**Center for Children and Families**

**Texas State University-San Marcos**

**14th Annual Title IV-E Roundtable, Federal Region VI, June 2010**

**Partnership and Administrative Issues Focus Group**

**Co-chairs: Joe Papick, Cyndi Reed**

**What’s New**

* A new University partner in West Texas expressed an interest in developing a BSW Stipend Program. We discussed some of the processes and connected them with their appropriate contact with DFPS.

**What’s Needed**

* Continue to find ways to strengthen the partnership through perhaps a quarterly meeting between DFPS and University Partners and perhaps develop a frequently asked question and answer (FAQ) information process that would be available to all.

**What’s Next**

1. State Office will explore setting up quarterly meetings between DFPS and Universities.
2. The regional office in the West Texas area will explore with the University the possibility of starting a new stipend program.
3. Federal Region VI office will explore the possibility of addressing a frequently asked questions process.
4. The Partnership and Administrative Committee should explore writing up steps for new Universities to develop stipend programs excluding the budget process.
5. Kathy White and Joe Papick are co-chairs of the committee for next year.