

**Local Coordinating Committee (LCC)  
Minutes**

**Thursday May 10, 2007, 2:00 P.M.**

Location: Imperial County Office of Education  
Board Room (Building A)

**Attendees:**

Bruce Coon - ICPHD	Nanci Lee Rhodes - CASA
Janet Thornburg - ICOE / ICS	Ana Contreras - ICBHS
David Wise - DSS	Alejandro Gayton - ICBHS
Michael McFadden – ICOE/SWBFR	Denise Morris – March of Dimes
Jose Carrillo - ICOE/GEO	Monica Urias - DSS
Jesse Ruiz – NFRC	Javier De Anda - Calworks
Raul Navarro – ICOE/SFRC	Mercy S. Patterson – ICBH/Children Services
Alicia Ruvalcaba – ICOE/SWBFR	Alicia Garcia – IVSIT
Mary Morris - FACT Center	Gabriel Vela – IVSIT/ICDA
Rita Duarte – BFRC	Jeff Jiménez – Calexico PD
Paula Evans – ICOE/SWBFR	Claudia De Leon - ICDSS

**I. Welcome and Introduction**

Bruce Coon chaired the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves and identified the agencies they represented. There were 22 attendees at this meeting.

**II. Approval of Minutes for March 8, 2007.**

David Wise made the motion to approve the March minutes, with one correction, Michael McFadden seconded:

Mary Morris' report regarding Baby Clinics at Community Center – correction is that Bruce Coon would take flyers from FACT to ICPHD's Baby Clinic at Community Center.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

**III. FRC Coordinators' Updates**

**1. FACT Center - Mary Morris**

- 100 families currently being served with 10 families on waiting list.
- Clinics were held May 3 & 4 at the FACT Center, in collaboration with Clinicas, for enrolling kindergarteners which provided 16 children with Dental exams and 22 children with Physicals/Immunization. Healthy Families and Medical information was also given to the adults.
- Clinicas has agreed to hold another dental clinic May 23, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. due to overwhelming amount of calls for dental screenings.

**2. San Pasqual FRC - Alicia Ruvalcaba**

One Stop:

- 105 registrations in April;
- 672 different services assessed

Social Services:

- 209 clients seen in April

Food Bank:

- I.V. Food Bank USDA Program 23 families and 59 individuals

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- 11 Brown Bags for Seniors over 60
- Reapplication for \$10,000 for Back Pack Program funding for next year still uncertain

Campesinos Unidos:

- 5 completed applications for IID Program
- 2 Emergency Assistance Applications completed

CHAT GRANT - 36 students enrolled, Therapist position is pending, Intern may provide services in the future

May 8 Nutrition Fair hosted by IV Food Bank and ICPHD where 150 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders received T-Shirts and Nutritional Information

Dental Services still pending, leases signed but no start date

Summer English Immersion Program 2 Migrant students will attend in San Diego this summer

**3. Niland FRC - Jesse Ruiz**

- May 23 – CAP Council in English and Spanish
- Center for Family Solutions – Steps of Respect
- Brown Bag meals
- Jesse leaving end of June due to 10 positions being cut from the Calipatria budget

**4. Seeley FRC – Raul Navarro**

- 100 attended recent Asthma Fair
- May 22 Alzheimer's Clinic
- CFS – Anger Management Classes
- Brown Bag meals provided by Area on Aging
- After School (ASES) with Kat Hughes
- Nutrition Program
- ICHD providing Senior Clinics
- IC Library
- Summer Programs consisting of arts & crafts and reading programs
- LVA

**5. Brawley FRC – Rita Duarte**

- Open through the summer
- Case Management provided to BESD, BUHS and Westmorland
- 50 students enrolled in Teen Pregnancy – decline in first pregnancy occurrences, however, increase in second pregnancy occurrences
- Drug & Alcohol Counseling – students receive credits for attending sessions- currently 50 minutes long – goal for next year is to add an after-school component lengthening the time to 90 minutes. Currently 51 students are enrolled.
- 20 successful graduates from Parenting Classes
- Social Services available to assist with Minor Consent Forms

**IV. Other Agency Updates**

1. Alejandro Gayton – ICBHS reported that the Mental Health Service Act Plan had been approved with the following allocations \$1.3 million for 2006-07 and \$1.8 million for 2007-08. The funds will be used for working with transitional youth and adults with MH issues to improve their success and support on release from incarceration; mobile unit support for 60+ year olds with mental disorders; and community outreach expanded to outlying areas.

