

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
October 30, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: John Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, October 30, 2006, in the FLC, El Centro, California.

ROLL CALL: Present: John D. Anderson, Bruce Coon, Sam Couchman, Jose Guillen, Victor Jaime (for Paul Pai), Mike Kelley, Mary Ortega (for Mike McFadden), Jim Semmes, Warren Sherlock

Absent: Robertta Burns, Harold Carter, Ralph Cordova, Jr., Judge Barrett Foerster, Mark Gilmore, Robin Hodgkin, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Mike McFadden, Gilbert G. Otero, Paul Pai, and Dr. Stephen Roeder

Others in Attendance: Larry Grogan, Raul Navarro, Jaime Silva, Janet Thornburg and Theresa Bonillas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Jim Semmes, second by Sam Couchman to approve the minutes of September 25, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

OVERVIEW OF SEELEY FRC: Raul Navarro, Assistant Director for the Seeley Family Resource Center, gave a brief overview of the FRC in Seeley. He reported the FRC met its goals/objectives as set forth in the grant.

Some of the highlights of the past year:

- Energy assistance to families
- Clinicas - immunization shots; health fairs, classes on diabetes prevention
- Center for Family Solutions - anger management class, group counseling
- One Stop – job referrals
- Literacy Volunteers – basic English classes – 20 community members participated
- I.C. Free Library – computer classes – 30-40 kids after school
- SAL – sports for kids
- American Lung Association – classes to manage asthma
- Imperial County Area of Aging – Brown Bag Program
- CAP Council – parenting classes (25 parents participated)
- Arts & crafts classes for both youth and adults offered after school
- Mexican Consulate – passport issues

- Health Department – 50 flu shots offered – 35 community members participated
- Shop with a Cop Program – 7 kids
- Dr. Baig – physicals/immunizations
- Probation Department gave away 20 backpacks to students
- 268 residents have received health services
- Two health fairs were held in 2005-2006

Janet Thornburg stated that the Seeley FRC is a good model for the Heber FRC. Mike Kelley commended Raul for a job well done. Jim Semmes asked if a one page summary could be provided to the school to be shared with the teachers. Victor Jaime suggested that it might be good to offer child care while parents are attending FRC activities as an incentive for parents to attend.

Janet stated that the Seeley FRC is in its second of three years and, hopefully, the school district will pick up at the completion of the third year.

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR HEBER:

A conference call was held with Tom Duffy of Murdoch, Walrath and Holmes to discuss the possibilities for services and programs for Heber. Heber School District is in need of a gymnasium and would like to have a Family Resource Center.

The following were discussed with Mr. Duffy:

- A K-8 school cannot get a gym if it has a multi-purpose facility. He did assist a district to get a gymnasium so there is precedent established.
- If an application is submitted, it has to be done by May 31 which is when the funding cycle ends.
- Joint use partner (can be more than one):
 - ✓ Public agency – ICOE, community college, non-profit entity
 - ✓ Can be a combination of all
 - ✓ Applicant entity pays no more than 25% of cost (absolute requirement)
 - ✓ Heber is a hardship district
- Facility must be built on school land
- John Anderson asked if it was possible that the school district pay no part of the cost. Mr. Duffy stated that 50% would be paid by the State.
- School district provides custodial/maintenance costs
- Partnership entities must know what they are committing to because it will be a 15-20 year commitment

- Elected officials must know what obligations they are committing to – will not get project unless there is a partnership
- Construction plans must be approved prior to May 31
- May be able to file without DSA approved files under certain circumstances
- Heber cannot apply for a COP – but other partners can
- What is maximum number of partners? - whatever is submitted and must be legitimate agencies
- Larry Grogan asked what size facility would be needed for a school population of 750 students – Mr. Duffy’s response - 300-350 square feet
- Heber has 880 students – Mr. Duffy will get figures and send information to John Anderson
- Common uses of facility – gymnasium, library, multi-purpose room
- McCabe has an MOU with the County that may be used by Heber
- Jaime Silva will meet with McCabe and share information with Janet Thornburg
- If finance can be secured by December, then focus can be placed on other issues of securing facility

COLLEGE ATOD SURVEY:

Victor Jaime reported that the survey is still being developed and should be ready by Spring for both IVC and SDSU.

ISC PRIORITIES:

Janet Thornburg reported that the following were identified as priorities and focus for the next 12 months:

1. FRC in the community of Heber – collaboratively developed with Heber School District, the community and ISC members
2. Meth Impact – serve as forum to comprehensively address the problem of meth (law enforcement, police, sheriff, probation, district attorney, schools, social service agencies, and mental health agencies)
3. School Resource Officers – police, sheriff or probation) in middle and high school campuses

There are still some agencies that have not submitted their department priorities and she will wait to get their information before completing the year’s priorities.

Jose Guillen, representing the Courts, reported the following court priorities:

1. Judges have outgrown their current facilities
2. Development of a comprehensive network

LCC/ISC REPORTS: LCC

Bruce Coon reported the following presentations were made at the last LCC meeting:

1. Veronica Tamayo – CRLA overview of services
2. Jessica Brambilla - Parent training of trainers
3. Silva Lopez – Red Ribbon activities

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Janet Thornburg reported the following:

1. Interagency Youth Conference will be held November 15 and currently have 39 registrants
2. Distributed a flyer on the Leadership and Resiliency Program. This program has been included in the application for the Heber FRC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Janet Thornburg reported the following:

- Mary Camacho, IVROP Superintendent, has resigned from the ISC Committee
 - SOS funding has run out
 - Thanked John Anderson for representing superintendents
 - IVROP will remain active in LCC
- Jose Guillen will be attending the ISC meeting as the permanent Court representative

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT:

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