

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
March 31, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, March 31, 2008, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.

Roll Call: Present: John D. Anderson, Sam Couchman, Mark Gillmore, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Ray Loera, Mike McFadden, Pam Littrell (for Mike Kelley), Dr. Stephen Roeder, Jim Semmes, Warren Sherlock

Absent: Robertta Burns, Mary Camacho, Bruce Coon, Ralph Cordova, Jr., Judge Barrett Foerster, Jose Guillen, Norma Jauregui, Gilbert G. Otero, and Gary Rodgers

Others in Attendance: Amanda Brooke, Anne Mallory, Maria Murga, Amanda Occhiuto, Vivian Perez, and Theresa Bonillas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Robin Hodgkin, second by Mike McFadden to approve the minutes of February 25, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

NILAND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER: Maria Murga of the Niland Family Resource Center introduced herself stating she has been at her job for six months and named staff at the Center.

Some highlights of the Center:

- 652 families have been served (this is non-duplicated count) from 2007 to the present
- A Health Fair will be held on April 9 at which 30 agencies will be represented
- Flyer which lists services provided at the Center
- Video of The Slabs

Jim Semmes asked if families indicate where they live when they come to the Center, and if so, was it possible to track if they are from The Slabs. Maria Murga indicated that “yes” it is possible to track where families live.

Maria’s “Wish List” for the Center:

- Staff from Probation and Behavioral Health
- Jobs for teens
- Transportation for students to come into town for activities

Maria also stated that the Prison has donated refurbished bicycles for kids at Christmas.

OVERVIEW OF
PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
SERVICES:

Robin Hodgkin gave a power point presentation giving an overview of Public Health Department Services. She also stated that a meeting to address Illegal Dumping will be held April 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Health Department.

DISPROPORTIONATE
MINORITY CONTACT:

Mike McFadden will present this item at the May meeting.

MEMBER
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike McFadden

Student Well-Being has applied for four grants; one of which is for the sustainability of the Seeley Family Resource Center.

The other grant applications are:

- Safe Schools/Healthy Students – this is in collaboration with Central and El Centro School Districts and to help support the FACT Center. This will also work with Probation Department and Police Departments with students not feeling safe at school, student feeling harassed.
- School Community Violence Prevention – this is targeted for Southwest High School.
- Reduce Alcohol Consumption

Should know something about these grants sometime between July and August.

Mike Horn

- The Calexico Family Resource Center has been completely remodeled and has new furniture.
- His department has three new psychiatrists who are also bilingual.
- There are some interns in the MSW Program at SDSU
- Psychological services will be provided at Juvenile Hall

Jim Semmes

- Moving ahead with Brawley conversion to a full-service center; staff has already been assigned

Pam Littrell

- Student Intern has started work with Warren Sherlock on a Mental Health pamphlet for children

Warren Sherlock

- Have hired a number of SDSU students

Vivian Perez (American Cancer Society)

- ACS does provide free transportation to clients for services

Sam Couchman

- The Workforce Development Office has opened the Calexico location.

NEXT MEETING:

1. Kurt Leptich, new SELPA Director, will be introduced.
2. Strategic Planning
3. Child Advocacy Center

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.