

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
December 4, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, December 4, 2006, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.

ROLL CALL: Present: John D. Anderson, Mark Gilmore, Sandy Liera (for Harold Carter), Mike McFadden, Dr. Stephen Roeder, Pete Salgado (for Mike Kelley), Jim Semmes, Warren Sherlock

Absent: Robertta Burns, Harold Carter, Bruce Coon, Ralph Cordova, Jr., Sam Couchman, Judge Barrett Foerster, Jose Guillen, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Mike Kelley, Gilbert G. Otero, Paul Pai

Others in Attendance: Janice Lau, Mary Morris, Vivian Perez, Janet Thornburg and Theresa Bonillas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Stephen Roeder to approve the minutes of October 30, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

LETTER OF SUPPORT- ECSD FACT CENTER: Janice Lau and Mary Morris from El Centro School District gave a short overview of the FACT Center and presented their request for a letter of support from the ISC for a Healthy Start Application which is due in February.

Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Mark Gilmore that the ISC sign a letter of support for the Healthy Start application for the El Centro FACT Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Janice Lau will compose a letter and forward to John Anderson for his signature.

OVERVIEW OF METH PROBLEM IN IMPERIAL COUNTY: Gabe Vela of the DA's Office and Peggy Price from the Department of Social Services made a presentation on the methamphetamine problem in Imperial County and its effect on children. Jim Semmes asked how ISC can prioritize the problem of methamphetamine. It was stated that training will take place in February and Peggy will come back to the ISC after the training to discuss

coordination of preventive efforts. It was stated that educators should be part of the training.

CALIFORNIA HEALTHY
KIDS SURVEY:

Janet Thornburg gave a presentation of the California Healthy Kids Survey results for Imperial County schools for 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2005-06. She stated the results will be posted on the ISC web page by the end of December, the first part of January.

LCC/ISC REPORTS:

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Janet Thornburg reported that she had been notified today, that it had been recommended to the Imperial Board of Trustees to close the Imperial Family Resource Center and it was likely to close down.

It was stated that those school districts that have an FRC on their campus should be notified that they should contact the ISC for assistance regarding sustainability of the FRC.

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An update was given by Alicia Ruvalcaba of the San Pasqual Family Resource Center on the Child Abuse Treatment Program.

Interagency Youth Conference

The 10th Annual Interagency Youth Conference was a success with 93 persons in attendance. Evaluations of the conference will be shared at the January ISC meeting. John Anderson stated that the two student speakers at the Conference were willing to share their stories with the IV Press for possible publication. Janet Thornburg will follow up to see if the students can get press coverage.

NEXT MEETING:

John Anderson announced that he will not be attendance at the January meeting and will ask Anne Mallory, Associate Superintendent, to attend and Janet Thornburg will ask Mike Kelley to chair the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.