

**KERN COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION CONSORTIUM**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 18, 1996**

Those attending (10)

Jim Bates, Lamont

Wava Billingsley, Delano

Wayne Diver, Buttonwillow

Steve Hageman, KCSOS

Michael Hulsizer, KCSOS

Dixie King, KCSOS

Lyle Mack, Richland-Lerdo

Vicki Pendleton, Probation

John Pursell, Southern Kern

Sherrill Young, McFarland

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Meeting called to order at 9:10 by Steve Hageman. Introductions were made.

**2. TRUANCY REDUCTION PROGRAM UPDATE**

Two years ago the Consortium began to collect data on the Truancy Reduction Program. You will receive a full report once it is finished. We will be discussing some of the reports highlights at the TRP inservice on Thursday, February 1, 1996.

From the January 29, 1996 Truancy Reduction Program Meeting, Steve Hageman was asked to find out the following information:

Q. Can you set up a meeting that will allow us to collect information about TRP?

A. A meeting has been set up for February 1, 1996 at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office, Room 1B at 8:00-12:00. This inservice has been designed to discuss referral procedures, program implementation and to answer any questions that schools may have regarding the TRP Program.

Q. Can districts focus on a grade level and customize TRP to meet their needs?

A. This is up to the district and/or individual school sites. A district or school site may choose to focus on specific grade levels. District and schools are requested to notify Steve of the changes in writing so he can pass it on to probation.

Q. Could probation provide training and certification to district staff giving them the same authority as a probation officer?

A. No, probation does not have this kind of authority. However, in an effort to help meet the needs of your staff responsible for the implementation of TRP, the consortium will provide workshops to help address any concerns you may have.

If you are interested in hiring an officer to work in your district, Steve suggests that you contact John Aguilar, Chief of Police at Kern High School District. His pager number is 335-3509. In the Kern High School District an officer is considered classified staff and salary ranges from \$2,300.00 to \$3,100.00 per month.

John Aguilar points out that there are people that have already been through the academy, but are not yet working for a police department. These persons are considered reserves and not only possess police authority, but have already been through the academy, thus saving the district this considerable expense..

You can even start your own police department which Kern High School has done, but you would have to have a sworn officer to head the department. There are also the legal and liability issues of the actions of those officers in relation to your district that you would want to consider. For more information on this, John Aguilar would be happy to discuss the issue further.

- Q. Can the districts be a part of the selection of future officers?
- A. No, but the probation department is willing to share with the districts the list of applicants that they are considering and will certainly take all input and suggestions into consideration before making a decision. The ultimate decision must be made by the probation department. Also, please note that the TRP officer position is not seen as a career move up and there is usually not a long list of applicants for the job. Probation will always try to fill the position with someone that they feel has good rapport with the students and parents.
- Q. Is it possible for districts to supplement moneys to hire additional officers?
- A. Yes. The cost would be approximately \$58,390.28 for a 12 month officer. Probation recommends a 12 month officer as opposed to a 9 month officer because you would be getting a seasoned officer. A 9 month officer does not have the experience or training and at the end of the 9 months they are looking for full time employment. Probation would need three months advance notice on a district's intention to hire an officer. The Advisory Committee requested that Steve survey the Consortium to see which districts show an interest and then have a special follow-up meeting with the districts. **Note: survey enclosed with these minutes.**

Other items/concerns brought up were:

An evaluation could be sent out at the end of the year which would let districts evaluate their officer and provide your feedback to that officer.

Inaccurate information was given out at a previous meeting stating that the officers have not been at sites within a district. This was found not to be the case. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your TRP officer, please call Steve Hageman at (805) 636-4757. Officers will call the school if they are unable to visit a school on their assigned day. Probation officers have been told that it is important to make contact with

the principals at each site, but the principals are not always on the premise at the time of the officers' visits. It was suggested that the officers leave their card with the date of visit written on it at the office for the principal. Please have your site administrators talk with their TRP officer to develop a procedure which will be most useful for them. The Probation Department is amenable to these suggestions.

A flyer for Gang Seminar for February 23, 1996 and March 6, 1996 was passed around. If you wish to receive additional copies of the flyer, you can call Steve Hageman at (805) 636-4757.

**3. TUPE 4-8 ITEMS**

Attached is a handout **Spotlight on Anti-Tobacco & Smoking Cessation Programs Recommendations**. This handout is to give to the site principals in order for them to copy and handout to all their teachers.

The Consortium will be utilizing the Tobacco Free! curriculum developed by Sacramento C.O.E. in collaboration with CDE for grades 4-8 and grades 9-12. This curriculum is easily integrated with the Quest programs and contains lessons that are brief, activity-based with minimal preparation time. This curriculum meets federal and state guidelines.

Everyone that has gone through the Quest programs since July 1, 1995 will receive a copy of the Tobacco Free! curriculum from Steve. He will try to order additional copies as money allows. We want teachers to use this curriculum in conjunction with Skills For Growing/Skills for Action in order to pass CCR's during the 1996-97 school year. Ordering information:

Tobacco-Free! Middle School Lessons for grades 7-8  
\$25.00 per set plus tax and shipping

Tobacco-Free! High School Lessons for grades 9-12  
\$25.00 per set plus tax and shipping

Check or purchase order to:

Sacramento County Office of Education  
Prevention and Student Services  
ATTN: Educational Products  
9738 Lincoln Village Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95827  
(916) 228-2202 Carolyn Whitright, Prevention and Student Service Department

**4. OCJP/DARE UPDATE**

This is the third year of the grant. There is no new information on the funding for 1996-97 that is D.A.R.E. specific. Bakersfield City Police Department and the Kern County Sheriff's Department have indicated that they will continue to provide D.A.R.E. services with some possible modifications. Steve will keep you posted and up-to-date on this issue.

Dare officers should have contacted the site principals by now regarding spring semester D.A.R.E. services. Call Steve at (805) 636-4757 if this has not happened in your district.

**5. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Risk Factor Survey will be on scantron this year and will be offered free of charge to districts this spring. There is a 4-6 survey, 7-12 survey, parent survey, and staff survey. The information will be sent to superintendents with a cc to site principals and Consortium district representatives. The mailing will be sent out in early February. The survey is offered every two years.

The survey is an opportunity to gather information to see how well programs are working in your district. If you plan to apply for collaborative moneys such as Healthy Start this survey will provide your district with useful information that can be utilized in the application process.

It was asked if Dixie King could include the advantages of using the survey in the information that is sent out. Dixie also stated that she is available to talk to your Board of Education if needed.

A vote was taken supporting that stipends will be issued to teachers attending Consortium supported trainings during the summer when they are off duty even if the training is being taken for the Healthy Schools Certificate Program. District representatives were unanimous in their support.

**6. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

Families for Prevention - February 8, 1996  
SFG/SFA Combo - February 21-23, 1996  
Kern County 24-Hour Relay Challenge - May 4-5, 1996  
WALK Against Drugs Week - May 13-17, 1996

**7. OCJP DRUG SUPPRESSION CONSORTIUM**

Ten districts are involved and this is the final year. Next year there will be another grant written and space may be available for two more districts. A probation officer and counseling services are available through this grant. To qualify your district needs to have a high minority attendance, a problem with gang related violence and drug and alcohol problems.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1996 AT KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OFFICE, ROOM 1B FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.**