

**El Cajon Collaborative  
Core Team Meeting Notes  
December 17, 2013**



**Purpose of the Core Team:**

“To provide oversight and direction for the inter-agency partnerships and implementation of initiatives in the Collaborative.”

| AGENDA ITEMS   | ACTION  |
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| <p><b>I. Welcome and Introductions-</b><br/> <b>Chair, Dana Stevens, Communities Against Substance Abuse</b> welcomed group members and facilitated introductions.<br/> <b>Meeting Participants:</b><br/>           Laura Carter, Rosa Ana Lozada, Richard Preuss, Steven Jella, Dana Stevens and LaVonna Connelly</p>   |   |
| <p><b>II. Approval of November’s Meeting Notes-</b><br/>           Core Team members approved November’s meeting Notes by consensus.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>III. Accomplishing ECC’s Strategic Priorities-</b><br/> <b>Dana</b> reviewed the gaps in strategic activities that were identified over the last two meetings. Gaps include promoting mentoring opportunities and bullying prevention/character education. She introduced Janette Kutchins, Big Brothers Big Sisters, to give a brief update on the state of their mentoring efforts in East Region:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In 2013, BBBS made (1,725) matches</li> <li>2. There are (104) “Littles” waiting in East Region, (81) of them are males</li> <li>3. Six out of 10 “Bigs” are females</li> <li>4. “Bigs” commitment is 4 hours a month minimum</li> </ol> <p>Core Team members discussed ways to support and were in consensus that a call for mentors should be promoted on the Collaborative website.</p>  | <p>LaVonna will post a BBBS mentor recruitment flyer on ECC website</p> |
| <p><b>IV. Coordinator Report-</b><br/> <b>LaVonna</b> handed out a written summary of her Coordinator Report and highlighted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b><u>Resident Leaders in Action:</u></b> LH Avocado’s insurance carrier has stated that the resident public art project volunteers can be covered under existing coverage. LH Avocado accountant has given her OK to pass through \$5,000 for resident public art project before the end of the fiscal year. LH Avocado Board of Directors have been briefed and are in the process of considering.</li> <li>b. <b><u>SANDAG:</u></b> Recent presentation was given to Gillispie Field Airport area residents about the San Diego Regional Forecast, air quality/emissions, local decision-making processes and consensus-building techniques. The Collaborative needs more groups who want SANDAG presentations.</li> <li>c. <b><u>LiveWell/Healthy Eating Workgroup:</u></b> LaVonna stated that the East County</li> </ol> |   |



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| <p>Food Resource Guide was being finalized and that it would be ready for distribution in January.</p> <p><b>d. Council:</b> November speakers were El Cajon Police Department and County of San Diego Aging and Independence Services. Good attendance as always.</p> <p><b>e. Little House:</b> Last week a car had to be locked in overnight at Little House because its owner could not be located. The car's owner broke the gate lock and removed the car before morning. In response, LH Avocado Board members voted to prominently display signs with a message such as "private parking only/ violators will be towed" in the Little House parking lot. This is being done successfully by surrounding properties to reserve their parking spaces.</p> <p>Core Team members discussed the parking lot incident and asked that LaVonna share their input with the LH Avocado Board members as soon as possible for consideration.</p> | <p>LaVonna will share Core Team input with LH Avocado Board members</p> |
| <p><b>III. Collaborative Business-</b><br/> <b>Finance Team Update:</b> New Financial Statements were not ready and therefore this item was not covered.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>V. Roundtable/ Announcements-</b><br/> <b>LaVonna</b> announced that this would be her last meeting and her last day at the Collaborative would be January 17<sup>th</sup>. She thanked everyone and shared that she would be working on her family farm in Ramona, Connelly Gardens. She welcomed everyone to stay in touch.</p>   |   |

**Next Core Team Meeting:** Tuesday, January 21, 2013/ 8:30-10:00am