

AVP/ California Steering Committee Meeting by telephone conference call  
January 13, 2007

Attending: Pat Hardy, Stephen Matchett, Ann Boone, Kenya Williams, Alice Waco, Katherine Youngmeister, Steve Birdleough, George Ramos, Mark Thomas, Vicki Rumbaugh

Notetaker: Katherine Youngmeister

### 1. **Inmate Food Sales –**

Kenya explained that an inmate support group (such as AA, NA, Toastmasters) can do a food sale to benefit and an outside group and could do a sale to benefit AVP/ California since we are a non-profit organization.

Kenya told us that an inmate support group must

Have a (free) staff sponsor

Be in every yard and available to every inmate

Have officers and by-laws

Kenya also explained that when the group does a food sale it's the staff sponsor who goes out to get the food, does the accounting for the monies, etc. She said it's a lot of work.

**ACTION:** (Recommendation) Tell the inmates when they say they would like to do a food sale to raise money for us "We're not an inmate support group but we are a non-profit and we do accept donations. Go to your inmate support group and ask them to designate AVP/CA as the beneficiary of a food sale.!"

We welcome the possibility of financial support from this source. Pat will make a handout "How to support AVP" for distribution inside.

### 2. **Support Groups**

At Soledad (CTF) there is a support group that meets every 2 weeks with inside and outside facilitators. 50 men participate, by invitations, as there is a size limitation (room size?). Also, they would like to do food sales to raise money for AVP

Jamestown – at SCC the men have set up and AVP inmate support group so that they can have food sales. They have By-Laws and Officers

**ACTION:** The Friday morning phone call group will take up the matter of setting up and tracking support groups.

### 3. **Outreach Coordinator**

We reviewed the cost of hiring an outreach coordinator - \$50k/yr for salary + benefits for one FTE. \$75K for salary, benefits, expenses and support.

The goal is to have more local volunteers. We need someone to recruit them. We have been working to create a paid position to recruit them.

Could we be looking for volunteers to do outreach in their communities, not just for workshop participants to become facilitators?

Could CDC Volunteer Recruiter help us? (They're at SQ, Avenal and Folsom)

Suggest to CDCR that Volunteer Recruiter position maybe should be in outlying areas?

ACTION: Continue to work on this

#### 4. **Minutes of December 16, 2007 meeting by conference call**

ACTION: Approved with George's change. *????Stephen, George, I didn't get this. Could one of you provide it?*

#### 5.. **Financial Report**

Stephen Matchett, Treasurer, reported that at October 31, 2006, our bank account balance was \$6,030. In the period November 1 to December 31, 2006, we received \$6,040 in contributions and paid out \$4,250 for expenses, for a net gain of \$1,790, leaving an ending balance of \$7,820.

Stephen also reported that Quaker Center has been holding an AVP fund for the AVP subcommittee of Pacific Yearly Meeting's Peace and Social Order Committee. This subcommittee has been laid down by the yearly meeting so the balance of the fund, approximately \$2,500, will be transferred to AVP/California with no restrictions.

Pat noted that the grant from the Fund for Santa Barbara grant is being used, in part, to support the travel costs of Santa Barbara folks who travel to prisons outside of SB County.

Alice reported on a meeting she had attended on grant-writing. She stressed the need for us to come from our history, work and successes when writing grant applications.

ACTION: Possibility of forming a grant-writing group. Vicki volunteered to help with writing. Steve, Ann and Alice offered to help with editing.

#### 6.. **Bringing up new leads and apprentices**

A general review of the status in various areas brought to light some significant commitments

There is an interim council meeting by phone every two weeks to focus on the desert (Blythe, El Centro, ???) – including Pat Hardy, Martie Crawford, *Vicki Rumbaugh, Stephen Pope, Gary Wolff, Jim Williams, Judith Favor*

Gary Wolff has committed to do two workshops each month, one at Centinela and one at Chuckawalla (24 per year)

Stephen Pope has committed to do 3 or 4 a year at Chuckawalla

Jim Williams (from AZ) will do 3 or 4 a year at Chuckawalla (They must be scheduled during his school breaks.)

Martie Crawford will do 6 workshops a year

Alan McAfee will do 12 workshops a year at Centinela and is available to mentor apprentices at both Centinela and RJD

Joyce Banzhaf has taken on coordinating the workshops at SCC in Jamestown. Needs more leads. Is taking in outside people as participants to get them trained.

Judith Favor is leading a series of workshops at Chowchilla this winter

At Tehachapi George is working to get the program set up for Diana Couch and the Lancaster folks to take over

Rossi Johnson has the Youth Builds program going in Lancaster

**ACTION:** This was referred to the 7:30 Friday group for follow-up and monitoring the development of new facilitators and leads.

### **7.. Staff Training**

Vicki reported that the materials for TeamBuilding and Conflict Transformation (TACT) are ready.

At RJ Donovan the contact person is on vacation

At SCC – no answer yet – George to get phone #

Soledad would welcome a proposal. Vicki to work with George to develop one.

### **8.. Next Update**

What will be the purpose?

Need for volunteers. Should put in the number of workshops we have done and tell of the waiting lists.

Also noted that we need a list on the website of which prisons we are in.

### **9.. Reports**

Relationship with Friends Outside is calming again.

### **10. Next meeting: March 10, 9:00 am, Conference call.**