

**Fresno Countywide Gang Prevention Council
Steering Committee**

April 10, 2008
3:00pm - 4:00pm
Sierra Resource Center
2025 E. Dakota Avenue, 2nd Floor

Notes

<p>NEXT MEETING: June 4, 2008 3:30pm - 5:00pm Co-located with Mayor's Gang Prevention Initiative Advisory Board - Location, TBD</p>
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Attending: Bryce Atkins (City of Mendota), Jim Abrames (CHP), Fran Blackney (Clovis Chamber), Ken Quenzer (Boys& Girls Club), Frank Steenport (City of Huron/PD), Nikole McQuillan (Fresno County), Gary Eisley (Caruthers Unified), Bonnie Burns (Interagency Council), Juan Palafox (County - E&TA), Philip Kader (County-Probation), Deborah Ikeda (State Ctr. Comm. College Dist.), Robert Fox (Fresno City College), Doug Lanier (County Sheriff - Chaplain), Pete Summers (Fresno Unified), Randall Cooper (City of Fresno - PARCS), Debra McKenzie (Fresno County)

- **Role of Steering Committee & Working w/ Mayor's Gang Prevention Initiative (MGPI)**
 - Reviewed OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model Steering Committee handout; discussed guiding principles as key to working together as a group
 - Outlined role of steering committee is to prioritize county direction by developing an implementation plan. A county assessment is being completed to assist the committee with the implementation plan.
 - Discussed March MGPI Advisory Board meeting and conversation on merging the two groups - next meeting will be hosted together - all agreed this was a good strategy
 - It was asked how the decision-making process would work? Group consensus would be utilized until such time it was deemed that a new system should be in place.

- **Vision & Mission** - not addressed

- **Review Committee Packet**
 - Went over a packet of handouts that included highlights of activities including:
 - Board Briefing Report outlining activities for the past six months
 - Outline of federal appropriations requests **TASK:** Debra will find out about timeframe for hearing back on requests
 - MGPI Mission Pyramid and notes from the March 25, 2008 MGPI Advisory Board Mtg.
 - Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Comprehensive Gang Model overview (Power Point)

- California Cities Gang Prevention Network (Fresno is member) Overview; Legislative Principles, & Gang Legislation by State
- **Group Discussion Question:** How can we ensure gangs are a top priority among key community leaders?
 - It was discussed that while gangs are an important issue, they may not be seen as a top priority. Group recommendations included: executing a quick success as a way to attract leaders to something positive already happening; concrete actions for the group need to be identified; develop points that outline benefits to participation in a countywide approach; news/media coverage/meet with editorial boards (although this would need to tie in with the success strategy noted earlier); committee needs to be clear on it's 'deliverables'
 - **TASK:** Debra will work on a brief that outlines the different partners on the Steering Committee as a compendium of resources coming to the table. Document will be available for the June meeting.
- **Next Steps**
 - We have been invited by The California Endowment to submit a grant proposal. A small group of volunteers will meet to outline the proposal and bring it back to the committee's June meeting for review. It will then be submitted in late-June, early July. Workgroup consists of: Deborah Ikeda, Robert Fox, Phil Kader, Bryce Atkins, Bonnie Burns, Debra McKenzie, Jeanette Ishii, Nancy Presley, & Gary Eisley.
 - **TASK:** Debra will work w/ Maggie Navarro, MGPI Community Coordinator to develop next meetings agenda. Comments should be addressed to Debra or Maggie.

Adjourned at 4:30pm

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