

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
May 19, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER: John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, May 19, 2008, in the Farrar Leadership Center, El Centro, California.
- Roll Call: Present: John D. Anderson, Mary Camacho, Bruce Coon, Sam Couchman, Jerry DeMorst (for Ray Loera), Judge Donal Donally, Mark Gillmore, Jose Guillen, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Victor Jaime (for Ed Gould), Pam Littrell (for Mike Kelley), Norma Jauregui, Mike McFadden, Dr. Stephen Roeder, Jerry Santillan (for Robertta Burns), Jim Semmes, Warren Sherlock
- Absent: Robertta Burns, Ralph Cordova, Jr., Ray Loera, Gilbert G. Otero
- Others in Attendance: Kurt Leptich, Sandy Liera, Anne Mallory, Michelle Merino, Amanda Occhiuto, Debra Owen, Robin Pierson, Mona Vitela, and Theresa Bonillas
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mark Gillmore, second Jim Semmes to approve the minutes of April 28, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.
- INTRODUCTION OF KURT LEPTICH: John Anderson introduced Kurt Leptich, new SELPA Director, who will replace Glenn Sarot, effective July 1, 2008.
- INTRODUCTION OF ROBIN PIERSON: Robin Pierson, Sacramento County Office of Education Assistant Superintendent, introduced herself and thanked the Committee for allowing her to sit in on the meeting and observe for work on her dissertation. She did inform the Committee that she has an on-line survey and hoped everyone would participate in the survey.
- PEER QUALITY CASE REVIEW: Jim Semmes reported that the Child Welfare Services has grown dramatically. AB636 passed a few years back and requires that departments look at their programs internally. The Peer Quality Control Review is part of AB636. San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside Counties and others were invited to come in to review some of the programs/services provided by the department. One of those programs/services was the Re-entry into Foster Care. Another component of the review is a self-assessment which is currently taking place. Jim stated that with assistance from all parties involved programs/services will improve.

REPORT ON
SAN PASQUAL
AND SEELEY FRCs:

Mike McFadden gave an update on the San Pasqual and Seeley FRCs.

The San Pasqual FRC has had some personnel changes, but will be staffed next year.

Word has not been received on the grant for the Seeley FRC. Mike stated he has spoken with Jon LeDoux, Superintendent, and there is funding for the FRC through November/December.

Jim Semmes suggested that it might be good to invite the new superintendent to an ISC meeting.

FAMILY JUSTICE
CENTER:

Amanda Occhiuto made a power point presentation on the Family Justice Center.

Discussion was held regarding the feasibility of a Family Justice Center.

- can it be modeled off the FRC's
- have key partners been identified
- how does the ISC feel about this issue
- what's the next step
- if this is part of what we need to do, let's do it
- players and services need to be identified
- will the project be sustainable or dependent on grants
- looking at possible partners like Family Solutions who could be a big player on sustainability; grants are good for start-up
- how much space would be required
- committee needs to be formed
- Amanda will survey prospective partners to get an idea of who is interested and willing to commit to a Family Resource Center

ISC COORDINATOR'S
REPORT:

Amanda Occhiuto made the following report:

LCC

- Looking at electing a new co-chair

FRC Update

- Coordinators are still looking at funding resources
- FRC MOU's have been signed and copies are being delivered to all parties involved
- Working on Niland FRC MOU

Meth Assessment

- The Meth Assessment Committee did meet and reviewed the Agreement with San Diego County
- Cost of assessment - \$10,000 to be covered by HIDTA
- Next meeting will be in San Diego

Drug Free Communities

- Waiting to hear on award; may not be until August
- Mid-year training will be held in late July in Palm Springs

Strategic Planning

- Met with subcommittee working on Goal #2 – Prevent and Reduce Gang Involvement
- In process of working on Goal #5 – Provide Prevention and Early Intervention Support to Schools

ROUNDTABLE:

Jose Guillen

- Thanked everyone for their support of the Family Court Program
- Collected signatures for the Resolution for Support from the ISC for the Family Court project
- Indications are good that it will pass

Kurt Leptich

- Thanked the Committee for inviting him to the meeting

Amanda Brooke

- Diana Paul has selected a case as a “test case” in regards to SARB

Robin Pierson

- Fantastic group of resources and a wonderful model for others to follow

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.