

**Local Coordinating Committee (LCC)  
Minutes**

**Thursday May 11, 3:30 P.M.**

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

**Attendees:**

Bruce Coon – IC Public Health	Amelia Rosas-Carlos - ICBHS
Alejandra Pasillas – AmeriCorps	David Wise – ICDSS
Guillermo Garcia – AmeriCorps	Carmela Ruiz – ICDSS
Wendy Jensen – ICOE / IFRC	R. Angelica Cardenas – ICDSS
Hortencia Armendariz - CFRC	Raul Navarro – ICOE / SFRC
Kristy Quiñonez – Youth for Christ	Martha Nuñez – KECY TV & KESE TV
Janet Thornburg – ICOE / ICS	Monica Martinez – ICOE / SWBFR
Melanie Lira – Girls Scouts	Luis Torres – IVROP / Project ACE
Georgia Christensen - ICBHS	Linda Soto – ICBHS
Mary Morris – Fact Center	Autumn Barnett – BGC of Brawley
Lupe Cariboy – Calworks	Deborah Zendejas – ICOE / SWBFR

**I. Welcome and Introduction**

Bruce Coon, LCC Co-Chair, opened the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves and identified the agencies they represented. There were 22 attendees at this meeting.

**II. Approval of Minutes for April 13, 2006.**

A motion was made by Wendy Jensen and seconded by Melanie Lira to approve the April 13, 2006, minutes as printed. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Information about Girl Scout Summer Day Camps and Resident Camps presented by Melanie Lira.**

Melanie Lira informed the committee that it was decided on Monday, May 15, 2006, that due to decreased registrations in prior years, the Girls Scouts would not be holding a Summer Day Camp this year. They are hoping that future promotion of the camp will increase interest. They are pushing to hold one next year, possibly in Spring Break.

**IV. Information about Summer Program at Boys and Girls Club of Brawley presented by Autumn Burnett.**

Autumn Burnett provided the committee with a flyer containing contact information for the Boys and Girls Club of Brawley. They are celebrating four years of service in the Valley this year. They are currently working with the Migrant Program at Imperial County Office of Education in order to start a summer food program for kids; hoping it will be open at the Parks and Recreations building, the Lions Club, and pool. The program will provide a free breakfast and lunch to any one under the age of 18. Autumn will provide Janet Thornburg with exact dates on which the program will be implemented. The Boys and Girls Club also

offers an early bird program from 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and an afternoon program from 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. They supply pool passes to the Lions Club and Pool, staff will walk participants over and back. There is a \$50.00 a year membership fee, the early bird program is an additional \$50.00. However, they do offer scholarship opportunities for those who cannot afford it. Contact information is on the pamphlet provided.

**V. Information about Youth for Christ Summer Activities and Upcoming Radio Station presented by Christy Quinones.**

Christy Quiñones introduced herself as the Director for the new radio station that Youth for Christ is starting up. The radio station will play positive music for youth and is expecting to be on air November 2006. It is a low power FM station, which will reach from Brawley to Calexico, including Holtville. Youth for Christ is also trying to set up an internship program in order to teach the different aspects of radio, including billing, sales and on air production, it will target people age 16 – 25. August 17 – 19, 2006 they will be having SALSA (Student and Leaders Summer Academy) for Campus Live Club. Campus Live leaders, which are high school students, will go on a retreat / training in Pine Valley. If any committee members know of any students that are interested in becoming Campus Live leaders, they should contact Christy at 352-7070.

**VI. Report on Teens Reducing Alcohol Consumption Program and summer activities with presentations from program participants and Monica Martinez, ICOE.**

