

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: March 1st, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Jeffrey Weaver – Chief of Police

Subject: Sebastopol Area Community Alliance (SACA) Annual Report

Recommendation Accept the presentation of the Sebastopol Area Community Alliance Annual Report.

Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes ___ No ___XX_ N/A

Net General Fund Cost: \$_____

Total Amount: \$_____

INTRODUCTION: This item is a presentation detailing the Sebastopol Area Community Alliance Annual Report.

BACKGROUND: The Sebastopol Area Community Alliance, which traces its roots back to a community meeting at the Police Department in August, 2012, became a Sonoma County Health Action Chapter in October, 2014. The SACA Leadership Team consists of Mayor Sarah Gurney, Sebastopol Community Cultural Center Executive Director Diana Rich, Sebastopol Police Department Environmental Prevention Coordinator Diane Davis, retired West Sonoma County Union High School District Superintendent Keller McDonald, Hessel Church Senior Pastor Rich Cundall, Sonoma County Department of Health Services Engagement Coordinator Beth Dadko and myself. The SACA Leadership Team submitted an Annual Report to the Department of Health Services. A member of the SACA Leadership team will share the highlights of that report with the Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive the presentation.

Attachment(s):

SACA 2015 Annual Report

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Sebastopol Area Community Alliance
2015 Annual Report

This is a quick overview of the major activities of the Sebastopol Area Community Alliance:

Regarding networking existing resources - Updated and distributed the Sebastopol Area Resource Guide – The Resource Guide’s English version, which was updated in 2014, has been distributed to 2nd grade families at Gravenstein, Apple Blossom, REACH, Sunridge, Parkside, and Brook Haven schools. The Sebastopol Community Cultural Center is finalizing the Spanish language version of the Resource Guide. At least one local district has the Guide posted on their website.

Regarding restoring drug education in the early grades – The Sebastopol Area Community Alliance held a meeting with administrators from West County schools to reiterate the Alliance’s willingness to purchase the Too Good For Drugs curriculum for all West County Schools. Diane Davis of the SACA Leadership Team contacted each district to insure they are using the Too Good for Drugs curriculum and to offer technical support.

Regarding Positive Parenting - SACA partnered with the Child Parent Institute to host classes on Positive Parenting at Parkside, Brook Haven, Twin Hills, and Hillcrest schools in October, 2015.

Regarding implementing sustainable positive activities for youth - SACA members have stayed actively engaged with the 1:4:1 Club at Analy High School. SACA Leadership member Diana Rich has also been involved in the Friday Night Mashup at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center, which is an opportunity for local bands, with an emphasis on youth bands, to perform.

Regarding bringing an inspirational speaker with a strong anti-drug, anti-alcohol message to Sebastopol Area Schools – SACA Leadership member Diane Davis has been working with Calvin Terrell to arrange for him to return to Sebastopol in early 2016.

In 2016, we will finish the Spanish-language version of the Sebastopol Area Resource Guide, continue to insure the Too Good for Drugs curriculum is being used in all West County school districts and offer technical support, convene a Working Group on Positive Activities for Youth, work closely with 1:4:1 Club leadership, host motivational speaker Calvin Terrell in March or April, and partner with Analy High School to present a parent education night which will include an overview of local drug and alcohol trends.

Whenever a Work Group is convened, we will discuss the Portrait of Sonoma County and its implications to the Work Group’s focus.

Submitted on behalf of the Sebastopol Area Community Alliance by Jeff Weaver.