

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
October 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Semmes called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m., on Monday, October 26, 2009, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.

Roll Call: Present: Mary Camacho, Martin Krizay, Deborah Owen (for Gilbert Otero), Dr. Stephen Roeder, Mike Rood, Jerry Santillan (for Ralph Cordova), and Jim Semmes

Absent: Anne Mallory, Ralph Cordova, Sam Couchman, Judge Donal Donally, Mark Gillmore, Ed Gould, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Ray Loera, Mike McFadden, Gilbert G. Otero, and Warren Sherlock

Others in Attendance: Luis Brown (SWB), Janis Magno (IVC), Amanda Occhiuto, and Theresa Bonillas

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

Motion by Dr. Stephen Roeder, second by Martin Krizay to approve the minutes of September 28, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW STAFF
FOR STOP:

Amanda Occhiuto reported on the Sober Truth on Preventing (STOP) Underage Drinking Program. The program has the same goals as the Drug Free Community Program to prevent underage drinking. November 23 is the official start date and the focus of STOP will be the community of Brawley. Amanda reported that the grant funds do not cover all the cost for one staff member who will oversee the program, but will use carry-over from Drug Free Communities make up the difference. She explained that this is a federal grant for two years and we are eligible for up to four years. She also explained that the grant is only available to communities who have received a Drug Free Communities Grant and even though the DFC grant is ending we will still be eligible to reapply for the STOP grant.

Amanda introduced and welcomed Luis Brown, who will be the Prevention Specialist for STOP. Luis has been with Student Well Being and Family Resource Centers for three and one-half years. Luis will work on trying to put together a Task Force; one for adults and a youth coalition. He will also assist in redeveloping a FNL Club in Brawley for the entire community. A social media campaign and prevention program will be launched. Deborah Owen stated it might be necessary to implement a parental education component.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE
MONITORING REPORT:

Amanda Occhiuto stated that the Committee has been able to collect preliminary data and the questionnaire will be administered in holding facilities. She also stated that HIDTA approved \$30,000 toward the cost of conducting the survey/administration of the program. The program will be implemented during January or February with SANDAG providing technical assistance. It was stated that Imperial County may not have the numbers to get a good picture for the survey. She reviewed a memo for the implementation of the SAM program in Imperial County which covered the estimated number of training hours, the number of interviewers hired, the number of times per year data is collected and the number of shifts worked. It was pointed out that Imperial County may have the numbers to get a good picture for the survey. It was suggested the survey be administered by a trained social worker/person who is not law enforcement, since the inmates may open up more if it is administered by non-law enforcement staff. Amanda was asked to bring back for discussion the issue of how staff will be delegated/selected to administer the survey. Staff from Turning Point and New Creations was suggested as possible staff to administer the survey. It was also stated that it could be part of the SDSU Internship for the MSW Program and the students could administer the survey.

FRC CONFERENCE
REPORT:

Amanda Occhiuto reported that there are seven Family Resource Centers serving schools throughout the County. She also reported the Centers are lacking the ability take their data and market their centers to be eligible for grants and to apply for assistance from foundations. She also reported that there is a possibility for developing an on-line data system and she will research this because there are other counties using on-line systems.

NILAND UPDATE:

Amanda Occhiuto reported that the Center is moving to the Clinicas facility on November 1 and the building is across the street from the school. Clinicas will provide access to their LVN. The MOU for paying the salary of the Coordinator is being developed and will be sent to those agencies who will contribute to the salary (Department of Social Services, Behavioral Health, and ICOE). DSS and BH will contribute \$8,000 - \$10,000 and \$5,000 will be received from Alternative Education Challenge Grant. BH will also provide clerical and DSS will provide an eligibility technician. Hopefully, the MOU will be ready to send to the Board of Supervisors by mid-November. Calipatria Unified will assume responsibility for staff. The Center will be open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am 5 pm.

ISC COORDINATOR/
LCC CO-CHAIR
REPORT:

Amanda Occhiuto reported/shared the following:

LCC

Changes in membership are still occurring as staff settles into new roles within the participating agencies

Interagency Conference Update

The Interagency Conference is coming up on December 10. Presenter forms were due on October 22nd and registration is to open next month. Instead of a youth panel during lunch there will be a skit by the IVROP SOBRIO youth.

DFC Grant

The report is due November 20 and agencies have been asked to provide prevention data by tomorrow, October 27. Carryover funds will be allocated to fund partial salary for Luis Brown, Project STOP. The annual CADCA training in Washington, D.C., is coming up in February.

ISC Membership

This item will be brought back to the January meeting to discuss dues and changes in members due to retirements.

MOUs

ISC Coordinator MOU needs to be reviewed. The MOUs for the FRCs need to be restructured and redefined.

Strategic Planning

The strategic plan needs to be reviewed and updated to include goals to be encompassed in the DFC final project year continuation application. It is proposed that the process begin in January.

ROUNDTABLE:

Dr. Stephen Roeder spoke briefly on the difficulty of having to cut enrollment at SDSU due to the mandates received from the Chancellor's office.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 14, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.