



Fresno County Interagency Council for Children and Families
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Minutes

Gang Prevention Steering Committee
June 17, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Fresno County Juvenile Justice Campus, 3333 American Avenue, Room A123 Fresno CA 93704

Attendance: Kenneth Taniguchi, William Lacy, Ike Grewal, Lt. Nail Dadian, Debra McKenzie, Manual Salazar, Susan Carter, Ed González, Ralph (Gomer) Pearcey, Pam Coronado. Kim Robinson
Guest: Brooke Frost - Big Brothers Big Sisters, Anthony Ortiz, Jr. – California Youth Outreach

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. and attendance was taken by Lt. Neil Dadian who volunteered to serve as Chairperson.

II. Approve Agenda and April 15, 2011 minutes- approval tabled to the next Gang Prevention Steering meeting

III. ACTION ITEM: Hear presentations for membership to serve as Community Based Organization Member - Adult and Family Support Agency – recommendation **tabled to the next Gang Prevention Steering meeting.**

- a. Big Brothers Big Sisters – Brooke Frost provided a brochure that outlines the agency programs and outcomes. Big Brothers, Big Sisters mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.
- b. California Youth Outreach – Anthony Ortiz, Jr., the Chief Executive Office sits on the Gang Prevention Task Force committee in San Jose who works with gang-involved youth. California Youth Outreach is dedicated to reaching out to all gang impacted youth, families and their communities by means of education services, intervention programs and resource opportunities that support a positive and healthy lifestyle.
- c. Committee to deliberate after presenters have left

5-Year Strategic Plan Management

IV. ACTION ITEM: Discuss forming ad-hoc committees to provide input into activities and report back:

- a. Select one or two from the list (or added to the list) to address first) **Members agreed to meet with Debra McKenzie prior to the next meeting to discuss and report on forming ad-hoc committees related to the Data and Research Analysis as that seemed to be where we had already done the most work and would be easiest to get up and running.**
 - Development of a Community Action Team in each Supervisor District- a **smaller group within the district that will focus more on gang related events in the specific district. It was discussed that resources to staff the Community Action Teams would be needed first**
 - Development of Gang Awareness Training and Education-**this committee would continue previous efforts to focus on coordinating gang awareness for the county. Questions were asked if there was funding for this effort. The current federal grant has monies available through December 2011 to the Sheriff to provide trainings.**
 - Develop Data and Research Analysis Process- **focus on gang crime data and demographic data, to provide an annual report on resources and services available in Fresno county areas. Ms. McKenzie will follow up with the District Attorney and connections at Fresno State to develop this portion.**

- Identifying and securing countywide champions to speak on behalf of the Strategic Plan and Steering Committee- **being a voice for gang prevention and intervention in the county. To be discussed at a later date.**

V. Provide direction to staff and updates on year-one goals and objectives:

1. **GOAL:** Build capacity in prevention and intervention program strategies
 - a. **UPDATE:** Information Clearinghouse Content on Website- *will include publications, and the types of community resources available; Staff has been working on collecting and organizing data, IT should have the website page completed by the end of the month.*
2. **GOAL:** Improve opportunities for at-risk youth and former gang members
 - a. Hear report on current mini-grants (1. mini-grants included as part of Six-month Board Briefing Report to Board of Supervisors; 2. Gang Prevention Media Messages to be aired later in the summer, A Media Campaign Kick-Off Event at Arte America is being planned for July 23) *Attachment 2 and 3*
 - b. **ACTION ITEM:** Discuss possible partnership with Fresno County Mentoring Coalition on outreach for volunteer mentors- **approved**
3. **GOAL:** Institute coordinated and community-inclusive collaboration process
 - a. Hear staff report on community meetings and resource contacts-
4. **GOAL:** Develop funding strategies for sustainability *Attachment 4*
 - a. **UPDATE:** OJJDP FY 2011 Comprehensive Anti-Gang Strategies and Programs - **solicitation cancelled**
 - b. Pending Grants
 - i. Fresno Regional Foundation - submitted to provide \$25,000 for Graffiti to Greatness murals in Fresno County communities – **not funded. See Attachment for list of gang prevention/intervention services that were funded.**
 - ii. OJJDP FY 2011 Violence Reduction Demonstration Project - submitted; if awarded, adjustments to goals and budget to be made - **Overview of the grant is 2.2 million over 3 years to target locations in Fresno County with gang injunctions and expand outreach intervention and prevention activities in all injunction areas.**
 - iii. OJJDP FY 2011 Gang Field Research and Evaluation Project - **submitted by CSUF**
 - iv. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - brief proposal submitted to address policy issues related to community safety. Invited to submit a full proposal – **Pam Coronado and Jose Luis Gonzalez volunteered to assist in reviewing documents and help develop proposed policy change. Ms. McKenzie will provide a copy of the grant application for members to review.**
 - c. Hear Update on Requests for Steering Committee Support/Partnership of funding opportunities Department of Public Health (DPH) STRYVE Youth Violence Prevention - request is being made through Interagency Council; however, as focus is violence prevention, DPH would like to work closely with and keep the Steering Committee informed. *Attachment 5* –**Request was presented, Steering Committee agreed to support the efforts and would like to have a representative of DPH attend meetings to provide any updates if funded.**

VI. Announcements

- a. It was asked by the Chairperson to include a membership roster at the top of the agenda to make taking roll/establishing a quorum easier.

VII. Public Comment- none

VIII. Adjourn -11:45 a.m.

2011 Meeting Schedule
Feb 18, April 15, June 17, Aug 19, Oct 21, Dec 16