

**El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
April 15, 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, Claudia Llamas, Barbara Ryan, Joyce Moore, Laura Carter, Romalyn Watson, Holly Kolerich, and Mary Beth Hadaway.</p>	
<p>II. Approval of March’s Meeting Notes- Core Team members approved corrected March meeting Notes approved by consensus.</p>	<p>-Claudia will change the March Mtg notes section III b title to “East County Food Resource Guide,” instead of “Food Access Guide.”</p>
<p>III. Accomplishing ECC’s Strategic Priorities</p> <p>A. SANDAG: San Diego Forward Community Based Partners</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lorenzo provided a SANDAG presentation and Core Team members brainstormed places for future presentations. 2. Lorenzo stated that the SANDAG project extends to the year 2050, and the contract with El Cajon Collaborative extends to December 2015. 3. The SANDAG project weighs impacts on environmental justice, low income communities, communities with low mobility and low community engagement 4. SANDAG has 11 CBO Partners throughout the county 5. SANDAG is supporting the Live Well San Diego initiative 6. SANDAG is funded through our tax money to create a healthy environment through the transportation system 7. There is a focus on social equity and environmental justice 8. SANDAG is seeking feedback on three White papers on: economic 	<p>-Claudia will send the link and information on how people can send feedback on SANDAG’s three white papers.</p> <p>-Lisa will send the contact information for the person at Circles, and Disaster Planning Groups.</p>



prosperity, climate change, and emerging technologies by May 6th, 2014.

9. Dana shared support for the SANDAG project and stated that many youth are pressured to have jobs after graduating from high school to help support their families. They have to rely on public transportation as many families only have a family car.

B. The SANDAG presentation could also be given beyond the communities of El Cajon. The Core Team suggested the following groups where SANDAG presentations could be provided:

1. Live Well Meetings
2. All seven Community Collaboratives
3. Circles - a project of the Lutheran Church
4. Santee COMPOC - John Minto is the contact person for the community in Santee.
5. Disaster Planning Groups
6. Community Dialogue for Change
7. East County Action Network, ECAN
8. Elder Abuse Council
9. St Michaels (Chaldean) Church
10. Community Clinics/ Council of Community Clinics

C. Update on RLA UArt project (Goal 2.a)

1. Claudia: met with City and they approved two utility box designs from about 20 applications. The RLA is seeking more utility box applications and Claudia can send the application to interested individuals.

D. KaBOOM (Goal 1. a & 1. b)

1. Claudia: KaBOOM build day for Wells Park is June 7th.
2. More volunteers needed, but individuals need to contact Claudia or Frank Carson to know how many people will be participating to better plan KaBOOM build day.

E. Safe Routes to School (Goal 2.a, 3.a, & 3.b)

1. Dana provided information from the grant planning meeting she attended for ECC. ECC will be a partner in this project. There is concern about Graffiti that The Project is working on.
2. She has invited Mary Beth Moran from SRTS to come to Core Team

-Lorenzo and Dilkwaz will plan a SANDAG presentation for Community Dialogue Change, and Dilkwaz will translate as Lorenzo presents.

-Romalyn or Dana will send the contact information for the employee at the Recreation Center who could also help us schedule another SANDAG presentation.

-Dana will give Nissou's (from St. Michaels) contact information to Lorenzo.

-Claudia will send the contact information of Frank Carson for individuals interested in participating in KaBOOM day. Claudia will also place this information on the El Cajon Collaborative



<p>and present a project overview.</p> <p>F. El Cajon Diversity Forum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Claudia shared positive aspects of El Cajon and some needed improvement. Positive aspects of El Cajon: safe community; cooperative environment; large number of people and groups willing to help; collective interest in coming together; history that embraces diversity; and others. 2. Issues: lack of acculturation among diverse groups; lack of understanding between diverse groups; limited government refugee funding for: education, public safety, acculturation and support; misunderstandings about what newcomers are/feel entitled to; and others. 3. Dilkwaz shared the presentation was very good but there were some disagreements at the meeting. 4. Dana shared leaders from diverse groups, are looking at the collaborative to address issues at El Cajon. 5. Dana invited Kathy Hilton (Realtor and coordinator of the Diversity Forum) to come to the Core Committee meetings 	<p>website.</p>
<p>IV. Collaborative Business - Finance Team Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbara: no finance report but everything is on track 2. Barbara: the meeting with the school district will occur once Little House has no more mortgage to pay-- a big celebration at the Little House will take place soon. 3. Barbara will be working on the Grossmont Health Care District Grant 	
<p>V. Outstanding Discussion Items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Dana-shared we need to do an inventory of items and accounting for the Little House. B. Possible increase of refugees in El Cajon. It will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Dilkwaz noted it is unknown where the immigrant Congolese community will be placed and could invite Bob Montgomery (IRC) to one of our meetings to address this issue. C. Revisit organizational structure of the El Cajon Collaborative. It can be addressed at the meeting in May or June. 	<p>-Dana will invite Bob Montgomery to the Core meeting.</p> <p>-Dana will talk to Rosa Ana and Steven Jellá about the date to address the organizational structure of the ECC.</p>



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<p>VI. Coordinator Report 1. Claudia shared attendance and participation at diverse meetings. 2. Claudia: A tenant meeting will take place soon.</p>	
<p>VII. Roundtable A. Dana informed that there was a LH Board meeting and the Core Team will revisit the request of Othman (Owner of Ali Baba Restaurant). B. Laura shared that there will be a Family Violence Summit on April 5th, and she would like to get the names and addresses of key community leaders that might be interested in participating in the summit. C. Dana: Prescription Take Back Day will take place April 26 and the Critical Teen Issues Forum at the Health Care District will take place on May 8th.</p>	<p>-Laura will email Claudia the flyer about the Family Violence Summit.</p> <p>-Claudia will place the Family Violence Summit flyer on the ECC website.</p> <p>-Dana will email Claudia the flyer about the Prescription Take Back day and the Critical Teen Issues Forum.</p>

Next Core Team Meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2014/ 8:00-9:30 a.m.