



Core Team Meeting Notes
 April 17, 2018 / 8:30-10:00 a.m.
 Little House 131 Avocado Ave. El Cajon, CA 92020

Core Team Meeting Purpose:
 To provide oversight and direction for the interagency partnership
 and implementation of initiatives in the Collaborative.

Agenda Items	Action
I. Welcome and Introductions, participants included: Abdi Abdillulah, Tami Johnson, Mohammed Tuama, Laura Beadle, Dana Stevens, Adam Tronerud, Judith Hays-Zavala, Monica Melgoza, Mary Sadile Staff-Carol Lewis	
II. March Meeting Notes Approved	Approved
III. Core Team Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Conversations- Topics Carol shared that El Cajon Collaborative has been considering holding community conversations for the past two years. She met with Anna, the librarian at the El Cajon branch, who was excited to partner and provide the community room. They both felt that holding an event monthly or every other month at the same location would encourage attendance. Each month the topic and speakers would dictate the format, i.e. panel discussion, lecture, interactive, or small groups. Carol spoke with Mohammed to include Newcomer Support & Development to bring the Newcomer Resident Leaders to the group to facilitate and recruit community members for participation in community engagement. Carol asked the Core Team members for suggestions on topics that would center on healthy living. Suggestions were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opportunities for youth engagement 2. Understanding the voting system and local and district elections. How they can make a difference. 3. How to become a citizen. What is the process? 4. Navigating the CalWorks system and locating local resources. 5. Cultural and sensitivity training. Know our neighbor. 6. Exciting school district programs, events and changes in teaching strategies to keep up with our changing times. 7. Internet safety- Technology safety 8. How to keep our children safe- Human trafficking, having the “sex” conversation, suicide prevention, keeping the dialogue open and honest. 	No action required.
IV. 2018 Core Team Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Team Representation- Who should be represented at Core Team. Suggestions were: 	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grossmont High School District- Cajon Valley, Jenny Mendel or ask them for a suggestion. 2. IRC- staff who serve El Cajon 3. PCG- Sara Ramos 4. Community Health Clinics- Family Health Center 5. EC Adult Education 	
<p>V. El Cajon Collaborative Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meetings Meetings have been averaging between 60-70 attendees. May’s meeting will be focusing on teen and adult education opportunities. June’s meeting will be the “Resilience” film with a panel discussion following the presentation. The meeting will be dark in July since it falls the day before July 4th. • Homeless Services Work Group Meetings <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The homeless services work group put together 95 hygiene bags and delivered them to Crisis House for the upcoming Homeless Connect. They included washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, and more along with resources. 2. The work group is hoping to work with CVUSD and the McKinney-Vento families who are facing a homeless crisis or at-risk. Some ideas were mini homeless connects at the school sites where they feel comfortable. Tami also shared that the Bridges classes at Little House were so successful, that she would like to see them continued. The group will look at funding opportunities. 	<p>No action required.</p>
<p>VI. Reports & Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcomers Information- Abdi brought the most recent Monthly Refugee Arrivals Report and shared that the numbers are still low. Most of the arrivals are SIVs from Afghanistan or refugees from the Congo. He introduced Monica to the group again and shared that she will be attending the meetings while he steps into his new position. • Parks & Rec Updates- Adam shared that they are in the middle of their spring season, but that summer programs will be announced soon. They will be TEDx this Saturday with their canopies and activities for the kids. America on Main St. will be on Saturday, May 19th. 	<p>Information Sharing</p>
<p>VII. Roundtable (Accomplishments and Announcements)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets are still available for TEDx on Saturday. 	
<p>NEXT CORE TEAM MEETING: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 8:30 a.m. Next Council Meeting- Tuesday, May 1st at 12:30 p.m. CVUSD Board Room Next Homeless Work Group Meeting- Tuesday, May 1st at 9:00 a.m. CVUSD Board Room</p>	
<p>Mission: The El Cajon Collaborative builds relationships, leverages resources and promotes best practices to enhance the quality of life for children, youth and families in our community.</p>	