

## Meeting Summary

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February 12, 2009

**Attending:** Jeff Dunn (Kingsburg), Frank Renteria (Orange Cove), Cyndee Trimble (Reedley), Steve Wright (Reedley), Rudy Matcham (Del Rey), Brooke Frost (Fresno County), Debra McKenzie (Fresno County), Ellie Palomo (Sanger), Nick Taylor (Sanger), Rosalia Solis (Parlier), Alma Colado (Sanger)

**State Update:** Ellie did not have any additional information to report regarding OES. Still no word from the state if CalGRIP funds will be cut or not and if we were accepted for round two of funding. Debra reported that CalGRIP Workforce grants were funded and a press release went out on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Two agencies in Fresno County were funded: Fresno EOC (second round of funding for \$400,000) and Fresno County Workforce Investment Board. EOC would be interested in attending a meeting and presenting the programs they are doing as several clients currently from the area. Debra is scheduling to meet with the WIB to discuss their project and will report back to the group.

**Next quarterly report is due to Ellie by April 15, 2009.**

**Community Highlight:** No community highlight this month, but it was discussed to continue doing them as a means for information sharing and learning from other projects.

**County Update:** Debra announced the next quarterly steering committee meeting would be March 11 and the focus will be starting implementation of a grant received from the California Endowment for capacity building. It will focus on assessment completion and plan development using contractors from Fresno State

MGPI is in the process of restructuring and Debra is scheduling a meeting to meet with their staff and discuss. City of Fresno did use CalGRIP funds to purchase their own tattoo machine and will be doing a tattoo removal program.

Also California Youth Outreach has an agreement with a doctor in Visalia for free removal of tattoos, clients are required to complete a certain number of community service hours (to be determined based on the removal services needed). At this time there were no age restrictions that anyone knew of on any of the programs. Debra will email Ellie with the contact at CYO for tattoo removal.

### **CTCGTF New Business:**

It was discussed on whether we should change the schedule of meetings and meet every other month or quarterly. It was decided that monthly was best and we could revisit the question after round two funding for CalGRIP was announced.

It was discussed that Sanger would be seeking an extension for the grant through September 2009. They would also be going to April 1 to capture expenditures for reimbursement and match dollars

Ellie mentioned that Sanger PD MAGEC Officers did a parent presentation at the middle school with over 130 in attendance. Day care services were provided to assist parents and ensure the presentation was done to an adult only audience. It was asked that when opportunities such as this arise, to invite other partners to attend.

Ellie passed out a budget summary of the CalGRIP grant and presented to the group what has been expensed to date by each community. A soft copy will be emailed out.

**QUESTION:** Can law enforcement make referrals to my mentoring program when they are servicing calls/ making arrests and see family members that may benefit? **ANSWER:** It is something that is possible, but the officer needs to be provided with something small like a business card that can fit in his pocket (so he doesn't have to go back to the vehicle).

**QUESTION:** Can we invite non-CalGRIP funded agencies doing work in the same target area to attend meetings? One agency approach Debra on this issue. **ANSWER:** Yes the networking and sharing is good; however, new agencies should understand that the current grant and round two are outlined and the dollars allocated. New agencies would be welcome strictly as a way to build overall capacity of the communities, but should not have an expectation of funding.

Meetings will take place at the Police Department moving forward.

Next Meeting:

March 12, 2009

9:00 am

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1700 Seventh Street  
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