

## Meeting Summary

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October 9, 2008

**Attending:** Roseann Galvan (Selma), Karen Mukai (Fowler), Myriam Mota (Del Rey CSD), Jeff Dunn (Kingsburg), Michael Renteria (Orange Cove), Cyndee Trimble (Reedley), Steve Wright (Reedley), Arlene Mendoza (Fresno County), Kim Ozuna (Parlier), Brooke Frost (Fresno County), Debra McKenzie (Fresno County), Ellie Palomo (Sanger), Thomas Klose (Sanger), Rick Church (Sanger), Trinidad Pimentel (Parlier), Alma Colado (Sanger)

**State Update:** Ellie reported that the CalGRIP reimbursement payment for the April – June reporting period has been received. An advance has been requested and when approved, cities will be able to invoice as expenses occur versus quarterly.

**Second quarterly report is due to Ellie by October 15, 2008.** Cities will receive a new reporting form to complete no later than September 30, 2008. The form should be used to make it easier for Ellie to combine the information from all communities into one report; as requested by OES.

**Community Highlight:** Brook Frost w/ Big Brothers Big Sisters Central California presented and brought handout materials. Two matches made in Parlier and a waiting list of 6 (with some in process). BBBS wants to get more embedded into the community - overall they have been more successful at finding mentors than youth - it is hard for them to connect with schools and would like to do presentation to staff of partner agencies.

Average length for mentor matches currently is 21 months would like to get that up to 26 months. Rural areas are a focus for the agency as well as West Fresno County. Schools seem to be the best way to make that connection and they also want to partner more closely with Boys & Girls Clubs.

QUESTION: How often do bigs/lils meet? ANSWER: Couple of times a month for several hours minimum. Site matches as well as high school to elementary matches meet 1 hour per week

Also Brooke is Co-Chair of a new Mentoring Coalition for Fresno County.

It was asked if it was possible to get mentoring involved with PAL - it was shared that Sanger PAL is attended by school reps and that may be a possibility

**County Update:** Debra reminded the group about the countywide gang prevention education roundtable concept to improve capacity countywide for providing gang prevention and gang awareness educational forums. Task force members were asked to provide names of potential presenters.

Debra reminded the task force of the county website ([www.fcgpc.org](http://www.fcgpc.org)) that is available as a communication tool for task force members to advertise events and share information about successful projects and lessons learned.

**CTCGTF New Business:**

Next month's highlight possibly Boys & Girl Club. Group was reminded that reports are due next week.

Next meeting was changed to be able to discuss new CalGRIP RFP and the possibility of applying again.

Next Meeting:

November 6, 2008

9:00 am

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Located on the corner of Jensen and Hoag