

**Local Coordinating Committee (LCC)
Minutes**

Thursday February 9, 2006 3:30 P.M.

Location: Imperial County Office of Education
FLC Room B (Building C)

Attendees:

Janet Thornburg – ICOE - ISC	Lupe Garibay - CalWorks
Todd Evangelist – Youth for Christ	Claudia Quiroz – ICOE - SWB&FR
Carmela Ruiz – Social Services	Antonio Gomez – ICOE - SWB&FR
Bruce Coon- IC Public Health	Fernando Moreno- Probation
David Wise- Social Services	Leticia Plancarte-Garcia - ICBHS
Javier DeAnda - CalWorks	Linda Soto - ICBHS
Patricia Duenas- ICOE-NFRC	Georgia Christensen - ICBHS
Jose G. Carrillo - ICOE-GEO	Raul Navarro - ICOE-Seeley FRC
Cynthia Ramirez-Cardona - ICOE-SWB&FR	Cathy Vizcarra - EDD
Vivian Perez - ALA- Clean Air	Teresa Ramirez - FNL Member
Rosalinda Fregoso – FNL Member	Susan Sanchez - FNL Member
Erick Apolinar - Sure Helpline	Guillermo Garcia - Youth Rep

I. Welcome and Introduction

Bruce Coon, LCC Co-Chair, opened the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves and identified the agencies they represent. There were 24 attendees at this meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes January 12, 2006.

There was a motion made by Bruce Coon and seconded by Carmela Ruiz to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Report on Replication of Gang Risk Intervention Program in New School Community Violence Prevention (SCVP) Application with Calexico Unified School District by Toney Gomez

Toney Gomez reported he has been working for a year and a half with the Gang Risk Intervention Program in Calexico. It began as the GVS partnership in Calexico. The purpose of the partnership and the program were the eradication of gangs. The partners were probation, law enforcement and the district. The GRIP program educated seventh, eighth, and ninth graders about the dangers of gang involvement. The state of California has given us the opportunity to replicate a grant similar to the GRIP program. Toney stated that through the partnership the students were given the opportunity to visit different places on educational field trips. Through the education series, Project Success and Second Step Violence Prevention, some students were able to determine that gangs are not the path they wanted to choose.

Toney reported that they would like to re-apply for funding for this grant activity. A funding source has been identified with applications due March 13, 2006. This will be for a three-year cycle involving De Anza Jr. High and Willie Moreno Jr. High, Neighborhood

House, and the Police Athletic League. A program like this brings children the opportunity to experience and learn new things, which can cause them to turn away from gangs.

There was a motion made in support of Toney's program by Erick Apolar and second by Todd Evangelist. The motion carried out unanimously.

IV. Introduction of Underage Drinking Prevention: National Town Halls (3/28/06) and Reach Out Now National Teach-In by Janet Thornburg

Janet Thornburg announced that an e-mail was sent with a quick overview of the program. The Office of National Drug Control Policy sponsors the National Town Halls. Two logos go along with the program: the Reach-Out Now National Teacher-In, and **Start Talking Before They Start Drinking**, which is the big focus of the campaign.

A thousand or so cities, representing Drug Free Communities grantees, and other programs, will be having Town Hall Meetings throughout the country on March 28, 2006. In Imperial County, it is the Drug Free Communities Grant, the TRAC grant and the Friday Night Live Program, through ICOE-SWB&FR and the ISC that will be arranging for the events. The four sites participating are Brawley, Calipatria, Calexico, and Holtville. The reason these four communities were selected is they have active student well-being coordinators in those areas as well as active Friday Night Live high school clubs in those areas.

An agenda has not been finalized, but the basics of the agenda are to raise the awareness of the underage drinking problem in the country and in the Imperial County in particular. The meeting will be one and a half, to two hours time. The first part of the meeting will be for presentations, which will include basic information about underage drinking, what is going on in the Imperial County and how to talk to kids before they start drinking. Introduction would come from the mayor or a police chief and the close is expected from a principal or superintendent. Each site will have a facilitator to move from speaker to speaker; and, in the second half of the agenda, to lead the community discussion about underage drinking: what they would like to see done about underage drinking, and what they would volunteer to do about underage drinking. The second part of the agenda, which is not part of the national campaign, will also include the Social Host Ordinance.

V. Report on County-wide Friday Night Live Activities by FNL Member

VI. FNL members introduced themselves. Rosalinda Fregoso presented herself and the others. She is the president of Holtville's chapter of FNL, Susan Sanchez is the vice president, and Teresa Ramirez is the secretary. Rosalinda spoke about the Friday Night Live in Holtville High School and their activities. At this moment, they are focusing on, Every 15 Minutes, which is the awareness that a person dies from a car crash or car crash related to driving under the influence every fifteen minutes. They wanted to bring awareness to students and involve as many people in the community as possible; they involved the police department and fire department to participate in reenacting a car crash. They get two cars and perform the Jaws of Life. Then every fifteen minutes students will be taken out of classrooms to assimilate that every fifteen minutes a person dies due to driving under the influence. There are two parts to it, the reenactment and a memorial to those who have died in a car crash. FNL members are going to Camp Stevens in Julian and only forty members will attend. Furthermore, all the chapters will be conducting the save a sweetheart event, where

they are promoting to say no to smoking. Teenwork will be held in San Francisco, Burlingame, California on April 10 thru the 13th and only 2 people from each chapter will attend. Others things that will be taking place are the puppets, a puppet show will be presented to Finley Elementary for conflict resolution, refusal skills, and ATOD prevention.

VII. Status Reports on Previous LCC Agenda Item

A. FRC Coordinator's Updates

Patti Duenas reported that Niland will be holding their annual community outreach Health Fair in April, where different agencies come out and have events and food for kids.

Raul Navarro reported that the Seeley FRC has been conducting anger management classes and parenting classes. The Seeley FRC will be conducting the Asthma Fair. Dr. Baig from Clinicas will conduct those asthma screenings, the fair is due to take place during the first week of March.

B. LCC Co-Chairs and ISC Coordinators Reports

Janet Thornburg announced that at the last ISC Meeting there was discussion by the ISC to reaffirm the requirement that FRC Coordinators participate in the FRC coordination activity, and the coordinators need to attend the FRC Monthly and Supervisory Joint Meetings. Janet will notify the ones who are not participating.

Janet announced that the San Pasqual FRC MOU for the Multi-disciplinary Team was endorsed by the ISC at the January last meeting.

VIII. Member/Training Announcements

- Radio Show Calendar, now posted
<http://www.icoe.k12.ca.us/ISC/Agency+News.htm>

IX. Items for Future Meetings

- Centralized (all programs) Child Care Eligibility List -CDS Update

X. Next Meetings:

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| ✓ March 9, 2006 | Imperial County Office of Education |
| ✓ April 13, 2006 | Farrar Leadership Center, Room B |
| ✓ June 8, 2006 | El Centro, Ca (312-6498) |

LCC Webpage---<http://www.icoe.k12.ca.us/ISC/Local+Coordinating+Committee-LCC.htm>