

Minutes of the  
Interagency Steering Committee  
March 30, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, March 30, 2009, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.

Roll Call: Present: Mary Camacho, Sam Couchman, Mike McFadden, Robin Hodgkin, Martin Krizay, Jim Semmes, Deborah Owen (for Gilbert G. Otero), Dr. Stephen Roeder

Absent: John D. Anderson, Ralph Cordova, Judge Donal Donally, Mark Gillmore, Ed Gould, Jose Guillen, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Ray Loera, Gilbert G. Otero, and Warren Sherlock

Others in Attendance: Anabelle Alvarez, Amanda Occhiuto, Luis Olmedo, Vivian Perez, and Theresa Bonillas

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES:

Motion by Stephen Roeder, second by Mike McFadden to approve the minutes of February 23, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL UNION  
HIGH SCHOOL FRC  
PRESENTATION:

Anabelle Alvarez, Coordinator, gave an update of the FRC at Central Union High.

Anabelle stated that the country's economic crisis is affecting the County's families and students and has created a new population that is seeking assistance at the FRC.

Some of the highlights:

On Site Services

- Peer counseling/Anger management
- Case management – link to community resources
- Cash aid/eligibility
- Conflict resolution
- CPR/First Aid classes
- Crisis intervention
- Parenting classes
- Referral services
- Health services
- Individualized health plans & health referrals

## Programs

- Eligibility worker
- Regional Occupation Program
- Social Services
- School psychologist
- School nurse

Anabelle stated the Center has two coordinators unlike other FRCs and that funding for sustainability comes from the CUHS District.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:

Luis Olmedo, Executive Director of Comite Civico del Valle, spoke on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Environmental Health Leadership Summit held February 28, 2009. He stated education and advocacy for Imperial County residents and underserved populations. The first Health Summit was held in 2006-2007. The focus of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Health Summit was the New River and the use of pesticides in Imperial County. Mr. Olmedo stated Imperial County has a high incidence of asthma. A group of citizens will be in Sacramento on May 4 to speak with legislators regarding these issues.

### APPROVAL OF DFC UPDATES AND CARRY-OVER BUDGET:

Amanda Occhiuto reviewed the 2007-2008 Carryover Spending Detail Sheet. She asked the Committee if there were any concerns with the summary before it was submitted. She reported there is \$48,518 in carry-over federal monies that are applicable to 2008-2009.

It was the consensus of the Committee that prevention activities (during graduation time) be supported.

Motion by Robin Hodgkin, second by Mike McFadden to approve the Carry-Over Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### ISC BUDGET REPORT:

Amanda Occhiuto reviewed the Budget Report for ISC and DFC for the current fiscal year and projections into 2010-2011. Amanda stated that 2010-2011 is the last eligible year for DFC funding. She also stated that \$120,000 a year is needed to keep ISC going.

### LCC CO-CHAIR/ISC COORDINATOR REPORT:

#### LCC

Vivian Perez reported the CHP made a presentation on car seat safety; the role of the CHP and safe driving.

Guadalupe Ayala with Entre Familias is conducting a research project of 150 families, their eating habits and ways to prevent obesity.

### ISC

Amanda Occhiuto reported on the following:

#### Meth Assessment

- Collection of existing data
- Lit review
- Formulation of questions for qualitative interview of experts
- Substance abuse monitoring

#### REMS – Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools

- Due April 14
- 18 month grant from U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Safe and Drug Free School
- Similar to the ERCM grant in 2005-2006
- Eligible for \$250,000
- Includes:
  - ✓ 6 school districts
  - ✓ Office of emergency services
  - ✓ I.C. Disaster Council
  - ✓ Local law enforcement including Sheriff
  - ✓ Probation
  - ✓ Public Health
  - ✓ Behavioral Health
  - ✓ Emergency Management Service

#### DFC Grant

- Continuation submitted for year 9 funding
  - ✓ \$94,118
  - ✓ 70% set for salary
  - ✓ 150% match, committee participation
- Carry-over – \$48,500 being requested
- Activities surrounding graduation
  - ✓ Every 15 minutes – collaboration with CHP
  - ✓ Underage border checks

#### Family Justice Center

- Attended webinars with ideas for strategic planning

- Will attend conference in April
- Continue with information and discussion at April ISC meeting

NEXT AGENDA: 1. Probation/Behavioral Health/County Executive Officer/Social Services – bring back figures on out-of-county placements

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held Monday, April 27, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to bring before the Board the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.