Monica Martinez presented a handout that showed an overview of the program. The TRAC (Teens Reducing Alcohol Consumption) Grant was awarded to the Student Well Being and Family Resource Department at Imperial County Office of Education over a year ago. The program is being implemented at four high schools, Calexico High, Holtville High, Calipatria High and Brawley Union High. It is an alcohol prevention and intervention program, its purpose is to educate and increase awareness about the critical health issues linked to alcohol consumption. The program begins with an education series using a science-validated curriculum, Project Success, which is implemented in all each of the High schools. After the education series is completed, there are support groups to keep students involved in the program. There are many Leadership activities that the students get involved with such as a Leadership Camp at Camp Stevens, Julian. There are usually 4 to 5 camps each year, each lasting approximately 2 days. The TRAC program also holds safety seminars, and supports Friday Night Live Chapters at each of the 4 high schools. Parent involvement is in the beginning stages for the TRAC program, the first step was Town Hall Meetings. A Town Hall Meeting was held in each city where the TRAC program has been established. Parent feedback was extremely positive, parents were very interested in continuing to receive information on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The TRAC program also tries to get the students to organize different activities and events at their school so the entire student population can be affected, not just the students involved. This summer there will be several activities planned in order to maintain involvement throughout the year. For additional information on the program you may contact the Student Well Being and Family Resource Department at 312-6498.

## **VII. Report on Community Mental Health Assessment – Community Services and Support Plan by Amelia Rosa Carlos, IC Behavioral Health Services**

Amelia Rosa Carlos informed the committee that it was one year ago that she came to the committee to present some information on the Mental Health Services Act, which was a new proposition that passed in November, 2004. Behavioral Health is currently in the process of meeting all the requirements of the Mental Health Services Act. They conducted an extensive planning process throughout the year, and have been working very hard with different agencies and committees. a draft plan is now ready. Amelia provided an executive summary of the plan for the committee to review, the actual plan is over 300 pages, this is a condensed version. She encouraged the committee to review the plan and provide feedback. The intent of the Mental Health Services Act is trying to increase participation of consumers and family involvement. All of the programs put together by Imperial County Behavioral Health Services involves consumers at every level. Another intent is to increase outreach, it is clear from community feedback that they need to go out into the community and increase outreach and expand services. Increasing the array of services available to the mental ill is another intent of the Act, unfortunately there are not that many resources available for them. When they were in the planning process they went out into the community and asked what kind of issues the program should focus on. The issues are listed on page 5 of the draft. Janet Thornburg advised the committee that the Mental Health Services Act is divided into four categories: Children/Youth; Transition Age Youth; Adults; and Older Adults. For children services they are putting together a Ward Access to Services and Supports program, it is a full service partnership program, which means it is a enrolled based program, they can only provide services for approximately 10 kids per year. Some of the services that will be provided are clothing, housing, and services to the family. The target population is seriously, emotionally disturbed youth ages 12 – 15. This age group consists of kids that are going to be exiting juvenile hall, Behavioral Health will be assisting them in returning to the community. The next age group is TAY (Transition Age Youth) these are kids that are 16 – 25. They will be assisting them transition into any type of adult service program. For adults aged 18 - 25 they will be providing services to help them transition out of the criminal system and back to the community. The older adult program is designed to assist adults 65+ who are isolated or homebound. Another expanded program that Behavioral Health Services provides is a Club House which provides services to mental ill adults, there are activities, counseling, fund raisers, and help them with daily living activities. They want to expand the program to provide peer services, to encourage and hire mental ill consumers to provide peer support services. Funds were set aside for outreach and engagement, to inform community about services. The community really need to be informed about the services that are available also need to educate on the stigma attached to mental health. Janet Thornburg informed the committee that copies of the plan are available in the Public Libraries, the Family Resource Centers, the One Stop Offices, and she also has a copy in her office. There will be a public hearing on May 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Amelia urged the committee to read full version of the plan and to provide input.

## **VIII. Status Reports on Previous LCC Agenda Items**

**A. Calexico FRC - Hortencia Armendariz**

Valuable information was given at the Town Hall Meeting held in Calexico, but unfortunately only a few parents showed up. A follow up meeting was held with an excellent turn out.

**FACT Center – Mary Morris**

Currently managing 96 families. An Out Reach Clinic was held, they provided physicals and immunizations for the children about to enter kindergarten. A young women's study group has been started, it will be held on Wednesdays. Also getting ready for a 3 week SPARKS (Sports, Play, Activities, Recreation for Kids) program, which challenges kids to continue physical activities during the summer, and not just playing video games and watching TV.