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2. Denise Morris- March of Dimes reported that the last walk event raised \$11,000 locally. March of Dimes recently awarded Clinicas \$75,000 in funding for providing training in five local clinics. In recent years, Valley programs are actually getting more than what is raised locally.
3. David Wise-DSS reported that the Foster Care Parent Symposium and Recognition event will be May 11th.
4. Mercy S. Patterson – ICBH/Children Services reported that childrens services are being provided from the three satelite clinics at the Calexico, San Pasqual and FACT FRCs.
5. Bruce Coon –ICPHD reported that California Childrens Services programs saw a 20 to 25% increase in clients in their satelite clinics in Holtville, Heber, Seeley, Westmorland, and Calipatria. They will soon begin offering services in Imperial from the Old Imperial FRC.

#### V. ISC Coordinator/LCC Chair Updates

The ISC Coordinator Position will be advertised through May 21<sup>st</sup>. It is anticipated that interviews will occur the week of May 28. A new Coordinator could be in place as soon as July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions in the meantime, call Student Well-Being for an appropriate referral.

The Social Host Ordinances are now being reviewed by most of the cities. The city of Calipatria had their second reading and adoption on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The City of Calexico has favorably discussed the ordinance and will have their first reading on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The City of Holtville had their first reading and favorable discussion of the ordinance on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Their second reading will be May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Brawley Police Chief is finalizing the staff work for presentation in Brawley. The El Centro Police Chief is reviewing the ordinance. The City of Imperial adopted the ordinance a year ago January. The next element of the process is to send information about the ordinance and alcohols impact on brain development to parents of high school students in each of the communities that has adopted the ordinance.

#### **New Business**

##### **1. Report on Methamphetamine Impact on Casework, Practice and Policy in Imperial County by Gabe Vela, District Attorney's Office, and Claudia De Leon, DSS,**

Gabe Vela is a DA Investigator serving on the IV Street Interdiction Team (SIT). He identified some of the local law enforcement teams dealing with methamphetamine: HIDTA, MMT, BIT, SIT, and NTF. (We have the distinction of having one of the oldest continuously operating HIDTAs or High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area units.) Our Port has the added distinction of being the third busiest drug crossing in the US. Meth related problems are growing and changing rapidly in our community. The change in US availability of raw materials for meth manufacturing has reduced the number of local meth labs. We are seeing fewer labs and more meth coming up from Mexico. Seizures at the port are up.

2004	Meth 1,110,550 grams seized
2005	Meth 2,057,908 grams seized
2006	Meth 4,207,5115 grams seized

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Beyond the significant law enforcement efforts related to this issue there are significant efforts on behalf of drug endangered children. Claudia De Leon, DSS, reported they began testing all children of parents in drug cases during the last 18 months. About 75% of them are testing positive for drug exposure - often to multiple drugs (e.g. meth and marijuana). DSS is removing increasing numbers of children from parents.

In 2006, DSS had 1800 child abuse referrals. Through April in 2007, there have been 700. The meth child abuse referrals, most of which come from concerned neighbors, are often very specific beyond the house is filthy, the children are filthy, to the children are outside at 2:00 a.m. while the parent is inside straightening.

The District Attorney and DSS have developed and received Board of Supervisor approval for the DEC or Drug Endangered Children Program. Before the DEC Protocol can be implemented, all of the parties using DEC must be trained. They are working on bringing in the training for key players including all local law enforcement, emergency room physicians and nurses, DSS, and appropriate other school officials.

