

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
February 22, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Semmes called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, February 22, 2010, in the ICOE Farrar Leadership Center, El Centro, California.

Roll Call: Present: Anne Mallory, Mary Camacho, Robin Hodgkin, Victor Jaime (for Ed Gould), Doug Kline, Deborah Owen (for Gilbert Otero), Dr. Stephen Roeder, Jim Semmes, Warren Sherlock, and Judge Chris Yeager

Absent: Ralph Cordova, Sam Couchman, Judge Donal Donnelly, Mark Gillmore, Ed Gould, Mike Horn, Norma Jauregui, Martin Krizay, Ray Loera, Mike McFadden, Gilbert G. Otero, Mike Rood

Others in Attendance: Kristi Kussman, Jose Landeros, Amanda Occhiuto, Vivian Perez, Alicia Ruvalcaba, and Theresa Bonillas

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES:

Motion by Dr. Stephen Roeder, second by Jim Semmes to approve the minutes of October 26, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

AMERICAN
CANCER
SOCIETY:

Jose Landeros introduced himself as Director for Relay for Life for the American Red Cross, representing Imperial, San Diego, and East Riverside Counties. He stated he was at the meeting to give an overall picture of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Landeros shared the following:

- Fifty percent of overall income is generated by Relay for Life
- Organization is volunteer driven – over 300 volunteers (great group of volunteers in community)
- Ninety four cents of every dollar donate goes to education and advocacy
- Zero dollars for advertising
- One of every two men and one of every three women will hear the words “you have cancer”
- Office has been in the Valley for 35 years
- Office has three staff members
- Relay for Life will be held on the following dates – March 27 (El Centro); April 17 (Calexico); and, April 24 – Brawley
- looking for a way to promote ACS through the ISC, for any way to collaborate with ISC

SAN PASQUAL
FRC UPDATE:

Alicia Ruvalcaba, San Pasqual FRC Coordinator, gave an update on the San Pasqual Family Resource Center.

Highlights:

- 26 families served in January – February in the CHAT Program (a therapy service for traumatized or abused children)
- 10 families receiving case management
- General services provided: Brown Bag; Yuma Food Bank, USDA Commodity Program
- 128 clients seen by One-Stop Services
- 42 applications for unemployment
- Agencies located at the FRC: Behavioral Health; Department of Social Services; Cal-Works; Department of Rehabilitation; Child Protective Services (three days a week)
- Vision appointments made in El Centro every Tuesday – 15 students have been fitted with glasses
- Trying to work out a similar arrangement with a dentist to bring students in on the same day. It was mentioned that USC Dental School used to come to the Valley and provided dental service to school kids. It was suggested to Ms. Ruvalcaba that she should investigate with USC or another university
- Two families were adopted for Christmas
- Student received a bicycle for transportation
- Twelve students participated in job core visits to San Diego
- Back Packs continue to be sent home with students every Friday
- WIC and Child Protective Services are housed permanently at the FRC

STRATEGIC PLAN
UPDATE:

Amanda Occhiuto reported that ISC is at the end of the three year strategic plan. The members participated in an activity in which they were asked to provide their agencies data, practices and conclusions for each of the five goals. Amanda will collect the data and send out to those members not present in order to have their information available at the next meeting and more time can be spent on identifying the next steps to be taken. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to invite Alternative Education to come to the next meeting. Anne Mallory asked those present how they felt about inviting Border Patrol to the meetings and it was suggested that it might be better to have a representative from Customs. Jim Semmes stated that they might be interested in attending the meetings if there is something they might be involved with that ISC could assist them in doing. Deborah Owen stated that it might be a better idea to invite ICE agents since they are the agency involved with juvenile crime and not Border Patrol. A

meeting will be scheduled to approach them about their possible involvement.

BUDGET -
SUSTAINABILITY –
MOUs:

Items 7 through 9 were combined to be discussed at one time.

Amanda Occhiuto reported that the current ISC Coordinator MOU is for the period of 2007-2010. She reported she has developed a three-year budget forecast which shows that it will need \$120,000 a year to operate ISC for salary, benefits and other things as rent, travel, utilities, etc. She did report that the Drug Free Communities Grant will add approximately \$94,800 to ISC, and that approximately \$46,600 of DFC Carry-over funds will be allocated to the Prevention Specialist and other activities supporting the alcohol prevention ISC goals. She did report it may be necessary to increase the contribution from the contributing agencies or spread the amount among more partners.

Jim Semmes stated it might be good to send out an e-mail to all agencies asking if they can continue to contribute or if their agency is able to contribute toward the salary of the Coordinator. He stated some agencies stopped their contribution when their program funds were cut but may now be in a position to again be a contributing partner. Warren Sherlock stated that the contribution should be more equally distributed among members. Doug Kline asked if there were any grants that could be used as potential contributors. Amanda stated that the outlook of sustainability for her position is based on “no” grant money, but a grant could be used as back-up if funds were unavailable. She stated most grants require collaboration and if others could incorporate ISC into their grant, it could help pay for the coordinator position. Robin Hodgkin stated that if it was done this way ICOE would have to be the lead agency on the grant to be able to collect the indirect; it would have to be an ICOE grant. Mary Camacho stated it might be a good idea to start looking for grants for ISC to sustain itself and staff. Amanda stated that those that have succeeded this way are those ISCs that have broken off and become a separate entity. Robin Hodgkin stated that it may be time someone else applied for the DFC grant, maybe it’s time we look at how we are structured. Amanda did state that ICOE can no longer apply for DFC funds.

Amanda Occhiuto reported that the REMS Grant (Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools) is due February 26 and she is meeting with schools that expressed interest. Ten percent was written in for Coordinator costs. She also reported that the DFC and STOP grant applications will be submitted.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2010 in the FLC and a sustainability update will be presented. Anne Mallory asked that thought be given to what other agencies could be invited to become ISC members.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.