

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
March 26, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Semmes called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, March 26, 2007, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.

Roll Call: Present: Bruce Coon, Mark Gillmore, Jose Guillen, Robin Hodgkin, Victor Jaime (for Paul Pai), Mike Kelley, Ray Loera, Dr. Stephen Roeder, Jim Semmes, Warren Sherlock

Absent: John D. Anderson, Robertta Burns, Ralph Cordova, Jr., Sam Couchman, Judge Barrett Foerster, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Mike McFadden, and Gilbert G. Otero

Others in Attendance: Hortencia Armendariz, Krista Byrd, Anne Mallory, Janet Thornburg and Theresa Bonillas

SPRING SURVEY
OF IVC AND SDSU
STUDENT USE OF
ALCOHOL, TOBACCO
AND OTHER DRUGS:

Krista Bryd of IVC thanked everyone for their feedback to the survey. She indicated that the survey would be distributed among day and evening students and on the main and extended campuses. Janet Thornburg reported that it was recommended by LCC that religiosity not be asked on the survey as it did not have a direct application to the data being sought from the survey. The data regarding sexual behavior questions on the survey will provide very relevant data for local high schools and might encourage superintendents to do the parallel Module F on the California Healthy Kids survey.

A cover page is critical to accompany the survey and Krista and Janet will work on developing the cover.

It is anticipated that the IVC survey will be given before the end of the Spring Semester and given to SDSU students in early September.

Next Steps:

SDSU – Preference – Survey 1 – Drug/Alcohol
Survey 2 – Sexual Behavior

IVC – will have crisis team on hand for students

The Committee discussed splitting the survey into three parts:

- #1 – Drug/Alcohol
- #2 – Sexual Behavior
- #3 – Mental Health

The survey will need to be revised and may not be ready to administer until the Fall semester.

The following revisions will be made to the survey:

- Eliminate questions 80 and 82 on page 6
- Derbisol will be removed from the survey because it is a fake drug
- Include questions regarding psychotropic drugs – Mental Health portion of survey

The survey will be revised and brought back, with a draft cover letter, to ISC. (June Meeting)

OVERVIEW OF
CALEXICO FRC:

Hortencia Amendariz, Facilitator of the Calexico Family Resource Center, gave an overview of the Center and spoke about services offered.

On Site Services:

- Calexico Unified School District – anger management and parenting classes
- California Rural Legal Assistant – health advocacy assistance
- Behavioral Health – child psychiatrist, counselors, a nurse and a case manager
- Department of Social Services – eligibility worker and social worker
- Probation
- Healthy Families & California Kids
- Community events
- Parenting classes through Neighborhood House

Hortencia also shared a Case Managed Family story and a spreadsheet showing the number of Referrals by month.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

Motion by Mike Kelley, second by Stephen Roeder to approve the minutes of February 26, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

ISC COORDINATOR
MOU:

It was the consensus of the Committee that approval of the of ISC Coordinator MOU move forward for submission to the County Board of Supervisors and remove the word “Interim” from Robin Hodgkin’s title on the signature page.

LCC/ISC REPORT:

Janet Thornburg reported that the Heber Joint Use Facility was not funded for two year funding. Heber is a good candidate for immediate funding, but cannot move forward without match funding. A letter from ISC, co-signed by Jaime Silva, Heber School District Superintendent, requesting a commitment or non-commitment to the Heber Project will be developed. Janet will call Larry Grogin from the Board of Supervisors, and try to set up a meeting with him.

Motion was made by Mike Kelley, seconded by Ray Loera to look into reapplying next year, because of the time constraints this year. Motion passed unanimously.

LCC

The next meeting for LCC will be held May 10 and are now meeting on a quarterly basis. Janet reminded the ISC that the new LCC format would include a focus topic with the ISC requesting feedback on the topic. Janet suggested that the topics should be from the priorities developed or the DFC grant. The Methamphetamine priority established by the ISC was suggested as the focus for the meeting with presentation on the current issues and background on current related collaborations.

With the completion of the meth informational presentations, the LCC would discuss the following:

1. What else can be recommended to address the meth issue in Imperial County?
2. What additional agency collaboration would aid in addressing this issue?
3. How can the ISC help to facilitate the collaboration?

Motion by Robin Hodgkin, second by Jose Guillen, that the May LCC Agenda address the meth issue and collaboration. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held April 30, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.