

**El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
March 18, 2014**



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.</p> <p>Meeting Participants: Dana Stevens, Lorenzo Higley, Dilkhwaz Ahmed, Othman Kalasho, Claudia Llamas, Rosa Ana Lozada, Christopher Shamoon, Barbara Ryan, Richard Preuss, Joyce Moore, and Steven Jella’.</p>	
<p>Organizational History by Barbara Ryan and Core Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The collaborative was created to increase collaboration among diverse non-profits. • A grant was awarded at Little House to house agencies who would serve the community of El Cajon. • El Cajon Collaborative was the model for other collaboratives. • The collaborative can influence the decision of the county as we hear the voice of the residents at El Cajon. • Good to have new ideas to improve the collaborative 	
<p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joyce Moore will be the new coordinator/ Project Manager of IPS. ○ Lorenzo Higley shared updates. ○ Claudia Llamas, new Coordinator for El Cajon Collaborative, introduced herself. 	
<p>II. Approval of February’s Meeting Notes- Core Team members approved February’s meeting Notes by consensus.</p>	
<p>III. Accomplishing ECC’s Strategic Priorities</p> <p>a) UArt Box Project (Goal 2 Objective A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christ shared that we have 12 people from the Leadership Academy 	<p>-Dana will communicate with Lauren and request a sign in sheet</p>



involved in the UArt Project. They are coordinating the art selection and painting of about 6 boxes, most of them on the Main Street area.

b) East County Food Resource Guide

- Romalyn was not present, but sent an email report. The Food Access Guide has been update so ECC will replace the one currently on the website.

c) SANDAG Project (Goal 2 Objective A)

- Lorenzo reported that SANDAG is pleased that ECC will continue the project.
 - The grant is about increasing social equity. It is about how the environment is designed with a transportation focus. i.e. the design of how the sidewalks are created, the timing of bus routes to support working people, etc.
 - Electric cars are already on the road and there will be more in the future. How do communities accommodate recharging stations?
 - It is about the walk-ability of people and the use of bicycles.
 - The plan has been made for the year 2050. For SANDAG, it is the first time they do this complex project as the regional transportation planning authority.
 - The project is expected to end in October 2050, and our contract will continue through December 2015.
 - We want to learn from residents: what do they want their community to look like, especially low income communities. We are trying to find out how they want their community to live.
 - This project also helps with crime prevention through environmental design.
 - It is important to advocate for what the people want.
- Rosa Ana Lozada stated that this is a very important project, and it is significant to submit reports to the Core Team about the process.
- Dana would like to have Claudia provide a SANDAG presentation to the Core Team and Core Team to brainstorm groups for ECC to make the presentation.
- Steven Jellá shared that these projects really connect many factors together (i.e. poverty, better food, etc.)

of the people attending the Leadership Academy.

- Chris will send the documents about the location of the utility boxes.

- Claudia will send the Core Team the report from Romalyn about the Food Access Guide.

- Steven will meet with Lorenzo and Claudia, and will provide update on SANDAG.

- Claudia will give a SANDAG presentation at the next Core Meeting, and will share some SANDAG documents.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was shared that Core Teams' Goal 3 and Objective A was purposefully left vague to include many aspects, such as food, transportation, etc. ▪ El Cajon Valley School District is also a great supporter of ECC. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rosa Ana mentioned she will meet with the superintendent, and maybe Claudia and Barbara Ryan can also meet with him. <p>d) Outreach to promote partnership in the Collaborative</p> <p>i) ECPD Project Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Claudia and Dana shared discussion of the meeting with the police department (<i>The Project Meeting</i>) and this year's project which will focus on the reduction of graffiti in the community of El Cajon. <p>ii) Health and Safety Fair (Goal 3 Objective A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Claudia plans to have a booth at the Health and Safety Fair, and a table at the America on Main Street event. <p>e) Bullying prevention & character education (Goal 3 Objective B)</p> <p>i) Diversity Forum w/ Board of Realtors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Claudia and Dana will attend the Diversity Forum. 	<p>Dana will advocate for Dilkwaz to be at the Diversity Forum.</p>
<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Othman Kalasho, Manager of Ali Baba Restaurant, asked if the Little House (LH) would keep its gate open over the weekend, and allow his customers to park there on Saturdays and Sundays. He shared that he welcomes LH's clients to park on his parking lot during the week. 	<p>-The Core Team will revisit the request of Othman and discuss with LHA Board.</p>

Next Core Team Meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2014/ 8:00-9:30 a.m.