



El Cajon Collaborative Council Meeting
April 5th, 2011 Meeting Notes
Board Room – Cajon Valley Union School District
750 E. Main St.; El Cajon, 92020
12:30 – 2PM

Meeting Purpose: *To engage service-delivery staff and community members in resource sharing, networking, and action to benefit the children, youth and families of the El Cajon Community.*

I. Welcoming Remarks & Collaborative Updates

Lea Bush, Coordinator for the Collaborative welcomed everyone and shared some brief announcements regarding upcoming events, including Diversity Day at the New Children’s Museum and the Juvenile Hall Open House on May 21st.

II. Presentation:

Toni Warmuth, Corrective Action Supervisor, San Diego County from the El Cajon Family Resource Center gave a presentation on accessing public benefits in San Diego County. There was ample time for questions and Toni recommended using the website www.accessbenefitsSD.com as well as 2-1-1 as additional resources when trying to get someone connected to Food Stamps, Medi-Cal, General Relief, CalWORKs, TANF or other public benefits. She noted that the average wait time for the ACCESS phone line is 20 minutes, but that calling first thing in the morning or going in to the Family Resource Center when it first opens can sometime cut down on the wait time. If something is needed immediately, she highly recommended sending clients into the Family Resource Center office for help – although they may have to wait in line, the staff at the Resource Center can help with more things in person than can be done over the phone.

III. Resource Sharing – Community Announcements

Following the presentation we engaged in resource sharing and heard community announcements from a number of individuals. *We recommend that all participants utilize the Collaborative Council contact list to follow up on information presented at the meeting.* The most recent version can be accessed online at the El Cajon Collaborative website www.elcajoncollaborative.org under the “Meetings” tab.

The following organizations and community members were present and shared resources and/or program updates:

- American Red Cross
- At Your Home FAMILYCARE
- Chaldean-Middle Eastern Social Services
- Crossroads Family Center
- Cuyamaca College
- East County Career Center
- El Cajon First United Methodist Church, Bethlehem Food Pantry
- El Cajon Valley High School

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- Episcopal Refugee Network
- Family Health Centers of San Diego
- Grossmont Cuyamaca Community College District
- Grossmont Union High School District
- Healthy Adventures Foundation
- Home-Start
- Institute for Public Strategies
- Iraqi American Friendship Association
- Jewish Family Services
- McAlister Institute
- Mental Health Systems, Inc.
- Molina Healthcare
- Motivating the Teen Spirit
- National Children’s Study
- Neighborhood Healthcare
- PCI and Mexican Consulate “Ventanilla de Salud Program”
- Planned Parenthood
- Recovery Innovations of California
- San Diego County Library – Rancho San Diego, Fletcher Hills and El Cajon Branches
- San Diego County Probation
- San Diego County Public Health Nursing
- San Diego Youth Services
- Southern Indian Health Council
- Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association
- University of San Diego Legal Clinics
- Vista Hill ParentCare
- Ev Lundgren, Community Member

We welcomed for the first time,

- Shannon Bonall, Healthy Development Services Departmental Assistant at Family Health Centers of San Diego
- Maureen McCully, Salvation Army El Cajon
- Alex Kahn, Public Consulting Group
- Claudia Aldana, Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County
- Tasha Gamble, Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association
- Ray Nicholson, McAlister Teen Recovery Center
- Kitzia Cesario, Crossroads Family Center
- Tami Belmain, Woodglen Vista Apartments

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