

Local Coordinating Committee (LCC)

Minutes

Thursday, Sep 11, 2008, 3:00P.M

Location: Board Room

Hortencia Armendariz/CFRC
Mary Morris/FACT Center
Marylou Garcia/DSS - CalWORKS
Alicia Ruvalcaba/SPFRC
Kelley Sanchez/DSS-CPS
Diana Hall/DSS - CalWORKS
Scott Dudley/ICBHS
Leticia Ibarra/Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo
Anabelle Alvarez/CUHSD FRC
Mary Esquer-Madrigal/ICBHS

Mary S Patterson/ICBH
Bruce Coon/ICPH
Yolanda Bernal/ICPHD
Amanda Occhiuto/ICOE
Paula Evans/ICOE
Vivian Perez/ACS
Yvette Garcia/CAP Council
DeAngelo Singh/Center for Family Solutions
Leticia Plancarte-Garcia/ICBH - Children Services
Gilbert Ramirez/ICBHS – A&D

I. Welcome and Introduction:

Bruce Coon opened the meeting with Vivian Perez chairing the rest of the meeting. 20 attendees introduced themselves and identified the agencies they represented.

II. Approval of Minutes for July 10, 2008:

Yolanda Bernal motioned for the minutes to pass with Hortencia Armendariz seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

III. LCC Co-Chair Election Results

Yolanda Bernal accepted the co-chair position from Bruce Coon. Bruce, we thank you for your dedicated years of service as Co-Chair to the LCC.

IV. Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month: Gilbert Ramirez and Scott Dudley

Handouts and information on current A&D Treatment offered through ICBH:

- ✓ Individual Treatment Sessions
- ✓ Group Counseling Sessions
- ✓ Aftercare Planning and Linkages – continue support/help for 365 days after discharge
- ✓ Brokerage: A&D Case Management Services
- ✓ A&D Prevention Services – including presentations to schools and community
- ✓ HIV Prevention Services
- ✓ Screenings (A&D/MH)

- V. **Project ECHO: DeAngelo Singh dsingh@womanhaven.org or tel 353-6922**
60-75 local teenage boys and girls that are known to be gang members will benefit from Empowering Communities Known to Offend (Project ECHO), an effort to reduce gang activity, provide intervention and prevention, empower youth to become productive citizens, learn to break the cycle of violence in the future families to come, and provide job placement and other opportunities.

Five Elements will be provided during the two-year term of Project ECHO:

1. a series of six weekly educational classes for the students that explores:
 - roots of violence (global and local; power & control)
 - what is violence and how violence is learned
 - guns & violence and myths & truths about gangs
 - media impact on gender & violence and issues of sexual assault & coercive control
 - self-esteem and self-directed violence
 - anger management and conflict resolution
2. educational seminars for their parents
3. enrollment in a graphic arts course or a photography course
4. painting a minimum of six murals throughout the City of El Centro under the instruction and direction of a professional muralist and creating a photographic display of the City for public exhibition and scrapbook for the City
5. Case management and oversight throughout the two years

VI. **Prevention and Intervention Focus Group: Leticia Plancarte Garcia**

A local planning group representing a wide variety of agencies formed for their input, to listen, to survey and to assess the mental health issues and needs of local communities and ways to better reach and serve these needs. Information and handouts were given on Mental Health Services Act (MSHA) and Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI), Community Services and Supports (CSS) along with the MSHA and PEI Community Survey. The surveys are available at local clinics and FRCs and everyone is encouraged to submit one. Community Forums are essential for feedback from each community.

The data that is being gathered until the end of September will then go to the ISC for review.

Services are being provided at various locations depending on their need such as PAL, Clinicas, and Behavioral Health that are funded by BH.

OLD BUSINESS

VII. **ISC Coordinator/LCC Chair Updates: Amanda Occhuito**

A. Interagency Youth Conference

- ✓ Save the Date flyers given for the 12th Annual IYC “*Building Bridges: Success for Youth*” at CalWORKS on 11/06/08
- ✓ next Planning Meeting is 9/22/08 in the FLC-B 2pm-4pm
- ✓ spaces still available for resource tables
- ✓ 2 keynote speakers both from out of county
- ✓ Youth Panel
- ✓ More presentations

B. Meth Assessment – ISC discussing community assessment for specific needs in our communities

C. MRCs & CERTs follow up - “Golden Dragon” simulated world disaster on 11/13/08

VIII. FRC Coordinators' Updates

FACT Center/Mary Morris

- ✓ Schedules given for parenting workshops offered in English and in Spanish
- ✓ Case managing 46 families

IX. Other Agency Updates

Children and Family Services/Kelley Sanchez

- ✓ flyers given for the IC Child Welfare Services and Probation COMMUNITY FORUM on 9/16/08
- ✓ COUNTY SELF ASSESSMENT (CSA) QUESTIONNAIRE will email to Amanda to send out, please email back to me prior to 9/16/08: Ks3690@cws.state.ca.us

CAP COUNCIL/Yvette Garcia

- ✓ year-round Parenting Classes Eng/Span, birth–6 yrs, 7 yrs–12 yrs, and 13 yrs–18 yrs

A&D/ ICBHS/Scott Dudley

- ✓ Perinatal Program has open spaces available for pregnant women on drugs/alcohol

CalWORKS/Diana Hall

- ✓ 16 kids went to summer camp – 5 sent home-no counselor available
- ✓ Youth Fair in Brawley 9/30/08
- ✓ Coalition for Expectant Parenting Conference

Announcements

VII. Member/Training Announcements

VIII. Future Agenda Items: IVROP SOBRIO Presentation

IX. Future Meetings

- November 13, 2008
- January 8, 2008
- March 12, 2008
- May 14, 2008