

**Local Coordinating Committee (LCC)
Minutes**

Thursday July 13, 2006, 3:30 P.M.

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

Attendees:

Bruce Coon – IC Public Health	David Wise – ICDSS
Joanna Ruiz – AmeriCorps	Carmela Ruiz – ICDSS
Guillermo Garcia – AmeriCorps	Cathy Vizcarra - EDD
Wendy Jensen – ICOE / IFRC	Jose G. Carrillo – ICOE / GEO
Janet Thornburg – ICOE / ICS	Vivian Perez - American Lung Association
Georgia Christensen - ICBHS	Kelley Sanchez – ICDSS/CPS
Mary Morris – Fact Center	Peggy Price – ICDSSCPS
Rosanne Curiel – ICOE/SWBFR	Ana Contreras – ICBHS/A&D
Alicia Ruvalcaba – ICOE/SPFRC	Carmela Ruiz – DSS
Martha Nunez – KEY TV, KESE TV	Paula Evans – ICOE /SWBFR

I. Welcome and Introduction

Vivian Perez, LCC Co-Chair, opened the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves and identified the agencies they represented. There were 19 attendees at this meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes for June 8, 2006.

There were two corrections to the June minutes:

Page 4 should be Air Quality Forum June 15 not ____ Forum on June 14

Page 4 Jackie Benton, San Diego Representative for Girl Scouts, not Jackie Brown

A motion was made by Bruce Coon and seconded by Georgia Christensen to approve the June 8, 2006, minutes with the noted corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Imperial County PM10 by Vivian Perez, American Lung Association

Vivian started with a five-question quiz testing our knowledge on Particulate Matter; then explained with an overhead presentation including handouts on Particulate Matter (PM.01 thru PM 10) in the Imperial County. PM 10 is the larger and coarser particles in the air such as soil, dust, pollen, silica, salts and tire rubber. The lower the number, the finer the composition; 0.1 being sulfates, nitrates, ammonia, carbon lead (HM), and organics – traffic pollution is a prime example. Also, the smaller the PM number, the longer it stays airborne and the deeper it goes into people's lungs. Particles are often carried over long distances by wind causing haze, reduced visibility, and landing on ground or in water damaging all that it touches over time.

There are many significant health problems in adults related to PM, including:

- ❖ Increases in respiratory symptoms like coughing and difficult or painful breathing
- ❖ Decrease lung function
- ❖ Irritated nose, mouth and throat

- ❖ Increased hospitalization & ER visits to people with heart and lung disease...like Asthma
- ❖ Can contribute to premature death of the elderly
- ❖ Damage the lungs directly by inflaming or destroying the lung tissue, which can restrict air passages
- ❖ Damage or destroy the protective hairs lining the airways

Children are also heavily affected by PM since they breathe faster; their lungs are smaller and are still growing and developing, they have less mature immune systems and are usually outdoors more than adults are. They also have higher school absences reported due to acute respiratory disease and asthma.

There are numerous ways of reducing PM, some of which are:

- Drive less, walk, ride bikes, take public transit, or car pool
- Conserve energy, turn off appliances and lights, and raise your thermostat
- Use fluorescent lights, insulate your home and water heater, check with your local utility company for energy conservation tips
- Plant a tree – or two
- Maintain your car, use cruise control, obey the speed limit, check tire pressure
- Support strong clean air laws and become a CAI member

What can you do to protect your breathing?

- ✓ Be aware of air pollution advisories and avoid outdoor activities on polluted days; be aware of smog levels (usually higher in the afternoons)
- ✓ Drink plenty of fluids (WATER)
- ✓ Wear a particulate mask while cleaning sooty areas
- ✓ Use a moistened dusting cloth to remove dust in your home
- ✓ Avoid exercising near congested roadways, but do exercise!
- ✓ Work to reduce personal & community air pollution
- ✓ Have regular medical check-ups
- ✓ Utilize HEPA cleaners

Keep in mind that lungs grow until the early 20s, and then slowly lose function.

Sign up for notification and/or access data: log on to

www.imperialvalleyair.org

www.border2012.org

www.epa.gov/airnow

www.lungsandiego.org

or call

Imperial Air Control District at 760-482-4606

Clean Air Initiative 760-356-5656

CAFA 760-336-2785

IV. Safe & Drug Free Schools and TUPE report by Rosanne Curiel, ICOE/SWBFR

The annual report of Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC)/ Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE) has just been submitted. This is a requirement of the CA Department of Education (CDE) under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and Health and Safety Code Section 104450. The program uses Science Based Curricula in providing programs and services that are related to ATODV. The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 embodies four key principles:

- Stronger accountability for results
- Greater flexibility and local control for states, school districts, and schools in the use of federal funds
- Enhanced parental choice for parents of children from disadvantaged backgrounds
- A focus on what works, emphasizing teaching methods that have been demonstrated to be effective

To view the report go to www.californiahealthykids.org click on Assessment and Planning, then click on Healthy Kids Annual Report, then click on 05-06 Summary Status reports, and then click on Imperial for local results.

Student Well-Being & Family Resources hosts the CA Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) that covers Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs, and Violence (ATODV). At least 70% of student participation in each of the following grades 5, 7, 9, and 11 at each participating district is required in order for the survey results to be included in the report. The CHKS is done every other year, with parents signing a consent form that the student returns to the school giving permission for the student to take the survey. However, there is an option from active to passive consent forms, where the parents sign only if they do not consent to their child taking the survey, with the exception of 5th graders, they must continue with active consent forms.

