



**El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes**

July 21st, 2009

I. Welcome & Sharing Good News

Due to having only 4 Partner attendees there was a notation that we need to update our guidelines with information on the minimum number for consensus.

In Attendance: Barbara Ryan, Steven Jellá, Suzanne Moser, Tammie Glowacki and Lea Bush.

II. Approval of June Meeting Notes

Given the exception to the small number of attendees, the June meeting notes were accepted by the group as written.

III. Partners' Presentations

Steven Jellá presented on the programs and services of San Diego Youth Services (formerly San Diego Youth and Community Services) which are focused around the catch phrase "building futures for at-risk youth". They serve over 9,500 youth and families in San Diego County. About half of their services are located in East County.

No one volunteered for the August meeting, so we decided to push the next presentation until September.

IV. Core Team Review

Representation on the Core Team was discussed with acknowledgement that we have about 15 people participating as representatives and our guidelines state we should only have 12 (4 parent/community, 4 from council, and 4 from Exec). There was a recommendation that at the next Executive Team meeting we ask for clarification on which 4 Executives should be attending Core Team and/or if we need to adjust our guidelines to fit who actually attends Core Team. Further review of representation and meeting dates was postponed until the August meeting.

V. Updates from the Coordinator

▪ *Executive Team Follow-Up*

Lea shared follow-up information from the Executive Team meeting earlier in the month. The mission/vision are being reviewed by the strategic planning team and will likely be amended after seeking feedback on them through a community survey.

▪ *Parenting Classes*

The Spanish language parenting classes at the library are consistently drawing in 10-12 parents each week, many children are joining their parents and Lea is looking at options for covering the cost of child supervision.

Lexington Elementary has stated a request for a similar Spanish parenting class and Lea is working with them to find a person to teach the class (during the day on Friday mornings) in order to repeat the class cycle again this Fall. There is still funding available through CSF for another class.

▪ *CSF Steering Committee*

Lea reported that the most recent CSF steering committee meeting there was a recommendation to reduce the staff as we move into the final six months of the current contract. The caseload data for El Cajon currently shows a 9 family waiting list which they are working on, but combined with the announcement of staff reductions there were concerns about meeting the need with less staff.

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V. Updates from the Coordinator - Continued

- Lea distributed an update of the MOU/MOAs chart, she will be working on getting updated MOU's with Cajon Valley Union School District and San Diego Youth Services.
- Lea submitted a grant application to SANDAG for outreach and community feedback on their 2050 Regional Transportation Plan.

VI. Functional Team/Work Group Reports

- A. Barbara Ryan reported that the finance team ended the year ahead of schedule. As discussed in the Executive Team meeting, the Collaborative will be supporting ways for LH Avocado to fundraise for the final amount due to complete ownership of Little House.
- B. Newcomer Support Work Group – there will be a training on August 11th from 3-5pm at the Career Center for any agency staff/case workers who want to better understand the services offered and how they might be different for those who are new refugees.

VII. Next Core Team Meeting

August 18th; 10 AM

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