

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
September 28, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Anne Mallory called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m., on Monday, September 28, 2009, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.

Roll Call: Present: Sam Couchman, Mark Gillmore, Victor Jaime (for Dr. Ed Gould), Martin Krizay, Anne Mallory, Deborah Owen (for Gilbert Otero), Dr. Stephen Roeder, Jim Semmes, and Warren Sherlock

Absent: Mary Camacho, Ralph Cordova, Judge Donal Donally, Ed Gould, Jose Guillen, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Ray Loera, Mike McFadden, Gilbert G. Otero, and Mike Rood

Others in Attendance: Yolanda Bernal, Amanda Occhiuto, Theresa Bonillas and from the Alliance of Border Coalitions and USMBHA-Dora Basurto, Christina Lopez-Gutierrez, Terri Prieto, and Susie Villalobos

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Dr. Stephen Roeder to approve the minutes of August 31, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

ISC COORDINATOR/
LCC CO-CHAIR REPORT:

Amanda Occhiuto reported that LCC was fortunate to be able to keep Yolanda Bernal as Co-Chair of the LCC. She also reported on the following:

Interagency Conference Updates

- December 10, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Title of Conference –Connecting Hands And Networking for Growth and Engagement (CHANGE) for Today's Youth
- Instead of seeking presenters – the Committee is asking ISC members for topic ideas and presenters from their departments
- Will have three tracks –
 - 1st Track - Behavioral Health will be presenting on new services plus Early Prevention/Intervention
 - 2nd Track – Jim Shinn will be presenting information affecting youth, i.e., youth and cutting – where to turn to; what should be done?
 - Inhalants – getting information from Los Angeles
 - 3RD Track – Tools for engaging youth – best practice techniques

- Presenter applications are due October 22
- Niland FRC Update

- As of right now – the Center is operating under the staff of Department of Social Services
- Behavioral Health staff is ready to go in
- The Calipatria School Board held its meeting to discuss the FRC and a special meeting will be held with the agencies that are part of the FRC. The Board asked that “real costs” for operation of the Center be put together:
 - 12 hours/week = \$8,878 per year
 - Electric/gas = \$2,200 per year
 - Water/sewer = \$750 per year
 - Custodial = \$1,874 per year
 - ❖ Total = \$13,702

Amanda Occhiuto stated this figure comes close to what was estimated to be needed to keep the Center operational. She reported the School Board did say they would not be able to cover any expenses up and beyond \$13,000. It may be necessary to cut down on the Coordinator’s time at the Center. She will set up a meeting with Doug Kline, District Superintendent, to discuss this issue.

She also stated there are two possible options:

1. Agree to use the school facilities and cover the costs
or;
2. Drop the Niland facility and provide services out of Clinicas, rent free and the facility is across the street from the school

MAC: Approved Funds for SAM (Substance Abuse Monitor)

Amanda Occhiuto reported the survey is currently being conducted with people in holding facilities to find out what the trend is with meth.

She also reported that the total cost to operate is \$58,226 but HIDTA has approved \$30,000 toward the costs of operating SAM over a three-year period. The program is \$28,226 short which staff needs to find a way to cover. A presentation on the survey will be given at the next meeting.

STOP

- Received award of up to \$50,000 per year for four eligible years
- Current year amount is just over \$48,000
- The focus of the program will be on alcohol prevention in Brawley and the reestablishment of Friday Night Live

DFC Grant

- Discussed changing the meeting to include all prevention services
- Next report is due November 20

ALLIANCE OF BORDER COALITIONS AND USMBHA:

Dora Basurto, Christina Lopez-Gutierrez, and Susie Villalobos provided a power point presentation on the Alliance on Border Coalitions and the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association (USMBHA). This is a four-year partnership to address substance abuse problems within border counties.

ROUNDTABLE:

Anne Mallory announced that Dr. Stephen Roeder has announced his retirement from SDSU and expressed the loss that will be felt to ISC and the community.

Dr. Stephen Roeder stated he will be here through the end of May and thanked everyone for their support.

Deborah Owen reported that the first Truancy Case to be prosecuted was held for a student in Calexico. The parent failed to appear and a warrant was issued.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 26, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.