

El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
July 16, 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
<p>I. Welcome and Introductions- Chair, Dana Stevens, Communities Against Substance Abuse, welcomed group members and facilitated introductions. Dana and Vice-Chair, Christopher Shamoon, local business owner, introduced themselves as the new Core leaders and shared their vision for working together to build the strongest collaborative possible in El Cajon. Meeting Participants: April Griffiths, Suzie Moser, Romalyn Watson, Shea Scallon, Richard Preuss, Frank Carson, John Betts, Barbara Ryan, Chair-Dana Stevens, Vice-Chair-Christopher Shamoon, and LaVonna Connelly</p>	
<p>II. Approval of May’s Meeting Notes- Core Team members approved June’s meeting Notes by consensus.</p>	
<p>III. Collaborative Business-</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Finance Team Update/ Presentation of FY2014 Budget Finance Team Chair, Barbara Ryan, Rady Children’s Hospital, gave an overview of the Collaborative’s finances year to date. Highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. LH Avocado, Inc. will pay off Little House in March 2014. ii. After Little House is paid off, LH Avocado will not charge the Collaborative rent and LH Avocado will begin donating the monies they would normally pay toward the mortgage to the Collaborative. iii. Total amount of grant funding secured for FY2014 is \$56,500 	
<p>IV. Advancing the El Cajon Collaborative’s Strategic Priorities- Dana briefly reviewed ECC’s Strategic Priorities. She stated that she and Christopher were interested in helping Core Team find ways to measure the collective impact of ECC’s Partners in addressing ECC’s Priorities. Dana also shared that she and Christopher had read and discussed ECC’s Operating Guidelines and were looking forward to assisting Core Team to achieve its maximum potential in alignment with the Guidelines. Through discussion, the group came to a consensus that this would be a foundational year in Core Team as we strengthen processes and strive to create a meeting environment that leads to richer collaborations.</p>	
<p>IV. Coordinator Activity Highlights- LaVonna handed out a written summary of her Coordinator Report and highlighted:</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Website: Received 782 hits in June. (Parent Education-65, Adult Health Clinics-411, Food- 281, ESL-38, Shelter-42). b. Resident Leadership Academy Graduation: ECC is using the Cx3 funding to host bi-monthly meetings for Resident Leaders through December. Currently the group is working with Grossmont/Cuyamaca College District and the City of El Cajon on a public art project. c. SANDAG: ECC is launching community outreach activities and is looking for groups that would like to have a presentation about SANDAG regional plans and their impact on local communities. These meetings may offer refreshments and/or incentives. d. Little House: Has one 98 sq ft office for rent for \$269.28/month, includes utilities, janitorial, phone, copier, FAX, internet, use of kitchen and conference rooms. 	
<p>V. Roundtable/ Announcements- Dana gave group members a chance to make announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LaVonna: announced that the Cajon Valley Union School District had hired a new Superintendent. She stated that she looked forward to meeting with him to introduce the Collaborative as soon as possible. 2. El Cajon Recreation Department: announced that 900 people participated in the World’s Largest Swim Lesson, Kennedy Park with have free family fun for the 4th of July, August 9th will “Movies in the Park” at Renette Park at 6pm, Haunt Fest is planned for October and a golf tournament is being planned to raise money for recreational scholarships. See Frank Carson if interested. 3. SD County HHSA/ Health Promotions: announced that there would be a Veteran’s Forum at the Reagan Center from 4-6pm on July 18th, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren event will be at Meridian Baptist on September 7th from 9am-2pm with free lunch. 4. SD County Probation Department: announced that there would be a Passport to Life event to assist those on probation or who were previously on probation, in gaining employment. 5. SD County Child Welfare Services: announced that new efforts were being made to support cases with drug-exposed children. Child Welfare has workers that assist children involved in drug raids, both in daytime work hours and after hours. 6. Communities Against Substance Abuse: announced that National Night Out would be celebrated at the El Cajon Police Department on August 6th from 5-8pm. 	<p>A special meeting to introduce the Collaborative will include a resident and someone with a historical perspective.</p>

Next Core Team Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 2013/ 8:30-10:00am