

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
May 22, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER: John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, May 22, 2006, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California
- ROLL CALL: Present: John D. Anderson, Rita Brogan, Sam Couchman, Mark Gillmore, Pam Littrell (for Mike Kelley), Sandy Liera (for Jerry Godsey), Rosa Lopez (for Robertta Burns), Jim Semmes, Dr. Stephen Roeder, Warren Sherlock, 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, Mike Kelley, Gilbert G. Otero, Paul Pai, and Chris Yeager
- Others in Attendance: John Pritting, Janet Thornburg and Theresa Bonillas
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Sam Couchman, second by Warren Sherlock to approve the minutes of March 27, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.
- AVIAN AND PANDEMIC FLU PREPARATIONS: John Pritting of the Public Health Department gave a report on avian and pandemic flu preparations in Imperial County including the pneumonic plaque drill conducted May 11.
- STATUS OF NILAND, IMPERIAL AND SAN PASQUAL FRCS: Rita Brogan gave an update on the following Family Resource Centers:
- Rita stated that funding is ending for these three centers:
- Niland
- Calipatria School District is interested in the continuation of the Center and is discussing with their school board the possibility of it continuing to operate. Administration is very positive that it will continue.
- Jim Semmes stated that the Department of Social Services is asking the County Board of Supervisors to make DSS positions at the Calipatria FRC permanent positions at the Center.

Imperial

The situation of funding is the same as that in Calipatria. Funding ends September 30, 2006.

San Pasqual

A Child Abuse Treatment Grant has been received that allowed to hire a clinician and half of a coordinator. The school district will pick up the other half portion of the funding for the coordinator position.

LCC AND ISC REPORTS: Janet Thornburg reported that neither of the LCC Co-Chairs could attend the meeting.

ISC

Janet distributed a copy of the new reporting format to the members. She stated that each FRC functions differently, and so, reporting and tracking of services are done differently.

She stated that all individuals working in the FRCs must be fingerprinted. She is working with Dan DeVoy from County Personnel and Denise Smith from ICOE Human Resources Departments on this issue.

Janet reported she is working to revise the FRC MOUs. Two pieces remain that are not included; they are – the County Free Library and Office of Employment Training. Janet explained that there are certain elements in the MOUs that are unique to each FRC.

LCC

Janet reported that LCC met in April and May. The summer feeding program will be held at the Brawley Boys & Girls Club. The Youth for Christ program gave a report to the LCC and Behavioral Health provided an update on community services.

MEMBER
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pam Littrell invited the members to attend the Peer Court Banquet to be held on May 26 at the Barbara Worth Country Club.

Mark Gillmore reported that a partnership is in place with Brawley Union High School which allows the Brawley Police Department to have a bicycle patrol on school campus.

Victor Jaime invited everyone to IVC's commencement ceremonies and to a retirement celebration for Raul Aragon.

**ON-GOING FUNDING
SOUGHT:**

John Anderson stated an item that should be added to the list of items for which funding is sought is the purchase of equipment for disaster preparedness.

Rita Brogan stated this meeting was her last ISC meeting as she is retiring at the end of June and took the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and expressed her appreciation of having worked with the ISC members.

Mr. Anderson and others expressed their thanks to Rita for her dedication to the program and wished her well as she retires.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.