

**KERN COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION
(KCSAPE) CONSORTIUM**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 1995**

Those attending:

Gary Bray, Wasco	Adrienne Buckle, K.C. Mental Health
George Bury, Taft City	Bruce Foster, Standard
Christine Frazier, Kernville	Beatrice Gibbons, Delano Union
Steve Hageman, KCSOS	Kathy Hollis, Beardsley
Michael Hulsizer, KCSOS	Dixie King, KCSOS
Lois Lee, El Tejon	Linda Low, Clinica Sierra Vista
Desiree Magness, Fairfax	Vicki Pendleton, K.C. Probation Dept.
John Pursell, So. Kern Unified	Adolph Wirth, Pond
Milton Woolsey, Delano	Sherrill Young, McFarland

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Delano Union School District and Mojave Unified School District have recently joined the Kern County Substance Abuse Prevention Education Consortium.

2. CONSORTIUM FUNDING FOR 1995-1996

Funding sources have changed since 1986. There are now four separate funding sources and applications that make-up the consortium. See handouts.

Drug Free Schools is now Safe and Drug-Free Schools and is part of the Consolidated Application. Seventy (70) percent of these federal dollars were sent out to districts in the form of enrollment entitlements. Thirty (30) percent were used for "greatest needs" districts. The consortium has three "greatest needs" districts: Beardsley, Fairfax and Standard. Greatest need dollars will be utilized only for those three eligible districts.

Tobacco funding source was decreased ten (10) percent from 1994-1995. We had hoped to be able to spend this money on grades K-12, but it can only be spent on grades 4-8.

It is important to stress tobacco-free messages in programs funded with these dollars.

The consortium wrote for and received a competitive TUPE 9-12 grant which was awarded to three districts that expressed interest in the grant: McFarland, Muroc and Southern Kern. The grant is \$62,500.00 for a two-year period.

The DARE funding was originally \$100,000.00 over a three-year period. This is our third and final year and there is a 3% decrease in funding for 1995-96.

Overall there has been a 10% to 11% decrease in all funding sources for the consortium this year.

SB493 in the summer of 1995 was an effort to reduce the Health Education TUPE account by fifty (50) percent, but was frozen by the Superior Court in July 1995. There is still a chance that in the spring of 1996 \$11 million could be returned to schools.

3. CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION - TITLE IV

Please call if you have any questions on Part II page 16 of the Consolidated Application.

Part II, Page 16 is your District's official Grant Award Notice for 1995-1996 Safe and Drug-Free Schools entitlements.

Steve Hageman will meet with the three school districts that qualified as "greatest needs" districts. The "greatest needs" districts were determined by CDE from referral and suspension data taken directly from the Consolidated Application.

The Kern County Superintendent of Schools received notice from CDE that the Consortiums LEA Preliminary Plan, Title IV of the Consolidated Application has been accepted. This means that if your district used those same pages in your Consolidated Application - Title IV, you should be approved as well.

4. TUPE 4-8 ISSUES

Tobacco Free Policies are all in place by Consortium members. Monies allotted to districts that do not have a policy in place will be redistributed to those districts in the state that have adopted policies.

CDE will conduct random tobacco-use evaluations for selected districts. Any district in the consortium could possibly get notified to participate.

The 1994-95 End-of-Year Evaluation for consortium programs has not been sent. This information is still being tabulated and as soon as it is complete, will be distributed to Consortium districts in a newsletter format complete with photos.

Free categorized materials regarding Tobacco Education Programs, are available through Healthy Kids Resource Center at (510) 670-4581.

The Consortium TUPE 4-8 Application was mailed to California Department of Education offices on October 24, 1995 and was received October 30, 1995.

5. TUPE 9-12 COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION

The McFarland Unified School District, Muroc Joint Unified School District, and Southern Kern Unified School District will be participating in the TUPE 9-12 program for the next two years. These three high school districts will be involved in Student Assistance Programs, Peer Leadership Training, Student Leadership Training, School Support Groups and Skills for Action Curriculum. Steve Hageman will be meeting with districts soon to discuss the specifics of the grant award.

6. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Districts should have received the Prevention A-Z Catalog giving a description and registration form for all the trainings that will be offered this year by the Consortium. The intent of the catalog was to let districts have the opportunity to plan workshop attendance around their own district activities. School sites received this catalog also and feedback is appreciated.