**Imperial FRC – Wendy Jensen**

Just finished the Young Women and Young Men's Clinics, will probably will start another one this summer, currently managing about 85 families. They will be hosting a summer enrichment program.

**Seeley FRC – Raul Navarro**

There was a good turn out at their annual asthma awareness clinic on May 2, 2006. A diabetes prevention program began on May 8, 2006. Anger management classes for the junior high continue. The second course of Open Airways is about to start.

**San Pasqual FRC**

Held a Health Clinic on April 26, 2006, over 25 agencies participated and 122 clients attended. The Center for Family Solutions also finished support groups on May 10, 2006 and have a very successful service deliver day on April 28, 2006, with 20 agencies participating including Salvation Army who provided clothing, food and bicycles for people who attended. A homeless count was done in the area on March 24, 2006. The homeless count for the county the prior year was 100; the homeless count just for their area was 108 for the Winterhaven area. Arrangements are being made to have Catholic Charities in the next meeting to provide a current county homeless count.

**B. ISC Coordinator Update**

Janet Thornburg informed the committee that each of the 4 communities, Calexico, Brawley, Holtville, and Calipatria, have had follow up Town Hall Meetings. Each community was different, what worked in one, did not always work in others. The new Chief for the California Highway patrol attended the last Calipatria meeting, he knew underage drinking was a problem, but didn't understand the developing brain issues that we now know about and how critical it is to prevent drinking among adolescents. The Public Health Department and the County Office of Emergency Services had a disaster drill May 11, 2006. The scenario was built around a terrorist release of pneumonic plague south of the Mexican border, and how would county schools deal with it. A number of interesting

things took place including the fact that a few people who had scanners on their radio system heard the message and thought that it was real, publicity was done to prevent this, however, a couple of people still were unaware. A lot was learned. All 63 school sites have emergency response information in a binder, the order of the information is going to be changed to make it more accessible. Janet encouraged the committee to participate in drills if given the opportunity. Bruce Coon informed the committee that AmeriCorp member had assisted with role playing during medication distribution scenarios. These scenarios help develop what works and what doesn't, it was extremely valuable.

## **IX. Other Agencies Updates**

### **Luis Torres – IVROP / Project ACE**

Would like to do a day camp working with foster children ages 8 - 13, if anyone is aware of any families that have foster children please call 337-5079. Having a kick off event on May 24, 2006. Will send a flyer to Janet Thornburg, who will e-mail it to everyone.

### **Melanie Lira – Girls Scouts**

Girl Scouts will not be having summer day camp; however do have a lot of programs that go on throughout the year. Need volunteers. They are having their annual community awareness diner on Thursday, May 18, 2006 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. For additional information, please call 353-2840.

### **Melanie Lira – Girls Scouts**

Will be having a free concert at Youth for Christ building on May 25, 2006 to help promote the radio station.

### **David Wise – ICDSS**

Number of foster care homes always very low. CPS launched a new foster home campaign consisting of billboard and advertisements at the movies.

### **Wendy Jensen – ICOE / IFRC**

At the Family Resource Center they take for residential energy resource application. Could result in a reduction of up to 25% in IID for families who qualify.

### **Monica Martinez – ICOE / SWBFR**

Every 15 minutes program scheduled June 2, 2006 in Holtville, and June 14, 2006 in Calipatria. Also a High School Safety seminar June 8th, and a Junior High Leadership Camp on May 25, 26, 2006. A Seat belt challenge will also be held on May 18, 2006. For additional information on any of these events call 312-6498.

### **Martha Nunez – KEY TV & KESE TV**

Was invited to meeting by Toney Gomez of Imperial County Office of Education, Student Well Being and Family Resource Department. If she can assist with PSA or events for the Community Calendar please e-mail or fax her. She would like to assist in any way that she can.

## **Announcements**

### **VII. Items for Future Meetings**

### **VIII. Next Meetings:**

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| ✓ | <b>June 8, 2006</b>       | <b>Farrar Leadership Center, Room B</b> |
| ✓ | <b>July 13, 2006</b>      | <b>1398 Sperber Road</b>                |
| ✓ | <b>September 14, 2006</b> | <b>El Centro, CA 92243</b>              |

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