

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
February 27, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, February 27, 2006, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California

ROLL CALL: Present: John D. Anderson, Rita Brogan, Sam Couchman, Mark Gilmore, Mike Kelley, Mike Horn, Jim Semmes, Dr. Stephen Roeder, Victor Jaime (for Paul Pai), .

Absent: Robertta Burns, Mary Camacho, Harold Carter, Bruce Coon, Ralph Cordova, Jr., Judge Barrett Foerster, Jerry Godsey, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Gilbert G. Otero, Paul Pai, Warren Sherlock, and Chris Yeager

Others in Attendance: Janet Thornburg and Theresa Bonillas

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

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL: John Anderson gave a brief power point presentation on the proposed initiative (Prop 82 – Preschool For All).

UPDATE-EPSDT: Mike Horn gave a brief update regarding the Early Periodic Screening, Detection and Testing (EPSDT) and the need for funds to operate the program. He stated that there are a large number of children in Imperial County needing mental health services, but that the funding to provide these services is capped. What is not capped are the services that can be provided to children under Medi-Cal. The plan is to go to school districts with a high number of children who receive Medi-Cal and provide services to those children.

Mike also reported that Rudy Lopez is working to develop an RFP to send to providers for these mental health services. Mike also stated that he now has staff, except for a psychiatrist, should Behavioral Health move forward to provide these services in house. If it is possible for his office to operate and provide these services, he hopes to be able to do so in the next few months.

The primary focus of the services provided will be to elementary aged children.

LCC & ISC REPORT:

LCC Report

Janet Thornburg stated that neither Bruce Coon or Vivian Perez could be at the ISC meeting.

Janet reported there was a Friday Night Live Chapter report by the Holtville president at the last LCC meeting and FNL members will be part of each of the Town Hall meetings.

Janet also reported that the Gang Violence Suppression grant/program is coming to an end.

Review of Tentative Agenda for Underage Drinking Prevention – Town Hall Meetings

Janet Thornburg shared the tentative agenda that will be used at the Town Hall meetings scheduled for March 28 in Brawley, Calipatria, Calexico and Holtville. She stated that either the mayor or police chief of each city will be the opening speaker. The agenda will continue with a short background video, local data for that community regarding the use of alcohol by 5th, 9th and 11th graders and a short 10 minute presentation by a FNL member giving a youth's perspective of underage drinking, pointers on how to talk to your kids will also be provided. The meeting will end with a facilitated discussion for problem solving/providing possible solutions to the problem of underage drinking in their community.

Janet shared the data slides that will be used in each community. The Town Hall meetings will be conducted in English and Spanish.

Update on Social Host Ordinance

Janet reported she has not been able to set a date for meeting with the District Attorney's office to find out the status of the Social Host Ordinance. It was suggested that she meet with Robertta Burns, County Administrative Officer, since she has not been able to follow the protocol she was asked to follow. She also reported that the City of Imperial adopted the SHO on February 4, 2006.

MEMBER

1. Mike Kelley reported that the Domestic Violence Prevention

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program is coming to an end, and the person operating the program will move back to Probation.

The Imperial FRCs grant funding is coming to end. Mike Kelley reported that he and Mike Horn are working with EPSDT funding and that Mike Horn has had to hold back because of uncertain future funding for Probation.

2. Victor Jaime gave a brief report on the current issues facing IVC. Things appear to be working toward a satisfactory resolution.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 27, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.