

## **Minutes of AVP/CA Steering Committee Conference Call Meeting, March 10, 2007**

In attendance: Pat Hardy, George Ramos, Alice Waco, Katherine Youngmeister, Ann Boone, Stephen Matchett

Minutetaker: Pat Hardy

**Minutes** from last meeting approved and a thank you to Katherine

**Treasurers Report-** Report-Stephen

Review of financial report emailed prior to the meeting

**ACTION:** Stephen will create a budget for next year based on this year's and adding part-time Outreach Coordinators program called out by region.

**A philosophical/ethical look at accepting CDCR money-**George

Discussion occurred regarding public language in terms of volunteers and paying recruiters.

**DECISION:** Facilitators in prison are volunteers per AVP/USA. All prison workshops are put on by volunteer facilitators. AVP/CA is seeking funding for temporary paid staff to help build the core capacity of volunteer facilitators.

Discussion regarding CDCR staff being on AVP/CA Steering Committee and paying for our expenses.

**DECISION:** CDCR funds can be accepted for expenses, but not to pay facilitators. We are open to all trained in AVP as members.

### **UPDATES/OLD BUSINESS:**

**CDCR-** Pat had a telephone meeting with Scott Kernan, Adult Division Director, specifically about funding by CDCR for Outreach Coordinators. Some disagreement appears to be arising in the department over the Partnership Division's giving grants to primarily to groups serving parolees in the community rather than programs inside the prisons.

#### **Grantwriting-Pat reported**

Rotary Grant that George applied for did not get funded. The Santa Barbara Council has submitted a proposal to the Fund for Santa Barbara for a one-day a week Outreach Coordinator to expand and test the concept just one step further. A follow-up letter and financial statement and Winter Update was sent to Ristad Foundation at the recommendation of Laura Magnani

**Film-**George reported that Noel continues to fundraise. She has applied to seven major foundations so far and will be identifying and applying to more in the coming months. Four are still in play. Ultimately, she needs to raise a lot of money (\$500,000) but can resume filming / editing if / as smaller amounts come in. She is hopeful and knows that it will take some time. (In the best scenario, she would be invited to submit a full proposal this spring and might have some money this summer. Fundraising will be ongoing.) Thank you to

**Apprentices** was on the agenda but the sense of the group was that this was being handled by Friday morning group as well as a consciousness about preparing and cultivating leads

A discussion about the need for **training Brown Card holders** resulting in agreement that we need a common understanding of what our expectations are of AVP prison volunteers

**ACTION:** Plan to include a component for Brown Card holders at the Fall Gathering  
**ACTION:** Pat will send a copy of the What do I need to know before going into prison, test and answers to Steering Committee and other coordinators.

**PARSE** – George has written up a call for proposals specifically for students and discussed it with his advisor at Stanford. (Followup later: His contact has sent it out with an encouraging letter to his students.)

**Advisory Committee-** A discussion of what do we want to do with a statewide advisory committee We are still seasoning with the thought that local communities may be the place to do this for now. Pat has submitted an Outreach Advisory Committee as part of the Fund for Santa Barbara.

We eventually may want a AVP/CA advisory committee to:

Develop an image that is not competitive

Outreach to broader racial and socioeconomic group

Find people who might contribute

Which might include high profile people like Death Penalty Focus such as : Sister Helen Prejean, Mike Farrell,

Also considered were setting up a focus group to explore with us the concept of how to use an advisory committee. (I can't remember what this was about:Where do we see we fit in foundation)

**TACT-**Staff Training update. Ann has revamped the TACT manual and working with Vicki to do edit it. Next steps: Once they get into final format, distribute to those who were at the Claremont training, then trainers need to get together to practice for a weekend to familiarize ourselves with exercises and the check the timing. Ready in April.

Will we try to copyright this?

**DECISION:** We will not copyright the Teambuilding And Conflict Transformation staff training manual

Questions: Is John's manual copyrighted? He doesn't know we are re-writing it?

**DECISION:** Ann will contact John Shuford to discuss the above.

Issue: Janet Riley has been asked to take a leave of absence at CMC, do we send her a copy of the TACT manual?

**DECISION:** Ann will send the manual to everyone at the Claremont training except Janet.

**DECISION:** Those who attended the Claremont training will be invited to participate in a workshop practice session using the newly revised manual on June 8-10 in Santa Barbara at the SB Meetinghouse pending approval of use of the building.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**DECISION:** 2007 Fall Gathering date: Oct. 27. All will be researching locations. We will not be returning to Los Osos.

Pat asked AVP/CA will take on writing the next issue following the national conference of the AVP/USA *Transformer*. The AVP/USA Communications committee has been asked to redesign its system of producing the *Transformer* to include more local groups. So local groups are being asked to take on a quarterly issue.

**DECISION:**AVP/CA will take on the Summer issue of the *Transformer*. Pat will coordinate this with others' contributions.

**NEXT** Steering Committee Conference Call: June 30; 9-11 a.m. or June 9<sup>th</sup> if we don't do the TACT training.