

Local Coordinating Committee (LCC)
Minutes
Thursday December 14, 2006, 3:30 P.M.
Location: Imperial County Office of Education
FLC Room B (Building C)

Attendees:

Bruce Coon - ICPHD
Janet Thornburg – ICOE / ICS
Georgia Christensen - ICBHS
Mary Morris – FACT Center
Karla Olivares – FACT Center

Martin Medina – Clinicas de Salud
Jose G. Carrillo – ICOE / GEO
Paula Evans – ICOE /SWBFR
Luis Torres – IVROP
Alicia Ruvalcaba – SPFRC

I. Welcome and Introduction

Bruce Coon chaired the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves and identified the agencies they represented. There were 10 attendees at this meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2006.

Jose Carrillo made a motion seconded by Alicia Ruvalcaba to approve the October 12, 2006 minutes with one correction.

Correction: Bruce Coon facilitated the September meeting, not Janet Thornburg.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

III. CHAT update by Alicia Ruvalcaba

This is the second year of the three-year CHAT (Child Abuse Treatment) grant in San Pasqual. Charlie Gregg came on board as the licensed counselor this year with full implementation of the grant. Currently, the FRC is waiting for the Sheriff's MOU and Amberly's Place MOU to be fully executed. Amberly's Place, located in Yuma, provides a place for medical exams in sexual abuse cases. During this time, Victim's Witness attempt to get parents/guardians to apply for MediCal in order for the victim to continue receiving services from Behavioral Health. Incest runs high in this area.

Twenty-five students receive therapy for all types of abuse. Of these twenty-five, four are mentally disabled and six have learning disabilities. In the initial contact, the parent/guardian is involved unless the student requests parent/guardian not to be contacted, as long as student is 12 years or older, being covered under the Minor Consent Law. Over 55 students have received referrals to Mental Health, ADAPP and/or other services as needed. SPUSD loans a van for transportation of students to their appointments three times a week. At first, students were hesitant to respond, but thanks to Charlie who is very patient and understanding, students now line up and are waiting for the van to go to their counseling appointments. The FRC leaves two openings in the scheduling of appointments each week for walk-ins and emergencies.

The FRC is currently seeking interns to assist Charlie with the therapy needs and since Winterhaven population consists of 80% Native Americans and 20% Hispanic, there is not a language barrier.

Old Business

IV. 10th Annual Interagency Youth Conference

Janet announced that there is still a need for one more facilitator for workshop #1. Alicia Ruvalcaba volunteered for this slot.

V. Status Reports on Previous LCC Agenda Items

A. FACT Center – Mary Morris

KEEP KIDS WARM Drive flyer was distributed by Mary asking for new or almost new outer wear and blankets for FACT Center clients in need, currently 87 families. The Center is open for donation drop off M-F's, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. This is an open-end drive.

Currently there are seven families on the waiting list for services, with not more than a week waiting period.

San Pasqual FRC – Alicia Ruvalcaba

Alicia shared the concern of the high pregnancy rate at SPUSD. Currently five girls are pregnant that are attending school. The FRC wants to provide classes for parenting, STDs, and sex education, as well as pregnancy testing. Suggestions from the group were:

- Teen Smart which provides presentations and counseling
- Border Health out of Holtville
- Yolanda from Cal Learn
- Gracie Valenzuela from Clinicas
- Cal Safe is doing parenting on Dec. 14

The backpack program is running smoothly, still providing food for the 54 enrolled families. Focus is now on the number of siblings in each household, the larger families receiving more food items. Parents/guardians will receive income verification forms in January. They will be required to complete the form and return it to the Center.

Other items discussed:

- ✓ Toys for Tots and the local Casinos will provide gifts during the holiday season.
- ✓ The USDA is supplying food for the pantry.
- ✓ Georgia Christensen is working closely with the FRC in providing services and information to the clients.
- ✓ A doctor from Algodones volunteered to give free eye exams at the upcoming Health Fair.
- ✓ Vision Service Plan (VSP) through ICOE is now at SPUSD.
- ✓ A 10x12 space is available for a dental clinic at the Center once Public Health finds a dentist.

B. ISC Coordinator Update

Soon Janet will resend the final edited generic **FRC MOU**. Contributing agencies, especially Behavioral Health who has options: clinics and non-clinics, assisted with the editing and revisions.

Training “**Border Shield**” from the United States to Mexico on hazardous spills will begin November 13 in Mexicali and continue on November 14 in Calexico. They will go over school evacuations, clean up, and safety issues.

Pandemic Influenza Epidemic Drill

The drill is based on an Ethiopian family that came to Mexicali to visit family. They attended Cattle Call and then went shopping at the Mall, and then the Ethiopian died. Officials discovered that this person had influenza. Public Health will discuss on November 16 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. the coordination, activation, use of public resources, pharmacy network, use of and location of generators if such an event ever did occur.

Social Host Ordinance

Brawley met with the parent group from TRAC recently with great success. Their next meeting is December 6.

Holtville’s group is meeting this evening. Meetings will be scheduled with Calexico and Calipatria.

IX. Other Agencies Updates

CRLA – Fair Housing Training is scheduled 11/18 at Catholic Charities from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. RSVP is required and testers will be paid. See attachment.

CAP Council is having a Spaghetti Fundraiser on 11/15/06 for lunch and dinner with delivery during lunch upon request. See attachment.

Denise Cabanilla, ICOE-SWBFR at 312-6498, is coordinating Groundhog Job Shadow Day for students in grades 7-12. Placements are from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 21, 2007. Areas of strong interest from students are Technology and Mental Health.

Martin Medina, Clinicas, through funding by CA Endowment, published the outcome of the assessment of mental health needs in the different communities in Imperial County. Martin distributed the resource book and said Clinicas has more if needed.

Luis Torres, IVROP, the Homeless Task Force is hosting the first “Homeless Connect” on December 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Adams Park, corner of 4th and Adams in El Centro. The Salvation Army will be there in addition to many other local agencies that will assist homeless people with food, clothing, housing applications, health screenings, water, and haircuts. Diabetes, HIV, and blood pressure are a few of the services provided in the health screening.

Georgia Christensen will check with Behavioral Health to see if they will be able to have an information table. Martin Medina will ask Clinicas if they will be able to provide health follow-up, especially for the North End participants. Luis will e-mail information to Janet.

Lourdes Ortega, 482-2090 is the main contact person or Luis at 337-5079.

Jose Carrillo, Imperial County Office of Education was awarded the “Gear Up” grant. The focus of this grant is motivating young students to attend a four-year college.

Public Health

Flu shot clinics at the Health Department on Tues. October 17 all day, Thurs. October 19 from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., and on Tues. October 24 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. There is no shortage of the flu shots this year, so there are no restrictions. Cost for high-risk individuals is \$2.00 and for all others it is \$20.00. Flu shots will also be offered at community and senior centers throughout the valley. For additional information, call 482-4438.

V. Items for Future Meetings

- ❖ Meth updates report by DSS
- ❖ Presentation by Center for Family Solutions about STEPS TO RESPECT (Bully Curriculum) developed by Committee for Children, the developer of Second Step.
- ❖ Presenters from Chicago will do a three-day workshop in January on Educate, Equip, Support Parent Training Program for Parents and Caregivers of Children with Mental Illness sponsored by Behavioral Health. Georgia Christensen will check with DSS if translators will be at the training.

VI. Next Meetings:

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| ✓ | December 14, 2006 | Farrar Leadership Center, Room B |
| ✓ | January 11, 2006 | 1398 Sperber Road |
| ✓ | February 8, 2006 | El Centro, CA 92243 |

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