Upcoming trainings include:

Skills for Action (9-12), November 20-22, 1995

Radio Drama Across the Curriculum (K-12), December 1, 1995

Suicide Prevention Training (K-12), December 4-5, 1995

Great American Smokeout, November 16, 1995 - with the help of the American Cancer Society the consortium mailed information and order forms to each school site. Materials can be ordered from the American Cancer Society free of charge. Theme this year is "Great American Scream Out" and emphasis is on youth rather than adults.

NOTE: It was asked if Red Ribbon Week or Great American Smokeout activities were very effective in the prevention of TAOD use. A large body of research suggests that when these types of events are used in isolation, they are not as effective as when part of a comprehensive multi-component prevention program.

7. OCJP/DARE ISSUES

DARE Officers should have by now contacted your district to inform you if your district will receive services in the Fall or Spring of this year. Please call Steve Hageman, if you have not yet been contacted by an officer.

DARE grant is in its third and final year. OCJP has stated that there will not be another DARE specific application for funding for 1996-1997. There may be an application for violence prevention. It is important that the law enforcement agencies hear from the districts that these programs need to continue even after the funding runs out.

Steve Hageman pointed out that when DARE funding runs out (and if there are no other funding sources to take its place) rural districts may be hit harder by lack of services due to the fact that the law enforcement agencies may want to serve the greatest number of children possible in the largest most densely populated areas.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Risk-Factor Attitude and Behavior Survey will be offered free of charge this Spring for a one-third student body population survey. The survey will be on scantron forms this year so that there will be a faster input and turn around time. There will be a charge of twenty cents per student if a district wants to extend the survey to more than one-third of their students. Students must have parent permission now in order to be surveyed due to recent legislation. It was brought up that there may be reluctance on the part of parents to participate. Dixie King asked if this is a concern in your district to please call her at (805) 636-4642 and she will review this with you on an individual basis.

The CCR review in 1996-97 will reflect programs that we are utilizing during this 1995-1996 year.

Healthy Schools Certificate Program is being offered through CSUB Extended University for non-academic credit. Call Steve Hageman or Dixie King if you would like more information regarding this program.

The Kern County Lion's Club will be underwriting \$6,900 of the Skills for Action (9-12) Training this Fall as well as paying for all meals for Skills for Growing and Skills for Adolescence Trainings. Thank you!

The Kern County Condition of Children 1995 Report is available now and was sent out to district superintendents early this Fall.

The Bakersfield Rotary Club is in the process now of signing up Bakersfield Rotarians for the "Unless You Reach...Nothing Will Happen" Program focusing on students in grade four.

A letter went out to superintendents and site representatives giving information about the Campaign Drug Free Program for 1995-96. If you are interested in having officers from the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center visit your K-4 classrooms, please call Commanding Officer Debra L. Donaldson or Yeoman First Class Le Borgne at (805) 327-7194.

Healthy Kids Magazine's last issue was sent out in September. The magazine has changed hands and is on hiatus at this time. Magazine personnel have said they should be sending the magazine out again in six to eight months and it will be free of charge. More information to follow.

SWRL Tobacco Education Resources Volume I, II, and III sent to your district by CRE may be a helpful resource to your district in the planning of tobacco prevention programs and events.

9. OCJP DRUG SUPPRESSION CONSORTIUM

Ten districts are involved. Officers placed in schools in a pilot program in McFarland and hoping to expand project this year. OCJP has a full time probation officer that expands student assistance through law enforcement agencies. This officer does not work in the same capacity as the Truancy Reduction Program officers. The OCJP probation officer works with high risk students with drug and alcohol related problems.

10. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

The Truancy Reduction Program has two new officers this year: Paul Adams and Terri Vidaurri.

Truancy Reduction Program officers have such a great number of schools to serve that possibly the program is ineffective and should be dropped. (More information to follow.)

Possibly more money should be put into the program to allow for more officers. Would the money come from other programs or would districts be willing to supplement funds from their own districts to allow for more service to their district?

It was noted that we need more involvement with parents and law enforcement agencies to enforce consequences of truancy.

It was decided a special meeting would need to be held to go over the issues regarding the Truancy Reduction Program. A meeting will be held with superintendents first and then with personnel from Kern County Probation Department. A notice of meeting will be sent to superintendents.

UPDATE: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 1995 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office, Room 1B. Call Steve Hageman at (805) 636-4757 if you have any questions.

If you have any questions or require more information on any of the agenda items please do not hesitate to telephone Steve Hageman at (805) 636-4757.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1996 AT KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OFFICE, ROOM 1C FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.