

Minutes of the  
Interagency Steering Committee  
February 25, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, February 25, 2008, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.

Roll Call: Present: John D. Anderson, Mary Camacho, Bruce Coon, Mark Gillmore, Jose Guillen, Mike McFadden, Michelle Merino (for Robertta Burns), Hanna Minor (for Jim Semmes), Pam Littrell (for Mike Kelley), Dr. Stephen Roeder, Gustavo Roman (for Ralph Cordova), Warren Sherlock

Absent: Robertta Burns, Ralph Cordova, Jr., Sam Couchman, Judge Barrett Foerster, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Mike Kelley, Ray Loera, Amanda Occhiuto, Gilbert G. Otero, and Gary Rodgers, Jim Semmes,

Others in Attendance: Donal Donnelly, Scott Gankel, Betsy Lane, Javier Ramos, John Redman, and Theresa Bonillas

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES:

Motion by Stephen Roeder, second by Mark Gillmore to approve the minutes of January 28, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

JOINT METH  
ASSESSMENT:

John Redman of Californians for Drug-Free Youth spoke about the Joint Meth Assessment and Imperial County's role in the grant process. Imperial County will form a committee; San Diego will have a committee; and both will determine how to proceed. It was discussed that primary and secondary data should be collected. Mr. Guillen suggested that it might be beneficial to invite border partners to sit at the table when developing the assessment tool.

It was the consensus of the ISC that one common assessment tool is used. Mr. Redman explained that there are no border cities that have done an assessment, but Santa Cruz has a model that may be used. He will seek models for Imperial County and San Diego to use.

Mr. Redman stated he is working with Mexico to try to come up with comparisons of drug data.

Mr. Redman also explained that the budget is very small, but that the National Guard has offered an analyst to assist in the project.

Members for the committee should be from law enforcement, health, education, court system and community agency. Names for the committee will be e-mailed to Amanda Occhiuto from Pam Littrell and Mike Horn (two names each) and one name from Robin Hodgkin. ISC will serve as the steering committee. It is hoped that the committee can be set by the end of March and the data collected by December.

ICOE COLLEGE  
GOING INITIATIVE:

Betsy Lane and Javier Ramos made a power point presentation on the ICOE College Going Initiative.

ISC COORDINATOR  
REPORT:

Mike McFadden reported on the following:

FRC Update

The issue of confidentiality was discussed at the February FRC Coordinators and Supervisors meeting. The coordinators and supervisors agreed to review the confidentiality piece of the Multidisciplinary MOU with their staff to make sure staff is aware of the procedures in place for each center.

The MOU is five to six years old and it was suggested that it be updated.

FRC Coordinators will provide a financial outlook as to where funding is coming from, how long that funding is in place in order to focus on sustainability and tackle funding concerns before they become issues.

Social Host Ordinance

Still waiting for the outcome from the City of Imperial attorney's office and Amanda is still working to contact El Centro officials for status of the ordinance.

DFC Grant

The continuance application was submitted February 8; it was due March 8 for Year 8 funding in the amount of \$94,068.

Amanda Occhiuto attended a Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. the week of February 11 and will give an update at the next meeting.

The Sustainability Plan submitted in December for DFC has been accepted and Technical Assistance has been scheduled with the

National Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute to work on the plan. Amanda will share the results at the March meeting.

DISPROPORTIONATE  
MINORITY CONTACT:

Mike McFadden will present this at the March meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Monday, March 31, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.