

Local Coordinating Committee (LCC)
Minutes
Thursday September 13, 2007, 2:00 P.M.

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

Attendees:

Bruce Coon - ICPHD

Amanda Occhiuto - ICOE / ISC

Charlie Cruz - ICDSS

Raul Navarro – ICOE/Seeley FRC

Jessica Brambila – ICBHS/A&D

Cynthia Ramirez-Cordona – ICOE/SWBFR

Ben Horton – CHARLIE Home

Mary Morris - FACT Center

Rita Duarte – Brawley FRC

Paula Evans – ICOE/SWBFR

Fernando Moreno - Probation

Carmela Ruiz - ICDSS

Todd Evangelist – Youth for Christ

Hortencia Armendariz – Calexico FRC

Mary Esquer – ICBHS

Raul Martinez – ICPHD

I. Welcome and Introduction

Bruce Coon chaired the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves and identified the agencies they represented. 16 attendees were present.

II. Approval of Minutes for May 10, 2007.

Raul Navarro made the motion to approve the May minutes, Mary Morris seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

III. FRC Coordinators' Updates

1. FACT Center - Mary Morris

- 14 new referrals since start of school
- TAMING THE TANTRUMS class on Sep 26, 2007 flyers dispersed
- Food Campaign to make 50 Thanksgiving Baskets

2. Seeley FRC – Raul Navarro

- ❖ ICDSS Eligibility Worker
- ❖ One Stop - Wednesdays
- ❖ REAP
- ❖ SAL – Mervyn's shopping and Movie Nights
- ❖ Reading with IC Library
- ❖ Brown Bag – WIC
- ❖ ICHD at FRC once a month
- ✓ **Future events in the works**
- ✓ SAL – flag football
- ✓ Cyber Bullying with Christy Gomez
- ✓ Diabetes information clinic
- ✓ Basic English
- ✓ **Two additional classrooms given by Superintendent Jon LeDoux for SFRC's expanding needs.**

Brawley FRC – Rita Duarte

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- ❖ State Grant – Teen Parenting for 25 male/female participants
- ❖ Parenting Classes Eng/Span for 8 weeks beginning 9/20/07; child care provided; accepting referrals
- ❖ A & D Youth Groups started with the 07-08 school year, with the eligibility of receiving school credits, given to participants meeting 2 times weekly after school
- ❖ Anger Management starting in Oct by Center for Family Solutions

Calexico FRC – Hortencia Armendariz

- Temporarily being housed in warehouse – hope to move end of Sep
- 2030 transportation
- Lions Club - Eye Exams Oct 20 from 8am – 2pm for 100 uninsured children

Niland FRC – Amanda Occhiuto

- NFRC is still open and providing services
- Amanda working as liaison to keep communication open regarding updates
- Meeting with Calipatria Superintendent to discuss future of FRC and possible coordinator position
- Parenting classes
- PACT
- School clothes campaign

IV. Other Agency Updates

a. Ana Contreras: MHSa - tabled

b. Adolescent & Adult Out-Patient Services - Jessica Brambila

PowerPoint handouts outlining 4 Targets in Prevention Strategies including Information Dissemination, Education, Problem Identification & Referral, and Community-Base Process to:

1. reduce underage drinking
2. reduce marijuana use
3. reduce meth use in youth and adults
4. expand services in getting clients to Imperial County agencies

It was suggested to present this to the ISC.

Contact Jessica at 482-2939 or Alejandro Gayton at 337-7483 for more information.

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c. Heber Youth Connection (HYC) Grant – Cynthia Ramirez-Cardona

3-year funding from the State-Corrections began April 1, 2007 to reduce substance abuse in grades 7-12 with focus for Heber students attending Southwest High School. Target students are on formal/informal probation, have discipline issues and excessive absences.

HYC office, located in Heber, is open to all ages of Heber youth M-F 8am-5pm. Computer lab, goal setting, resiliency, support groups, one on one, and tutoring are some of the structured activities the youth get to take part in.

Community services are also part of planned activities, like the canned food drive during the summer. Other summer activities include game night, IVC swimming pool, and play station tournaments.

Experimental activities like camp, rope course, and working towards greater parent involvement are in the planning stages.

V. ISC Coordinator/LCC Chair Updates – Amanda Occhiuto

- I. \$100,000 approved – year 7
- II. Social Host Ordinance rejected by Brawley

VI. Meth Data Reports – Amanda Occhiuto

Is meth still the focus for the LCC? A lead person is needed for a meeting of the minds for a half and/or whole day of planning to strategically look at the local meth problem. Is there enough 'man power' to pull needed data from police arrests/reports? Possible links from yearly DOJ reports from police departments, State Dept of Alcohol & Drug Program, and Index Crime Report might offer assistance in the gathering of such data.

New Business

Discussion of 2007 Interagency Youth Conference (IYC) – Amanda Occhiuto

INTER-AGENCY booths are still needed for the "Strengthening Youth" IYC on Nov 15 from 8am-3:30pm at Cal Works. Two keynote speakers are planned for this year, opening and closing.

Topics discussed: Internet Predator Awareness, Gang Activity-Frank Martinez, Higher Education-Reps from ICOE, IVC and SDSU, Youth Culture Awareness, Wellness & Nutrition – Mental and Physical, Employability of Youth, Drug & Alcohol use, Transitioning Youth, Foster Youth Transition, Legal Implications of Turning 18. Sexual activities including STDs, pregnancy, emotional distress, and legal issues are huge concerns of parents whose kids are on probation, according to Fernando Moreno. Todd Evangelist suggested providing a workshop that addresses the emotional issues surrounding sexual activity with youth, in addition to providing information regarding sexual activity.

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IX. Member/Training Announcements

- ✓ Todd Evangelist announced the Youth for Christ radio station FM 95.3-The Edge
- ✓ Carmella Ruiz introduced Charlie Cruz who will attend LCC regularly
- ✓ Services provided in the Ocotillo Community Center through DSS every other Monday from 9am-3pm
- ✓ DSS has been serving Salton City residents, but are no longer welcomed
- ✓ DSS now looking at servicing residents in Holtville
- ✓ July – Behavioral Health providing psychiatrist at Calexico Clinic
- ✓ ICBHS Radio broadcast 7:30-8:30 Wednesdays-Spanish and Thursdays-English

X. Items for Future Agendas n/a

X. Next Meetings:

- 1 Dec 6, 2007
- 2 Feb 7, 2008
- 3 May 1, 2008
- 4 Sep 4, 2008
- 5 Dec 4, 2008

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