

Minutes of the
Interagency Steering Committee
May 23, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Semmes called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, May 23, 2005, in the ICOE Board Room, El Centro, California

ROLL CALL: Present: Bruce Coon, Jerry Godsey (for Harold Carter), Mike Horn, Mike Kelley, Judy Maurice, Jim Semmes, and Dr. Stephen Roeder, and Warren Sherlock.

Absent: John D. Anderson, Rita Brogan, Cheryl Anderson, Robertta Burns, Mary Camacho, Harold Carter, Ralph Cordova, Jr., Sam Couchman, Robin Hodgkin, Judge Barrett Foerster, Norma Jauregui, Gilbert G. Otero, Paul Pai, and Chris Yeager

Others in Attendance: Paula Huntington, Janet Thornburg and Theresa Bonillas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mike Kelley, second by Bruce Coon to approve the minutes of April 25, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF COLLABORATION; ROLES/BOUNDARIES: Mike Horn led a discussion regarding standards for collaboration, agency roles and boundaries, ISC prescreening of collaborative grant concepts, and a request to set a special meeting to discuss these issues further.

Mike brought up the issue of being asked to sign MOU's without the proposal attached or the time to review the proposal to learn what services the department will be committed to provide.

Mike stated that departments should be free to choose whether they sign or not sign a proposal and should not be held hostage for a signature. Mike stated that ISC has parameters and proposals should be discussed with the agencies that will be asked to sign the MOUs.

Things to look at when asked to sign an MOU:

- Is the proposal consistent with ISC/individual agency's goals?
- Is it good fiscal policy to pursue proposal?
- Where are we trying to go or achieve?

It was the consensus of the members that ISC needs to come to an agreement to work together in making sure that the issues listed above are met.

Motion by Mike Horn, second by Judy Maurice that proposals be reviewed by ISC and that a procedure be developed for the application of grants/proposals.

It was stated that ISC has a Vision Plan that has been approved by ISC. Janet Thornburg stated that ISC did have a procedure in place.

Motion by Mike Horn, second by Mike Kelley that the current vision and practices be updated and should be written inclusive of Family Resource Center/Healthy Start applications. Motion carried unanimously. The Committee members were urged to follow the guidelines as presently stated.

Janet Thornburg will develop a draft and bring back to the Committee for further discussion. Janet will follow through on the following issues:

- Continue working on vision/practices
- Create sub-committee to look at grant opportunities
- FRC/Healthy Start applications come through ISC

This item will be brought to the next meeting.

LCC CHAIR REPORT:

Bruce Coon reported a LCC meeting was held May 12 and stated that Peer Quality Case Review was discussed. Jim Semmes stated that counties are looking at each other as to how each county is dealing with the child welfare redesign.

The Interagency Youth Conference has been tentatively scheduled for October 12 and the conference committee is trying to identify speakers.

ISC REPORT:

Janet Thornburg that there is no more funding for job training programs aimed at youth between the ages of sixteen to twenty-four. Judy Maurice stated that the P-16 Council has a COSMOS Program and there is money available for internships with a focus on science/math.

Janet also stated that Jose Carrillo, ICOE Research and Data Analyst, will work on updating the ISC Five-Year Action Plan and

is currently working on a Gang Violence Suppression Grant with Mary Ortega.

VISTA – Janet stated that the County of Imperial was interested in one portion of the program for sponsorship. Presentations will be made to community based organization to try to seek sponsorship for the program.

**SUMMER MEETING
SCHEDULE:**

It was the consensus of the Committee that a meeting not be held in July.

MEMBER

Jerry Godsey announced that the Sheriff's Office is seeking grants that would allow for the refurbishing or the building of a community center to be used as a meeting place to have youth activities.

Jerry also announced that the Heat Stroke would be held Sunday, June 12.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next regular meetings will be held June 27 and August 29, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.