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City Council
Follow-Up Report

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May 24, 2010 – City Council Dinner Briefing

Agenda Item #5 – City Youth Programs Update

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During the dinner briefing, Neighborhood and Business Services staff presented an overview of 14 youth programs funded whole, or in part, by the City. The enrollment numbers in each program collectively add up to approximately 12,000 youth. Council Member Michael Barnes asked whether staff could more accurately determine the number of youth served by City-funded youth programs, given that a youth may be enrolled in multiple programs at once.

In general, the sharing of youth information is a sensitive issue and, in some cases (such as CMPD's Gang of One program), prohibited by law; consequently, there is no shared database for City-funded youth programs. In order to develop a more accurate count of youth served, staff would need to manually cross-reference enrollment lists of each program, provided that the program partner makes the list available to the City. In cases where the partner is unable to do so for reasons of confidentiality, the City would have to release names and addresses of participating youth to them for cross-reference. The City currently does not have the resources available to conduct the cross-referencing necessary to provide a more accurate count of youth served.