

Local Coordinating Committee (LCC)

Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2009 3:00 p.m.

Location: FLC

Jose Carrillo/ICOE-GEO
Charlie Cruz/DSS
Gabriel Aguirre/IVROP
Vivian Perez/ACS
Amanda Occhiuto/ICOE
Paula Evans/ICOE

Heather Vessey-Garcia/ICOE-ECE
Norma A Gamez/ICOE-ECE CEL
Linda Cady/Between Women
Fernando Moreno/Probation
Raul Navarro/IVROP

I. Welcome with Self Introductions

Amanda Occhiuto welcomed 11 attendees who introduced themselves and the agency represented.

Chair: Vivian Perez

II. Approval of February 12, 2009 Minutes

First: Charlie Cruz

Second: Fernando Moreno

Motion: Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

III. Centralized Eligibility List (CEL): Heather Vessey Garcia and Norma Gamez

PowerPoint/handouts presented covering CEL Community Outreach Fair, CEL program details, and information and referral information.

- » Presentation covered CEL: countywide list of all eligible families and their children awaiting child care financial assistance; there is a list for each county in CA
- » This list covers applicants for subsidized child care through ICOE Early Care and Education Programs or other participating agencies
- » The benefit is families submit ONE application but have access to various services
- » Qualification requirements include meeting income eligibility and need for at least one of the following:
 - Employment
 - Education or training
 - Homeless
 - Incapacity of parent
 - Child Protective Services
- » State Pre-school and Pre-Kinder Family Literacy Program requires only that the parents are income eligible and the child meets the age requirement
- » Available programs in Imperial County are as follows:
 - Approximately 500 children currently served through child Development Services through ICOE which include all programs BUT the alternative payment program
 - Childcare – General, School Age Community (LATCHKEY), Alternative Payment Program
 - Development Programs – State Preschool, Pre-Kinder Family Literacy Programs
- » General child care and development programs:
 - State or federally funded
 - Administered by public or private agencies and local educational agencies
 - Provide services for children 0-5 yrs of age
 - Provide developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate education components to children

- Meals and snacks are provided to children, parent education and referrals to health and social services are provided to families, and staff development opportunities to employees.
- Agencies offering general child care programs include:
 - Brawley Union High School
 - Campesinos Unidos, Inc. (State, NOT Head Start)
 - ICOE Early Care and Education Programs
 - Neighborhood House, Inc.
 - United Families Inc.
 - Imperial Valley College
- » School Age Community Child Care Program (LATCHKEY)
 - Open during holidays and summer
 - Safe, developmentally and age appropriate activities for school age children during the hours immediately before and after the normal school day and school vacations.
- » Alternative Payment Program
 - Funded through state and federal funds
 - Offer array of child care arrangements for parents such as licensed exempt, family child care, and center-based care
 - Helps families arrange child care services and make payment for those services directly to child care provider selected by the family
 - Intended to increase parental choice and accommodate the individual needs of the family
- » Stats were shared regarding the list of eligible children ages 0-12 by city
- » Percentages broken down showed El Centro and Calexico have the highest need for child care services for children 0-12 years of age
- » State Preschool Program
 - Part-day comprehensive developmental programs for children ages 3 to 5 from low-income families (must be 3 before December 2nd of school year)
 - Emphasize parent education and encourage parental involvement
 - Administered through local educational agencies, colleges, community action agencies, and private nonprofit agencies
 - Agencies providing State Preschool Programs:
 - Campesinos Unidos, Inc.
 - ICOE Early Care and Education Programs
 - Neighborhood House, Inc.
 - United Families, Inc.
 - Kennedy Gardens Elementary School
 - San Pasqual Valley Elementary School
 - Further statistics provided regarding the eligible children for State Preschool Program by city (refer to handout for more info)
- » Flyer presented on CEL Community Outreach Fair on May 28th at the One Stop Rooms A & B from 10 am to 2 pm
- » Heather provided flyer with information in English and Spanish for Resource and Referral
- » The flyer includes the following info:
 - Services to parents and the community
 - Resource and referral services and contact information
 - Services to child care providers

IV. 2008 Interagency Youth Conference (IYC) Evaluation Presentation: Jose Carrillo

PowerPoint/handouts illustrating through bar graphs the scale of ratings (1-5) of these categories:

- » Morning presenters/presentations: really good
- » Youth Panel: definitely continue at future conferences
- » Closing speaker: very high rating
- » Conference Evaluations: very positive over all

- » Breakout Sessions: 15-40 attended each session with an average of 22 evaluations submitted per session
- » Presenters Feedback: better explanation of target audience since no 'youth' invited with all other ratings high
- » Recommendations: electronic registration; incentives for returned evaluations; ensure that presenters' electronic materials be submitted prior to conference; actual breaks including a lunch break
- » Commendations: easy & effective conference registration; great use of facilities, audio and visual equipment; staff readily available to assist; snacks and meals well chosen; useful and practical information provided by speakers; continues to be a great value despite the modest increase in registration fees
- » Kudos to Amanda, SWB staff, Planning Committee, and DSS for use of their facilities

V. Between Women: Linda Cady

PowerPoint/pamphlets rendered facts of how women, family members and friends' primary needs are being met for those newly diagnosed with breast cancer here in the Imperial Valley.

- * Over 202,000 local women have benefited with early detection services
- * Trained Peer Educators including Comadre Program for Latino women
- * Partnership with National Breast Cancer Coalition since 2004
- * Member of California Breast Cancer Organization (CABCO) since late 2004
- * Choices of different alternative treatments that are available
- * CA Endowment provided funding for local program coordinator
- * 500 free mammograms yearly through funds that are matched by State and Federal contributions
- * Inner Images Inc – mobile mammogram service
- * Assistance with travel costs
- * Wig partnership
- * Patient advocacy

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OLD BUSINESS

V. ISC Coordinator/LCC Chair Updates: Amanda Occhiuto

Meth Assessment Committee (MAC) areas in progress:

- * Collection of existing data
- * Lit review
- * Formulation of questions for qualitative interviews of experts
 - ⇒ Current/recovering users
 - ⇒ Family members of current/recovering users
 - ⇒ Law enforcement – street cops
 - ⇒ Social workers
 - ⇒ Teachers; school discipline staff
- * Substance Abuse Monitoring (SAM)
 - ⇒ Survey Tool used to collect data in holding facilities-juvenile and adults
 - ⇒ Meth addendum
 - ⇒ Allow for comparable data with San Diego
 - ⇒ On-going local data on meth trends

REMS Grant – Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools

- * 18 month grant from US Dept. of Ed, Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools due April 14
- * Eligible for \$250,000

- 6 school districts
- Office of Emergency Services
- IC Disaster Council
- Local Law enforcement including Sheriff
- Probation
- Public Health
- Behavioral Health
- Emergency Management Service

VI. FRC Coordinators' Updates:

- Many of the FRC Coordinators left before the meeting was over in order to cover the centers as staff are off for spring break.
- Updated flyers were provided from the FACT center regarding the Parent Workshop to take place on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 11 am

VII. Other Agency Updates:

- Flyers and registration were distributed in both English and Spanish for the First Annual Bridging the Gap Between Parents and Teens Day

Future Meetings: June 4 Board Room (Building A)

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