

Meeting Summary

June 4, 2008

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Fresno Police Station Annex, 2nd Floor Conference Room
2326 Fresno Street, Fresno CA

Attending: Jim Abrames (CHP), Greg Anderson (County-District Attorney), Scott Brocket (City of Reedley), Bonnie Burns (Interagency Council), Bill Charette (CDCR-Parole), Gary Eisley (Caruthers Unified), Jose Garza (MGPI), Judge David Gottlieb (Juvenile Court), Keu Her (County - E&TA), Jennifer Horton (County-Sheriff), Roy Huerta (CHP), Nick Hustedde (FCOE), Deborah Ikeda (State Ctr. Comm. College Dist.), Philip Kader (County-Probation), Doug Lanier (County Sheriff - Chaplain), Lt. John Maier (Sanger PD), Debra McKenzie (Fresno County); Maggie Navarro (MGPI), Juan Palafox (County - E&TA), Linda Penner (County-Probation), Ken Quenzer (Boys& Girls Club), Carmen Romero (County-Public Defender), Kiran Sandhu (County E&TA), Pete Summers (Fresno Unified), Art Williams (Central Unified)

• Advisory Board Member MOUs Updates

- Discussed that MOUs from each Advisory Board member were requested as a demonstration of commitment to the board and to be utilized by MGPI when seeking funding. Members were reminded to turn in their MOUs as soon as possible
- Discussed that MOU language/format can be changed to suit needs of the submitting organization
- Debra will work with County departments to see about having one overall county MOU submitted and/or if any other requirements from the county exist in order to sign.
- Thank you to those that have submitted their MOUS thus far.
- The County will not be requiring an MOU; rather, will seek letters of support specific to funding opportunities as they arise.

• City Council Budget Presentation

- It was announced that Chief Dyer would be presenting the Fresno PD budget to City Council on June 9, 2008 at approximately 9:00am. This would include the MGPI budget. Members are encouraged to attend to show their support and hear about the availability and use of funds in the upcoming fiscal year.

• Tattoo Removal Program

- It was announced that the County had approved a contract with a physician to utilize the County's laser tattoo removal machine for services. The contract states: CalWorks participants, Juvenile Probation youth, and current and former foster youth involved in the Independent Living Program are eligible, and was

approved at the June 3rd Board meeting. A draft copy of the eligibility requirements for services is attached.

- It was also stated that other agencies would be able to contract for tattoo removal at a discounted rate and should contact Gailliot Institute directly. The contact information is:
 - Gailliot Aesthetic and Anti-Aging Institute
 - 1515 E. Alluvial Avenue, Suite 105 Fresno CA 93720
 - CONTACT: La Dawn Holt
 - ladawn@GailliotInstitute.com
 - 559-325-2882
- Fresno City announced it was doing an RFP for a tattoo removal service provider and would supply more information at the next meeting.
- **Rural Area Participant Referrals Update**
 - It was announced that due to lack of funding, Fresno City would no longer be able to take referrals or accept participants from outside the city limits. This includes residents in county islands surrounded by the city. Referrals from outside the city will be submitted to the County's Gang Task Force Coordinator.
 - The County does not have a services referral process in place, so incoming referrals will be managed by the GTFC until a more permanent option can be set in place. At this point only three referrals have been received by the GTFC.
- **MGPI Participant Overview**
 - Maggie provided an overview of the database numbers for MGPI including total referrals since the start of the project (2736) and total participants (631). It was discussed that sometimes a clients were waitlisted to receive an assessment. Copies of the data presented can be provided upon request.
 - Maggie will provide additional information on the program at future meetings. Requests included: most successful areas of the program; the wait list including criteria and how to get in the program; pre/post assessments; evaluation of the program 'does it work'.
 - It was suggested that an overview presentation of MGPI be provided to the group especially since the Steering Committee has joined. This would be a way to bring everyone up to speed and on the same page.
- **County Steering Committee Assessment**
 - Per request from the April 10 Steering Committee, Debra has been collecting Steering Committee member questionnaires and will prepare a brief report as a primer and introduction of the members of the Steering Committee
- **County-wide Assessment**
 - As part of the County Gang & Juvenile Delinquency Initiative, a county-wide assessment is underway. To assist with resources for the assessment several grant proposals are being submitted. Outlines of the proposals were handed out at the meeting. One is to the California Endowment (no due date, but will

be submitted in June, 2008); the other is through OJJDP for Gang Coordination Assistance (deadline June 13, 2008)

- It was suggested that Debra connect with the Interagency Council Data Share project as the OJJDP grant seemed like a good fit. Also to look into if the OJJDP grant would be an annual RFP.
 - An update on the grant proposals as well as status of the county-wide assessment will be provided at the next meeting.
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- **Questions & Answers**
 - Q: It was noted that the agenda was bifurcated with MGPI items and FCGPC items: is the goal to have one cohesive group or bringing together two separate groups to save time? A: At this time MGPI and FCGPC are at two different places (goals, objectives, programming). Coming together helps satisfy CalGRIP grant requirements for Southeast Fresno County, saves time for members serving on both groups, and the hope/intent is that by coming together we can identify what a collaborative effort between the two groups will look like.
 - Q: Was the meeting beneficial? A: Tattoo removal discussion was very good. Perhaps an overview of MGPI for the entire group would be helpful moving forward.

Adjourned at 5:30pm

NEXT MEETING*: September 10, 2008 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Location: To Be Determined

* Coordinators meet 2 - 3 weeks before the quarterly meeting to set the agenda - please send comments or suggestions no later than **August 20, 2008** for items to be covered at the next meeting.

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