

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
September 25, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER:** John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, September 25, 2006, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California.
- INTRODUCTIONS:** John Anderson introduced Mike McFadden the new Director of Student Well-Being and Family Resource Centers.
- ROLL CALL:**
Present: John D. Anderson, Bruce Coon, Mark Gilmore, Victor Jaime (for Paul Pai), Mike McFadden, Jim Semmes, Dr. Stephen Roeder, Warren Sherlock

Absent: Robertta Burns, Mary Camacho, Harold Carter, Ralph Cordova, Jr., Sam Couchman, Judge Barrett Foerster, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Mike Kelley, Sandy Liera, Gilbert G. Otero, Paul Pai, and Chris Yeager

Others in Attendance: Pam Littrell, Ray Loera, Mary Morris, Jaime Silva, Gary Tackett, Janet Thornburg and Theresa Bonillas
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Warren Sherlock, second by Jim Semmes to approve the minutes of August 28, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.
- OVERVIEW OF**
Mary Morris gave an overview of FACT Family Resource Center in the El Centro Elementary School District. She stated that the Center only serves families of the El Centro School District; Behavioral Health and Department of Social Services have staff at the Center and staff from other agencies come at different times throughout the month; referrals are made mostly by school personnel and she reported that since school started this year there have been 21 new referrals. She also stated that funding is good through this year and were initially funded by The California Endowment and the Imperial County Children and Families First Commission.

She made a request to the ISC for approval of Update of Case Management Team. Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Victor Jaime to approve the update of the Case Management Team. Motion carried unanimously.
- SERVICES/PROGRAMS FOR HEBER:** Joint Use Facility

Jaime Silva, Heber School District Superintendent, informed the Committee that the idea of a joint use facility had been presented to the Heber School Board and they expressed interest in a facility.

Healthy Start Application

Janet Thornburg informed the Committee that a Healthy Start application for a Family Resource Center was favorably accepted and interest expressed. The application will be for up to \$100,000 in start up funds and up to \$300,000 for the next five years. The application is due December 14, 2006, notice of award is February 14, 2007 and start up date is July 1, 2007. The Healthy Start Center will be on campus of the Heber School District and provide services for K-8 students and their families. The program will be combined with demonstration project with Behavioral Health support 8% Solution.

It was requested that Janet Thornburg bring back to the Committee a model for Leadership and Resiliency. She was also requested to invite Larry Grogan, member of the County Board of Supervisors, and represents the area of Heber to the next meeting.

Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Mark Gillmore that ISC endorse the concept of the Heber School District applying for Healthy Start funds when the application is available in October. Motion carried unanimously.

Title II Formula Grants

Janet Thornburg informed the Committee that Title II Formula Grants through the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation for one to three years of funding, up to \$500,000 are available. The application would be for high school students from Heber for programs such as Gang Risk Intervention Program (GRIP). She did state the site would have to be off campus of the school district.

Gary Tackett stated he had data with him that showed figures for gangs and substance abuse in the community of Heber. He will give those to Janet.

Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Mark Gillmore that ISC endorse the concept of ICOE making application for the grant for Heber. Motion carried unanimously.

ISC PRIORITIES AND FOCUS:

Janet Thornburg read the ISC priorities adopted last October. Each agency was asked to list their priorities/focus for the next 12 months.

Department of Social Services

1. Develop FRC in Heber with grants and joint use facility
2. Expand north-end services available at Vogels for full service, CalWorks, Medi-Cal intake, etc.
3. The meth epidemic impacts all agencies including the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Program that is being developed. Meth needs to be addressed comprehensively

Police Chiefs

1. Current efforts to address meth epidemic are too hit and miss. Need to coordinate efforts.
2. Need to coordinate efforts to address “buy” programs
3. Support School Resource Officer programs through additional grant funds or cooperatively sharing costs between school districts and police departments when possible

Probation

1. Grants to support Probation Officers in schools to address truancy, drugs, gang involvement, courts-DSS service links
2. Juvenile hall outreach programs designed for female students to address drugs, prostitution, links to Center for Family Solutions and job readiness preparation

IVC

1. Survey of students for Alcohol, Drug and other Risky Behaviors
2. Developing links with ISC agencies from social services to law enforcement

SDSU

1. Expanded course offerings in ISC agency areas including criminal justice, masters in social worker, nursing, computer science. Continued support from agencies is needed to encourage staff attendance

Janet will collect priorities/focus from agencies not represented at the meeting.

BY IVC: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) is being worked on and have added a sexual component to the survey. The survey may be ready to present to the Committee within a month.

MEETING DAY AND TIME: Janet Thornburg reported the results of the survey regarding future ISC meeting days and times. Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Mark Gillmore that the meeting day and time remain the same; the last Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

LCC AND ISC REPORTS: Because of time constraints these reports were not given. Janet Thornburg did state that the Interagency Youth Conference will be held October 11 and based on today's discussion the topic of the conference will be the Meth Epidemic.

Jim Semmes distributed 2005-2006 Annual Report for the Department of Social Services.

It was reported that Mike Kelley will be recognized at the Board of Supervisors for 35 years of service. Congratulations Mike.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.