



Fresno County Interagency Council for Children and Families
Keep kids safe, healthy, in school, and out of the criminal justice system.

Minutes
Gang Prevention Steering Committee
October 22, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Present: Debra McKenzie, Judge David Gottlieb, Steve Rodriguez, Arlene Mendoza, Doug Davidian, Elizabeth Diaz, Greg Anderson, Mike Elliot, Ike Grewal, Maisong Vang, Maggie Navarro, Lt. Neil Dadian, Edward Gonzalez, Say Yang

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am followed by round table introductions.

II. Approve Agenda- Approved

III. Administration

A. Approve calendar of scheduled meetings

Calendar of scheduled meetings was approved with a correction to the time of meetings to "10:00am to 11:30am" and a change of dates for the February 2011 meeting. The February 18, 2011 meeting will be changed to February 11, 2011.

B. Review Proposed Steering Committee Bylaws

Mike Elliot, Steve Rodriguez, Arlene Mendoza for Diane Carbray, and Greg Anderson volunteered to serve on the subcommittee to review and finalize the Steering Committee Bylaws. The Bylaws will be presented to the Steering Committee at the December 2010 meeting.

C. Approve roles and responsibility of Chair and Vice Chair

Approved Attachment III.C, Roles and Responsibility of Chair and Vice Chair.

D. Present and accept nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Suggestions were made to have Chair, Co-Chair and Vice Chair members. The nominations of Judge David Gottlieb as Chair person, Steve Rodriguez as Co-Chair and Mike Elliot as Vice Chair were accepted. Nominations are ongoing and will be approved at the December 2010 meeting.

IV. Strategic Plan Implementation

A. Request for Proposal (RFP) mini-grant award update

There were four categories within the mini-grants award process for Gang prevention and Intervention Services.

Category-1 **Service learning orientated project-** Not awarded

The role of the agency is to conduct a service learning project targeting youth between the ages of 12-17 years old with a gang involved father. The focus is on teaching and learning through community service projects with an emphasis on the child spending quality time with his/her father. Category 1 was not awarded therefore, according to the RFP, the Steering Committee will determine which agency will be awarded the funds (\$10,000) to conduct a service learning orientated project.

(B) Recommendations to award \$10,000 for gang prevention/ intervention services

Steering Committee members discussed agencies that may meet the requirements of Category 1 and the following agencies were recommended:

Focus Forward, Boys and Girls Club (as a partner agency), The Know Youth Media, Center for Multicultural Cooperation, Californians for Justice, Hope Now for Youth, Promesa and United One Productions.

Debra McKenzie, will contact the agencies to gauge their interests in implementing a service learning project targeting young people with gang involved fathers and provide the agencies with curriculum that includes the RFP guidelines. The Steering Committee is not requesting proposals from the agencies but the agencies will be asked to submit a letter of interest to Debra McKenzie no later than 9:00 am on November 12, 2010. Doug Davidian, Ike Grewal and Steve Rodriguez volunteered to serve on the subcommittee to review the letters of interests from agencies and make a recommendation to the Steering Committee on which agency will be awarded. The review and recommendation process is expected to be completed before the December Steering Committee meeting.

Category 2- **Social Media and Marketing-**

There was \$15,000 available and two agencies, Fresno Street Saints and Boys and Girls Club, were each awarded grants of \$7500. The agencies will start working on Social Media and marketing projects.

Category 3- **Evidence Based strategy**

There was \$15,000 available and two agencies, Angels of Grace and Reading and Beyond, were each awarded grants of \$7500. Angels of Grace is using the CASEL model which focuses on emotional learning and they are partnering with the Downtown Arts Collaborative to conduct a healing-through-arts project called Graffiti to Greatness.

Reading & Beyond will focus on anger management and self decision making. They have partnered with the City of Fresno to use a community center to provide reading literacy and education services and will expand their curriculum to include gang prevention and intervention services with the assistance of volunteer college student mentors.

Category 4- **Gang Prevention Awareness Week**

Gang Prevention Awareness Week took place October 2, 2010 through October 9, 2010. There was \$7500 available and two agencies, WestCare and Boys and Girls Club, were awarded grants for each of the communities they served during Gang Prevention Awareness Week. WestCare served five communities and Boys and Girls Club served eleven communities.

C. Gang Prevention Awareness Week Update- Debra McKenzie

- Gang Prevention Awareness Week was held on October 2- October 9, 2010.
- “Did you know” campaign: Created 10 large banners that included gang-related question and answer facts.
- Launched a mural project to take place on a vacant building located at Jensen and Temperance Avenue in Fresno County. Angels of Grace in collaboration with the Downtown Arts Collaborative brought a number of foster youth to the location and met with the building owner to begin the mural art project. The unveiling of the mural is anticipated for December 2010.
- Created a dance video around the “Circle of Respect” theme. The video features County employees of various departments dancing in a circle, representing the circle of respect and reaffirming the idea that everyone can play a role in gang prevention. The video will be shown at the November 9, 2010 Fresno County Board of Supervisor’s meeting and the video will on viral venues such as Youtube.
- Arlene Mendoza gave an update on the activities that were provided by the Boys and Girls Club during Gang Prevention Awareness Week.

D. Provide direction to staff on year-one goals and objectives- Tabled to next meeting in December 2010.

V. **Funding Opportunities**

A. Provide direction to staff on submission of an application to participate in the Fresno County Council of Government’s One Voice project. Gang prevention has been the top social and economic regional issue submitted by COG for the last three years, and one year it was the number one overall project submitted. **Due 11/19/10.**

Doug Davidian suggested partnering with other agencies for this project. Greg Anderson suggested we provide a grant application which shows that we are working with other agencies to provide expanded services to the community that reach beyond law enforcement.

- B. Provide direction to staff on submission of an application to the National Institute of Health's request for proposals to conduct research to test the effectiveness of strategies for the delivery of evidence-based mental health treatments, services and suicide prevention in criminal (adult) or juvenile justice settings. This proposal may be helpful in securing dollars for evaluation of activities within the strategic plan. **Letter of Intent due 10/30/10 and application is due 11/30/10.**

Doug Davidian made suggestion for contacting potential partnerships (to be clarified at December meeting).

- C. Provide direction to staff on submission of application to California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention Initiative. (CalGRIP) **Due 11/8/10.**

The Committee also suggested partnering with other agencies for this grant opportunity.

VI. Announcements

Edward Gonzalez stated that Fresno Unified School District has changed how they interact with students on disciplinary and preventative measures and because of the change; there has been positive progress in the classrooms.

VII. Public Comment- None

- VIII. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held Friday, December 17, 2010.