

CENTRAL FRESNO WEED & SEED STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes for Meeting of August 12, 2009

I. Delia called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

II. Flag Salute was performed.

III. All agreed to accept the present agenda.

IV. All agreed to follow professional and respectful rules of conduct for this meeting.

V. Minutes for last meeting were passed out and Pastor George made a motion to accept the minutes and Devon seconded the motion and approved by a unanimous vote.

VI. Introductions were made for Dian and Terrie of PAL, Bob and Tonya from FUND, INC

VII. NON ACTION ITEMS

Update on Y2 application

The funded partners will be meeting with the evaluator to discuss any needed corrections to Y1 applications as it pertains to Y2 application. Pam will arrange the place and time for the one time meeting. Any changes will be submitted to the Steering Committee.

Budget for Y1

United Way provided the current budget as of August 7, 2009.

There is \$27,937 that has not been expended and will need to be encumbered before the end of the funding period.

Invoices must include In Kind amounts.

EDC Report on progress

Devon discussed services that EDC provides to the Weed & Seed area. EDC is making sure the population in the Central Fresno Weed and Seed area knows about the jobs that are out there, knows about employment programs that can assist them, and that they know about the tax incentives for business that hire them because of where they live.

CYS report on progress

Jaque says CYS has seen 68 clients in June and 46 clients in July in the target area. CYS has provided Sgt. Edwards with CYS business cards for police officers to give to anyone needing CYS assistance. We have made contact with Mayfair Elementary school and they will provide a space for us and we will probably service the site on an as needed basis.

Men Of Promise report on Progress

Pastor George reported that the goal of 48 individuals was met and the total is now 62. MOP has established another home that will hold 14 individuals. At this time MOP has employed 60 people through the program and have graduated 19 clients but there is no recidivism rate data for the target area because none have returned with a problem.

Safe Havens progress

Delia reported that unlike most Weed & Seed areas, our area does not already have a Safe Haven. Pam found that there is a license requirement to have a Safe Haven facility. Pastor George of Men Of Promise has both an adult and juvenile facility license. MOP has opened an adult facility effective this date with 4 residents. The adult Safe Haven would be much less expensive to operate because there would be no need for the qualified mental health and qualified child care workers that are required in a juvenile home. What MOP needs is a definition of the individuals that services would be for. It could be as simple as saying we are going to be dealing with people from 18 to 100 years old and we are going to deal with them on any level or any receipt. MOP wants to match the needs and usage of the Safe

Haven otherwise it could become a homeless shelter. MOP needs to spend time with any partner that would refer people to the Safe Haven so costs can be determined.

There is money in the budget to create a Safe Haven facility. Again, we don't have the luxury of adopting a Safe Haven, we have to create one.

BLOCK PARTY SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 discussion

MOP will set up the block party and will coordinate. Location may be Romaine Playground but it was not decided at this meeting.

PAL

Diane and Terrie presented information about the PAL program and what the program can offer the residents of our Weed & Seed area.

FUND, INC

Robert Dittmar of Fresno Urban Neighborhood Development Corporation gave a presentation about the resident aided neighborhood cooperative house renovation.

WEED & SEED SIGNS.

Three more signs are ready to be put up but they must be on metal poles and we have to buy some metal mounting brackets (\$18ea.) and then determine where to put the signs. Pam is working with Roz on the problem.

MARKETING PLAN

Pam brought KISS country radio to give a presentation for a marketing plan for the Central Fresno Weed & Seed. This is an agenda Action Item.

SITE COORDINATOR UPDATE

Delia has received about 22 site coordinator applications and Kim Stafford is reviewing them.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

BLOCK PARTY

The motion was made by Connie and seconded by Jaque to allot \$2500.00 for the block party. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

MARKETING PLAN

Connie made a motion to table the Marketing Plan for a discussion at a later time. Roger seconded and the motion to table the marketing plan was approved by a unanimous vote.

This item will be an Action Item for the September Steering Committee meeting.

SUPPLIES FOR OFFICE

A motion was made by Roger to increase the office supplies from the proposed \$500 to \$1000 and Pastor George seconded and was approved by a unanimous vote.

IX. No further member/staff issues. The next Steering Committee meeting will be on September 9, 2009, at 1 p.m. at YFC.

X. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Chairperson, Delia Garcia: _____

Date: _____