelter – Domestic Violence starting at age 7. Teen Dating violence, secondary violence prevention. Counseling provided for young adults that were secondary victims. Services are free.

Male Academy – Intervention program targeting youth falling through the gap at all 6 high schools, 12 improvement program middle schools. 400 youth and have them all go on to post secondary education.

ROP – School for Adults, GED job training 16 + those have not graduated can come back literacy.

CCEJ – Building Bridges Camps – residential program, take high school students to mountains.

Family Services

LB CAP

III – LA Mental Health, Family therapy, FFT, evidence-based treatment. Progress notes that also have to be listed in central computer. Evidence-based treatment. 8 – 13 ages.

Referrals come from teachers, parents do an assessment.

Operation Jump Start – Mentoring program provide intervention for youth. Provide mentors college graduates that help youth get college education.

For the Child – Child counseling services.

6:25

## Discretionary Funds (10 Min)

- Past Recipient Reports

## Rene Castro, LB GRIP Chair

*South Wrigley Neighborhood  
Advisory Group – Deborah  
Kearn/Annie Greenfeld*

*DHHS Weed and Seed Be Strong  
Program – Katie Virant*

*New Generations – Alma Campos*

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Report out on discretionary funds – Deborah Kearn – Weed and Seed Neighborhood Restoration. Deborah supervised group of youth to build a peace garden at MLK park. Educate the community and heal the violence. Dia De los Muertos a la Mundo. Cambodian, Latino, African American. Ms. Erica Guiteirrez – Dia de los Muertos, - plots of garden to honor those of the community in remembrance. Showcased on Channel 52 – great art show and sugar skull making. Foundations 101 awarded a small grant. Funds went to educational workshops.

Katie Virant – Be Strong program, conducting evaluation on the 12 week class she developed. Be Strong class teaches teen dating violence prevention, self esteem, and future aspirations. Shante Broadus started a nonprofit, I Am S.H.A.N.T.E. They are interested in funding additional classes. 23 graduates.

Question – Have all the discretionary funds have been disbursed? They will be by the end of the grant. An analogy was presented - Who is driving the car? – the GRIP group. The gas is the partners.  
Exercise: Define GRIP - Making the community better and preventing youth from joining gangs. Bringing community resources to meet the needs of the students – all come together so we will have a complete plan for another translation of NCLB, give those a second chance to better our community using Prevention and Intervention strategies.

## 6:35 Partner Updates

### Long Beach Police Department Update (10 Min)

- Crime Stats Police Beats 4 and 5
- LB GRIP Intervention/Prevention Officers Update

### Sgt. Steve Stough, LB Police Department

Steve Stough and Yvonne Robinson presented reports. Chief sent out crime stats. Part I crimes are at the lowest point since the 1970s. Targeting Jordan students to catch those that are most at-risk. Dr. Saucedo offered to host when they come to CSULB. Officers will be mentoring youth at Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach. Girls program PACK – Boys & Girls are together. 25 youth that have graduated come back and mentor. Meet 1 x per week for 2 hours. Discuss a topic for the month and then a field trip. Toy Drive - helped sort toys. Saw a K-9 demonstration. 6 weeks from Titus mentoring on domestic violence. Medieval Times is on the list for future field trips as is Go Cart Racing and the Aquarium. Also want to see Beauty and the Beast at Pantages and go horse back riding. Attended the Peace Garden luncheon.

Question: What partners do we have in 21 & 23, what is our outreach strategy to get them involved? Short Stop, Boys & Girls Clubs do serve youth in the north – been working to outreach different youth. OJS – going to be linking with Male Academy. Women’s Shelter also serves north side of town. Contact councilman to connect with north side of town.

Another retreat – need a plan, need a youth council.

Outreach members of the council need to help with the outreach. Teresa will be meeting with councilmember. Feb 16, 18, 23 Police youth dialogues in North Long Beach.

## 6:45 Long Beach Unified School District (5 Min)

### Quentin Brown, Male Academy Youth

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Quentin Brown – for Male Academy. Sessions have been held on conflict resolution, self-esteem cultural awareness, A-G requirements, etiquette, tutoring, mentoring, visit universities. Motivational speakers. GPA's have increased 10%, there is less gang activity on campuses and a reengagement in school. NFL associate to mentor sports, health department – talks about sexual diseases. 45 students in class. Hands-on peer education. Youth have stopped fights.

6:50                    **Workforce Development Update** (5 Min)                    **Rick Gonzalez, Coordinator, Youth Opportunity Center/Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network**

Workforce Development Rick Gonzalez – Money has been used for salaries. 230 youth have already been served. Work credentials, academies, occupational skills. Continue to provide supports, serving youth.

7:00                    **DHHS Long Beach Weed and Seed** (5 Min)                    **Tracy Colunga, Program Coordinator City of Long Beach DHHS Weed and Seed Steering Committee**

**OJJDP Grant Update** (5 Min)                    **Teresa Gomez, NSB Tracy Colunga, DHHS Weed and Seed**

Weed & Seed OJJDP grant – After the last meeting went to group. For the development and health grant, the City decided not to apply. Health department is a \$50k match for grant of Oct. 2007. Weed and Seed sunsets 2012. Beats 4 & 5 working on gang enforcement, workforce development and neighborhood restoration. The match is staff support for creating city-wide job training. Dana Flay from UCLA Family and research will be presented in May and Fall of 2011 for inaugural truancy prevention forum. Moving into sustainability. Putting community partners out into the lead. Goodwill is an example. Health department will be a convener. Look forward to a continued partnership with CalGRIP. We will move together collaboratively. Don't know if funding will be available beyond the sunset period. Weed & Seed is federal & CalGRIP is funded by the state. Because of grant requirements, the two groups must meet separately. Want to work together collaboratively. Long Beach site has been identified as a model site possibility.

7:10                    **Announcements** (10 Min)  
If you plan to announce an event please bring flyers for distribution

7:20                    **Closing Remarks/Adjourn**                    **Rene Castro, LB GRIP Chair**

- Next Meeting - April 11, 2011

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Centro CHA – Summer Night Lights, gearing up for 2011. Job training – peace advocates, prepared and plan ahead of time. Want people involved in planning. Call Brenda or Jessica. Taking a leadership role want to match 5 parks. 3,000 kids last summer.

ROP – enrolling.

BGCLB – 3<sup>rd</sup> annual black history showcase 6 – 7:30 on Feb. 26. Starting Street SMART. Program United nations year of people for African descent.

BACDO-Feb. 26 taking a bus of youth from church to Yucca Valley, Black/Brown dialogue. Have fun.

Want items to put into calendar. – Send any events to Kezia by 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.  
Promote police youth dialogues.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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