Gabe and Claudia provided details about meth seizures, addiction, and caseloads. They spoke about hospital policies regarding testing newborns and delivering moms for illegal drugs and the impact of Prop 36 and three strikes laws.

**2. Facilitated LCC Discussion of Methamphetamine Issues** The bottom line is that meth is an issue that is facing all law enforcement agencies and all human service agencies that deal with children and families. The question was asked: **What else can be recommended to address the meth issue in Imperial County?**

The consensus was that everyone addressing meth in Imperial County needs to be brought together. To maximize efficiency and to encourage participation, significant incentives are required. One of the incentives will be thorough research and preparation. We would like to compile data for all agencies that deal with meth related cases.

The plan needs a "Lead Person" who will request information from all involved agencies regarding their agencies' meth related arrests and results for 2004, 2005, and 2006. Law enforcement and other agencies currently use Penal Code numbers (rather than by categories of drugs) when inputting arrest case information in their databases. Individual Meth details at this time would probably require numerous hours of man power researching through each case record. We will have to start with the information that is currently available.

All available data needs to be submitted by June 15th to Michael McFadden, ICOE Director of Student Well-Being at [mmcfadden@icoe.org](mailto:mmcfadden@icoe.org) or mailed to his attention at ICOE, 1398 Sperber Road, El Centro, CA (312-6498). The compiled data will be used by the Interagency Steering Committee to develop a workday, or ½ day, joining together all agencies to address meth issues and needs in Imperial County.

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Agencies Involved in Interdiction and Services for METH Involved Persons and Families in Imperial County		
Agency/Team	Lead Person	Meth Information Needed for 2004, 2005, 2006
MMT	Gabe Vela	# of arrests, #/ amount of seizures
SIT	Gabe Vela	# of arrests, # /amount of seizures
BIT	Gabe Vela	# of arrests, #/ amount of seizures
NTF	Gabe Vela	# of arrests, #/ amount of seizures
Brawley PD	Chief Mark Gillmore	# of arrests, # /amount of seizures
Calexico PD	Jeff Jimenez	# of arrests, # /amount of seizures
Calipatria PD	Raul Navarro	# of arrests, #/ amount of seizures
El Centro PD	Mark, Ray	# of arrests, #/ amount of seizures
Holtville PD	Mark, Ray	# of arrests, #/ amount of seizures
Imperial PD	Mark, Ray	# of arrests, # /amount of seizures
Westmorland PD	Mark, Ray	# of arrests, # /amount of seizures
Sheriff	Ray Loera	# of arrests, #/ amount of seizures
DSS-CFS	Peggy Price-Claudia DeLeon	# of families-# of adults and #children
DSS-CalWorks	Javier DeAnda	# of families-# of adults and #children
DSS-Foster Care		# of families-# of adults and #children
Probation	Prop 36	Prop 36 results
BH- D&A	Ana Contreras	Prop 36 results, D&A meth treatment # and results youth and adults
Public Health	Bruce Coon	meth related data; make sure Medical is invited to
Public Health-Haz Mat	Bruce Coon	Haz Mat response # meth related
PMH –emergency room	Bruce Coon	ER Meth related data
ECRMC –emergency room	Bruce Coon	ER Meth related data
FRCs	FRC Coordinators	# of case managed families, # in mandatory parent training, other meth related data
Schools	Counselors	meth related data
CASA	Nancie Lee Rhodes	# meth related Children cases
Center for Family Solutions	Barbara Shaver	# meth related in mandatory parent training, other meth related data
VOA Adult	Nan	# meth in related treatment
VOA Adolescent	Livei Lopez	# meth in related treatment
New Creations		# meth in related treatment
IV Methadone		# meth in related treatment
Turning Point	Mike Johnson	# meth in related treatment
Youth for Christ	Todd Evangelist	meth related data

**IX. Member/Training Announcements n/a**

**X. Items for Future Agendas n/a**

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**X. Next Meetings:**

- 1 Sep 13, 2007 – Quarterly Meeting
- 2 Dec 6, 2007
- 3 Feb 7, 2008
- 4 May 1, 2008

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