

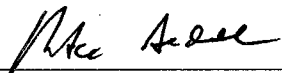
SIMI VALLEY TASK FORCE ON HEROIN PREVENTION

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2012
6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.**

**SINALOA MIDDLE SCHOOL
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
601 ROYAL AVENUE
SIMI VALLEY, CA**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (Staff)
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments Regarding Items on the Agenda
- IV. Selection of Task Force Chair and Vice-Chair
- V. Discussion of Task Force Focus and Mission
- VI. Future Meeting Dates (please bring your calendars)
- VII. Adjournment



Mike Sedell, City Manager
City of Simi Valley

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CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2012

TO: Task Force on Heroin Prevention

FROM: Laura Behjan, Assistant City Manager, City of Simi Valley

SUBJECT: Agenda Item V. Discussion of Task Force Focus and Mission

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Task Force discuss and reach consensus on a recommended framework for developing a community substance abuse prevention strategy.

OVERVIEW

The Task Force on Heroin Prevention was formed as a community-based effort to raise awareness of the issues surrounding substance abuse and to develop and move forward with a plan to combat drug abuse and its impacts on the community. The Task Force is comprised of members who represent aspects of the community that can lead and promote prompt action in tackling the heroin and related substance abuse issues in Simi Valley.

The Task Force's primary goal is to develop a community substance abuse prevention strategy that is effective and readily implemented. The Task Force size (9) and structure (representatives of the Simi Valley City Council, Simi Valley Unified School District Board, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board, Chamber of Commerce, and Not One More) were established with this goal in mind.

City, School District, and Park District staff have met and are proposing a framework by which the Task Force may carry out its mission of combating drug abuse in the community. To enable the Task Force to move quickly and encourage community involvement and input in the process, staff recommends the formation of three subcommittees to develop recommendations in the following strategy areas: Education, Law Enforcement, and Community Resources. Under staff's recommendation, three Task Force members would be assigned to each subcommittee, with one Chair and two Vice-Chairs designated, with membership open to any community member interested in that respective strategy area. This would provide an open, inclusive process, and further enable each subcommittee to reach out to those resources it determines to be capable of offering valuable assistance. Each subcommittee would meet as it deems appropriate, (weekly or biweekly meetings are suggested) to take public input, gather information, and formulate recommendations to the Task Force.

Staff resources and support would be provided each subcommittee as follows:

Education	Simi Valley Unified School District
Law Enforcement	City of Simi Valley Police Department
Community Resources	Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; City of Simi Valley Dept. of Community Services

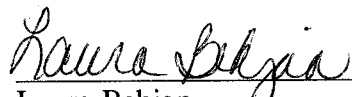
The goal of this recommended process is the development of a Task Force report containing actions and strategies that may then be presented for consideration and adoption by each of the elected bodies represented on the Task Force. This Task Force report would embody the information gathered and recommendations made by each of the three subcommittees. So that the work of each subcommittee can be compiled into a cohesive, comprehensive plan, it is recommended that in developing its recommendations, each subcommittee identify the agency(ies) responsible for implementing each recommendation, with a specific time frame for each responsible agency(ies) to report on its progress in implementing each recommendation.

Should the Task Force support this approach, it is recommended the Task Force take the following actions:

1. Appoint three members to each of the three proposed subcommittees, and designate a Chair and two Vice-Chairs of each subcommittee;
2. Set initial subcommittee meeting dates;
3. Approve the proposed structure of the Task Force report as recommended above; and
4. Establish a timeframe by which each Subcommittee will submit its report to the Task Force.

SUMMARY

The Simi Valley Task Force on Heroin Prevention is developing a community substance abuse prevention strategy. It is recommended the strategy be prepared through an inclusive community process, via subcommittees tasked to gather information and present recommendations relative to education, law enforcement and community resource strategies to combat substance abuse.



 Laura Behjan
 Assistant City Manager