



El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
June 16th, 2009

I. El Cajon Resources Website for Cajon Valley

Lea presented the El Cajon Resources website (www.elcajonresources.org) she developed in working with the Cajon Valley School District to document the Basic Needs, Healthcare and Parent Education resources in our area. The site is constantly being updated and will include a section on Newcomer (refugee) resources sometime soon. A recommendation was made to include a link to the Collaborative's website and to acknowledge the Cajon Valley Union School District on the site, Lea will follow up with district staff with that recommendation.

II. Approval of May Meeting Notes

The meeting notes were reviewed and no changes were requested.

III. Partners' Presentations

Tammie Glowacki, from the San Diego County Probation Department presented information on the County Department and their mission to protect community safety. Her role focuses on Juvenile Probation in East Region; however the department works with all ages of offenders across the County.

IV. Updates from the Coordinator

- Family Night – Lea reported on a survey that was given to the current Community Services for Families (CSF) case managers to assess how they utilized current CSF/Collaborative supported classes in El Cajon and what they would like to see added next year. The results showed that the most important class was Effective Parenting and that other classes like the “What to do when your child gets sick” and the parenting teens class were also well received. Next year, Lea presented the opportunity of doing an Effective Parenting class in Spanish and the Team agreed to pilot test the class during the summer at the library. There were concerns about the lack of child supervision and attendance of at least three parents (which is necessary for billing purposes). **Lea will draft an MOU with the instructor, which clearly states the limitation of paying for instruction of the class without the necessary attendance.**
- Council Presentation – Lea did a presentation on the Collaborative Guidelines at the June Council meeting and it was well received.
- CSF Steering Committee – CSF caseload data from May was distributed to team representatives. Also, Lea reported that at the Steering Committee she is continuing to advocate for additional capacity in El Cajon to serve community referrals to the CSF program.
- East Region Collaborative Network (ERCN) – **Lea is helping coordinate a region-wide resource reference list that could be used by multiple agencies.**
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Lea is waiting to hear back from Monica Zech at the City about if there are any ways to connect or engage with the trained volunteers, she will follow-up at next meeting.
- Lea is working with staff at the Salvation Army to coordinate a food distribution centers' meeting on June 25th at 1:45pm. Anyone who would like to have individuals attend this meeting please RSVP with Lea.

Vision: An El Cajon community working collaboratively to ensure children, youth and families are safe, empowered and thriving

Mission: The El Cajon Collaborative builds relationships, leverages resources and implements best practices to serve the children and families of the El Cajon Community.

Updates from the Coordinator continued...

- Contracting Opportunities – San Diego Family Health Centers approached the Collaborative to be included in their proposal for a Mental Health Fotonovela to assist with promotion of the Fotonovela in the Latino community. Nora Cole explained the Fotonovela and Lea stated she attended a training on the Promotora model which might pair well with this program if Family Health Centers were successful in their request.
- Lea noted she will be on vacation from July 23rd, returning on August 3rd.

V. Functional Team/Work Group Reports

- A. Finance – Barbara Ryan reported that the Collaborative is on budget and has done better than expected for this past year. She also reported from LH Avocado, Inc. that the current Little House tenants have renewed their leases on a short-term basis, and that LH Avocado is exploring how to pay of the remainder of the Little House by March of 2010.
- B. Personnel – no report.
- C. Neighborhood Safety Work Group– waiting until Strategic Planning goals are available to re-convene.
- D. Newcomer Support Work Group– had lively attendance of 15-20 this past month. Summer ESL classes and Child Welfare dialogues with newcomer families are emerging out of the current conversation.

VI. New Business/Announcements/Accomplishments

- Nora Cole was officially recognized and thanked for her role as past Core Team Chair, she had served almost 3 years in the position and Rosa Ana Lozada took the position earlier this year.
- This was Nancy Trost's last Core Team meeting before retirement (although she was unable to make it) members were encouraged to contribute to sign a card and contribute to a small gift.
- East Region Neighborhood for Kids has selected Javier Perez to be a representative to the Core Team; he will be joining us in July.

VII. Next Core Team Meeting

July 21st; 10 AM