



**El Cajon Collaborative
Executive Team Notes
January 14th 2011**

I. Introductions and Review October Meeting Notes

The group facilitated introductions, Sandi Lehan the new Director of the East County Family Justice Center was welcomed as a new attendee. The meeting notes were reviewed and approved without any changes.

II. Updates:

- a. Core Team Rosa Ana Lozada
The Core Team Chair will be changing, as Rosa Ana has done her two years of service. Steven Jellá of SDYS is slated to be the next Vice Chair. Further summary of the recent Core Team activity is below under the “Strategic Alignment Update”.
- b. Finance Team Barbara Ryan
Good news, the Grossmont Healthcare District Grant chose to award us another year of our grant! Otherwise, things are on track financially at the mid-point in the year.
- c. Personnel Team..... Suzanne Moser
No updates, Lea has returned from maternity leave.
- d. Council..... Lea Bush
No updates, upcoming topics include presentations on tax preparation support for low-income individuals and SANDAG regional transportation planning.

III. Strategic Alignment Update

We reviewed the work that Core Team did to narrow the focus areas to public safety and youth. The next steps are to identify a way to get information about current projects related to these target areas as well as community feedback.

The Recreation Department will be administering a survey in the Parks soon to assess safety. A copy of the survey will be sent to Lea to review in Core Team and see if there will be data that can be helpful as it relates to the public safety and youth focus. Also, a recommendation will come from Core Team on how to survey the Collaborative Partners on current projects.

Bruno Cirello of the El Cajon PD noted that in their work the three things that are reported as consistent barriers to quality of life are homelessness, traffic problems and graffiti.

IV. Other Updates

Rosa Ana Lozada shared that the Newcomers work group which she facilitated during the Coordinators maternity leave was successful in completing a directory of ESL classes in the El Cajon area. Lea will be working to post this online for individuals and organizations to access, as well as set up a mechanism for updating the directory regularly. The next target for discussion is parenting classes.

V. Announcements

After lengthy service in her work with the City Recreation Department, Lori Beliveau is retiring! She will be appointing a new representative to the Executive Team – Marilee Gorham.

Walter Philips of SDYS announced they just purchased a new 10 unit building in El Cajon at Johnson and El Cajon Boulevard which will be used for Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) housing.

Center for Community Solutions is moving their East County office to El Cajon.

***Vision:** Through our collaboration, El Cajon's children, youth and families are safe, empowered and thriving.*

***Mission:** The El Cajon Collaborative builds relationships, leverages resources and promotes best practices to enhance the quality of life for children, youth and families in our community.*