

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
November 17, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER: John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, November 17, 2008, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.
- Roll Call: Present: John D. Anderson, Mary Camacho, Sam Couchman, Mark Gillmore, Victor Jaime (for Ed Gould), Pam Littrell (for Mike Kelley), Mike McFadden, Jerry Santillan (for Ralph Cordova), Jim Semmes, Warren Sherlock, Deborah Owen (for Gilbert G. Otero), Dr. Stephen Roeder
- Absent: Ralph Cordova, Judge Donal Donally, Ed Gould, Jose Guillen, Mike Kelley, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Ray Loera, Gilbert G. Otero
- Others in Attendance: Paula Cordiero, (James Irvine Foundation), Cathy Denton (Seeley School District Superintendent), Anne Mallory, Amanda Occhiuto, Ken Phillips (Centinela Prison), Alicia Ruvalcaba, Denise Smith, and Theresa Bonillas
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Mark Gillmore to approve the minutes of October 27, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.
- GREAT SHAKE-OUT: It was the consensus of those who participated in the Great Shake-Out that the drill was a success. Things seemed to run smoothly with the County of Imperial, cities, schools, I.I.D. and many other agencies participating.
- MEGA-REGION INITIATIVE: Anne Mallory reported that she has been attending the Mega-Region Strategic Planning meetings. She stated that the San Diego County Regional Economic Development and IVEDC came up with the concept to develop Imperial and San Diego Counties along with Mexicali as a Mega-Region. The group will be meeting later today to try to identify five target areas and marketing strategies. Mary Camacho stated one area of concern is having a workforce that is prepared for industries that may come into the area.
- SAN PASQUAL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE: Alicia Ruvalcaba gave an update on the San Pasqual Family Resource Center. The following are agencies/services at the FRC:
- Department of Social Services
 - Cal-Works

- Department of rehabilitation
- One-Stop Business and Employment Services
- Behavioral Health Services
- Adolescent Alcohol & Drug Programs
- Back Pack Program
- ICOE Migrant Education Program
- CHAT
- Senior Brown Bag
- I.I.D. HEAP
- I.I.D. REAP
- USDA Commodity Distribution

The committee members commended Alicia for a “job well done”.

SEELEY FRC:

Cathy Denton, Seeley School District Superintendent, stated the District is very interested in the sustainability of the FRC. She stated space for the FRC is available but money for services is not available. She also stated the District can commit to this year and next year. Jim Semmes stated there are 300 cases in Seeley assigned to one case manager and starting December 1, a 4-40 work week will be piloted with Irma Mercado working Monday – Thursday, 10 hours a day. It was also reported that Raul Navarro will be at the Seeley FRC until the end of December. Seeley will also submit an application to the California Wellness Foundation for funding. The committee members commended Raul for the “great job” he has done to get services to Seeley. Student Well-Being is looking at how it might be able to keep Raul on board.

SARB UPDATE:

Deborah Owen reported that the MOU has been finalized with the only change being the effective date of the MOU. The date will be changed from December 1 to February 1. It was also reported that San Pasqual School District will not be participating. Deborah also stated that an attorney will be sent to the Truancy Roundtable to be held in Sacramento. A letter to pediatricians in El Centro was sent on the issue of “excused absences”.

ISC/LCC REPORT:

Amanda Occhiuto reported the following:

IYC Overview

- November 6, 2008 – CalWorks
- 100 registered – 96 attended including presenters
- 12 workshops
- 2 keynote speakers
- Youth panel

- Evaluation report to follow
Meth Assessment

- Met with researchers in San Diego on October 15
- Essential measures from existing data
- Next meeting – November 18, 2008

DFC Grant

- Did receive CHKS data
- Report to include SOBRIO activities, as well as activities through SWB
- Environmental Scan Tool

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 26, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the committee the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.