The following are the participating school districts: Brawley Elementary School District, Calipatria Unified School District, Central Union High School, Heber Elementary School District, Holtville Unified School District, Imperial Unified School District, Meadows Unified School District, Mulberry School District, San Pasqual Unified School District, and Westmorland Unified School District.

TUPE supports activities such as Children's Fair, Red Ribbon, Great American Scream Out, and Save a Sweetheart. In addition, for school districts to receive Tobacco Certification 2006, they had to put new signs replacing the old NO SMOKING signs with TOBACCO USE IS PROHIBITED signs, since many staff and students challenged snuff or chewing tobacco as not being "smoking". The districts that complied with this certification process are Brawley Elementary, Calipatria, Imperial, Holtville, Heber, San Pasqual, Westmorland, Meadows, Mulberry, Magnolia, Alternative Education, IVCEC, Seeley, ICOE, and Calexico.

V. New California Child and Family Services Self Improvement Plan by Peggy Price, DSS

Reunification restructure, preparing older teens for adulthood, short and long term foster homes are grave areas of need and concern for Imperial County's Foster Care Program. The foster care system is being restructured to provide more hours for the family members to spend time together each month during their reunification visits. Also, a grant is being written asking for \$50.00 stipends for the family to use each month during an activity together.

Imperial County Department of Social Services (ICDSS) submitted the state mandated System Improvement Plan (SIP) for approval by the Board of Supervisors, after which the SIP was submitted to the CA Department of Social Services (CDSS) by May 7, 2006.

Redesign is the name of the reform that began in 2000 under the direction of the Governor. This Redesign is an ongoing process. It is inclusive of community and neighborhood, responds to individual needs and unique circumstances, and brings people together in each community to share knowledge, funding and responsibility.

Assembly Bill 636, signed in 2001, required a new outcomes-based review system, the CA Children and Family Services Review (C-CFSR). This system took its lead from the Federal CFSR, adopting Federal Outcomes and adding new ones. A new outcomes-based accountability system is now in place.

Counties began implementation of the act by completing a comprehensive County Self Assessment (CSA) identifying strengths and challenges, Imperial County completed the CSA in June of 2004. The CSA was recently updated and sent to CDSS in January 2006.

The SIP was then developed in collaboration with community partners and other stakeholders to run in three-year cycles. The findings from the CSA and the Peer Quality Case Review (conducted in April 2005) were used to identify and select targeted outcomes and their associated strategies with milestones for improving I.C.'s child welfare and probation services to families. The outcomes identified for improvement in the SIP for DSS are:

1. Timely responses to child abuse/neglect referrals and timely social worker visits with children
2. Reduction in foster care re-entry
3. Reduction in restrictive foster care placements
4. Improving services for children transitioning to adulthood

Probation foster care placements are reported to the state on the FC 23 with outcomes identified in

1. safety – parent education and after hours coverage
2. well-being – 241.1 protocol
3. permanency – relative home assessments for relatives of probation children

This is a monthly report that contains statistical information on probation foster youth placements, contacts, visits, development of health and education passport information, and receipt of health and mental health services.

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/Res/CtyReport/Jan05/Jan05Imperial.pdf>

VIII. Status Reports on Previous LCC Agenda Items

A. FACT Center – Mary Morris

- 77 families being served
- Approved PAT Site Certified (Parents as Teachers) targeting 0-5 year olds not already in preschool. Will provide more in-home activities with school readiness skills for the parent/s to do with their child/ren. Developmental screenings will be done through the PAT program. Staff will be attending PAT training in August at the PAT University in Missouri.

Imperial FRC – Wendy Jensen

- IID bills – 10 families received assistance with REAP applications last week.
- 100 Pre K – 6th grade youths are enjoying services through the Summer Enrichment Program which includes bullying, conflict resolution, prevention and awareness of substance abuse presentations among other things.
- IUSD officially takes over the IFRC October 1st. The FRC downsized to one modular, freeing the second modular for Special Education.
- Parenting Classes are being offered in English on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 – 10:30 beginning July 18 and will run for eight -ten weeks. Wendy is working with the CAP Council in covering the expense of purchasing books for the participants.

San Pasqual FRC – Alicia Ruvalcaba

- School Wellness - FRC with the SPUSD working together with the USDA for After School Nutrition Program
- Armando Moreno is the newly assigned Probation Officer placed at San Pasqual
- FRC Staff will attend the Tribal Star Training – Connecting with Tribal Youth. The FRC has been designated by the Tribe to be the rep for the Gathering and the Summit the week of July 17th.
- CHAT Conference in Sacramento September 11-13 covering Foster Youth, eating disorders among foster youth
- Dental needs are still being discussed with the I.C. Health Department trying to have a dentist go to Winterhaven being that non-tribal residents have to travel to El Centro or other towns to receive any dentistry services.

B. ISC Coordinator Update

Social Host Ordinance still needs to be implemented in El Centro and Westmorland. Janet will talk to the two police chiefs and asked for volunteers to form committees to start this summer. El Centro volunteers are Mary Morris, Carmela Ruiz, Wendy Jensen, and Bruce Coon. Mickey Castro was volunteered for Westmorland.

IX. Other Agencies Updates

Carmela Ruiz announced that DSS has hired a clerk for the Niland FRC and should start July 17

Announcements**V. Items for Future Meetings**

Scott Dudley will present on cyber space concerns covering sites like My Space and various gaming sites. Scott will also present these at the IYC.

VI. Next Meetings:

✓ **September 14, 2006** **Farrar Leadership Center, Room B**

- ✓ **October 12, 2006**
 - ✓ **November 9, 2006**
- 1398 Sperber Road**
El Centro, CA 92243

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