

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
August 28, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER:** John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, August 28, 2006, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.
- INTRODUCTIONS:** John Anderson introduced Ray Loera, incoming Sheriff-Coroner. He also reported that Rita Brogan's position of Director of Student Well-Being and Family Resource Centers has been offered to Mike McFadden, who will come to ICOE as soon as he is released from Calexico Unified School District.
- ROLL CALL:**
- Present: John D. Anderson, Bruce Coon, Mark Gilmore, Norma Jauregui, Mike Kelley, Jim Semmes, Dr. Stephen Roeder, Warren Sherlock, Victor Jaime (for Paul Pai)
- Absent: Robertta Burns, Mary Camacho, Harold Carter, Ralph Cordova, Jr., Sam Couchman, Judge Barrett Foerster, Jerry Godsey, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Gilbert G. Otero, Paul Pai, and Chris Yeager
- Others in Attendance: Ray Loera, Janet Thornburg and Theresa Bonillas
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Mike Kelley, second by Victor Jaime to approve the minutes of June 26, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.
- FOCUS OF ISC/FUTURE OF ISC MEETINGS/ ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** John Anderson stated that Items 4, 5 and 7 could be discussed together. He started the discussion by asking the members if the purpose of ISC will still real and worthwhile and if the mission statement still remained the same focus of the Committee.
- He asked SDSU and IVC if there were things of value to their entities and asked if there were issues that should be discussed that would be more relevant to them.
- Victor Jaime stated that higher education is very involved and committed to ISC. IVC will soon formulate a survey for drug abuse issues, because what affects children will affect the adult population. IVC is also very involved with the emergency preparedness and finding out what their role would be in an emergency.

Stephen Roeder stated that as a newcomer to the Valley, the contacts he has made at ISC have been very helpful.

Jim Semmes stated that the organization of ISC has always been unique and felt it was important that the Committee continue to meet and review its priorities.

Mike Kelley was in agreement with Jim Semmes and stated that the collaboration in place was important when agencies sought and went after grants. He stated it was important to identify needs as they became apparent.

Norma Jaurequi stated that E.D.D. is also involved by way of the CalWorks youth program.

Mr. Anderson stated that it might be good to meet and brainstorm priorities and goals at the next meeting. He asked that the members bring to that meeting two or three issues that could be worked on for this coming year.

Janet Thornburg stated that the judges have not been attending because they felt there was a conflict of interest because ISC was a policy developing body. It was the consensus of the Committee that Jose Guillen, Court Executive Officer, be invited to the next meeting. Jim Semmes stated that if there was a conflict of interest the representative could recuse themselves.

John Anderson stated that ISC has much to be proud of:

- Of the eight ISC supported FRC that have started, none has had to close
- Collaborative groups, like our ISC, do not exist in other counties

John Anderson asked again that the Committee members bring to the next meeting two to four priorities from the perspective of their individual entities.

The Committee asked that Janet Thornburg send out a survey of target dates for the ISC meetings and report at the next meeting.

Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Mark Gilmore that John Anderson be elected Chairman for the 2006-2007 year. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE-COMMUNITY EFFORTS IN HEBER:

Janet Thornburg reported that the meeting held in Heber to discuss community efforts had about 75 people in attendance with 15-20 of those being paid staff. Department of Social Services, Behavioral health, Probation and the Sheriff's Office made presentations.

Currently there is only one officer on patrol for the south end of the county which equates to time for four passes through Heber each day. The community was informed that at present that is all the Sheriff's Office can provide. Larry Grogan of the Board of Supervisors told the audience that the community has to be involved in reporting crime. Questions were raised regarding the drug dealing associated with the new housing developments. A curfew for kids was also discussed.

Department of Social Services spoke about the benefits of FRC's and the kinds of services that are provided at the various Centers around the county. Currently there are 500 families receiving cash aid in Heber.

There was also discussion regarding the following:

- A Healthy Start application will be submitted for Heber and supported. Department of Social Services supports the application and would provide services. Behavioral Health is interested in providing the 8% Solution in Heber with adequate support for the project that a Healthy Start application could provide. This would greatly enhance a Healthy Start application.
- Department of Social Services and Behavioral Health support the work being done in Heber, with the new school building project it may be possible to get a new gymnasium to be used as a joint use facility

The graffiti problem was addressed and AmeriCorps members are planning to work with the Utility District and Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit in Heber to start a graffiti paint out project in the few weeks that are left in their grant cycle.

John Anderson asked Janet Thornburg to invite Jaime Silva, Heber School District Superintendent, to the next meeting.

Jim Semmes stated Larry Grogan will help move things forward if ISC comes up with a plan.

John Anderson stated that if there is a joint use facility in Heber, ICOE would be interested.

Motion by John Anderson, second by Jim Semmes that follow-up be conducted with Larry Grogan and that if a plan is developed to follow up with Heber.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Larry Grogan be invited to a meeting to brainstorm ideas for Heber.

It was stated that the cities of Heber and Holtville are the next planned sites for FRCs.

LCC AND ISC REPORTS: LCC

Bruce Coon gave an update of the LCC:

- Vivian Perez, LCC Co-Chair and from the Lung Association gave a presentation on air pollution
- Roseanne Curriel spoke about Drug & Safe Schools
- Peggy Price spoke about Child and Family Services Self Improvement Plan. Her focus was on foster care including reunification and restructuring, preparing older teens for adulthood, short and long term foster homes.

(The detailed LCC minutes are posted on the ISC webpage under Local Coordinating Committee-LCC at <http://www.icoe.k12.ca.us/ISC/Local+Coordinating+Committee-LCC.htm>.)

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The Interagency Youth Council will be held on October 11 at CalWorks

Imperial FRC

Phil Villamor is the new Co-Coordinator of the FRC and the clerks working there have been converted to permanent employees.

Calipatria FRC

Calipatria School District will take over the operation of the Niland FRC.

Seeley FRC

Business continues as usual.

San Pasqual FRC

All is going well.

It was the consensus of the Committee that each FRC coordinator and staff make a report/presentation to the ISC at their monthly meetings.

Janet Thornburg was also asked to send to each School District Superintendent and FRC Coordinator a letter from the ISC expressing their thanks for a job well done.

**MEMBER
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Victor Jaime reported that IVC started on August 21 with 200 more students.

Stephen Roeder reported that SDSU started today.

John Anderson reported that ICOE bought two new 800MHz radio and will be presenting the Office of Emergency Services MOU to the schools.

**ON-GOING FUNDING
SOUGHT:**

The list of on-going funding was reviewed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 25, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.