



Core Team Meeting Notes  
 August 15, 2017 / 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
<p><b>I. Welcome and Introductions, participants included:</b>            Laura Beadles, Nicole Koch, Dana Stevens, Joyce Moore, Cathy Hilton,            Tami Johnson (CVUSD), Rep for Frank Carson, Staff-Carol Lewis</p>	
<p><b>II. Approval of July Meeting Notes</b>            Approved</p>	Approved
<p><b>III. Strategic Plan- Goal 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>• <b>Increase community engagement in self-sufficiency opportunities and support cultural inclusion.</b>                Nicole Koch, manager of the Self-Sufficiency Programs through Home-Start, Inc. shared with us the services offered at Little House and East Co. for self-sufficiency. They include financial literacy classes, job assistance, healthcare and CalFRESH application assistance, food distribution, housing assistance and free tax services. Currently, their Rapid ReHousing program is closed because it became impacted early this year. Free tax services are year-round but they start promoting in January for tax season. The job assistance includes resume building, job interview advice and support in locating opportunities. They have staffs who speak English, Spanish and Arabic.  <b>This program meets the objective on Goal 2- to increase community partnerships to support cultural inclusion and to work with individuals and families to lift them out of poverty and increase their self-sufficiency through jobs, housing, healthcare and healthy nutrition.</b></p> </li> <li> <p>• <b>What ECC can do to support self-sufficiency opportunities?</b>                Home-Start is looking at innovative ways to serve the community. Some suggestions included meeting families at schools or rec centers when transportation is difficult. CVUSD and Parks &amp; Rec both shared that they could contribute to the efforts by hosting tax events at the schools and rec centers. Nicole will speak with both this fall for scheduling after the holidays. Laura suggested that Home-Start meet with her to assist SDYS transitioning youth with rapid-rehousing.</p> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>IV. Coordinator Report-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p>• <b>Newcomers' Collaborative:</b> Multicultural Celebration on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at EJE Academies. Agencies are welcome to host a resource table for free. There will be food,</p> </li> </ul>	No action required.

<p>entertainment, resources and activities for the kids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Council:</b> There were 64 who attended the planning meeting in August. Lunch was served and there were a lot of creative ideas that were shared in small groups. Carol will compile the information into a report for the September meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Brick Fundraiser:</b> There is still time to purchase a brick to be installed at the front entrance of Little House. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration date needed to be changed, so a new Save the Date will be going out shortly.</li> <li>• <b>Partnership Agreements:</b> A reminder to return Partnership Agreements as soon as possible.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>V. ECC Updates on Getting Ahead Program and a potential grant opportunity.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Getting Ahead-</b> St. Luke’s brought together several stakeholders over the past several months to share with them a program called “Bridges out of Poverty.” The program comes from two books, “Bridges out of Poverty” and “Bridges to Sustainable Communities.” Private donors have funded the program for two years including sending staff to be trained back East. The Getting Ahead program begins early September and will meet each Wednesday for 15 weeks. Registrations are being accepted and the class will be limited in size. There is an incentive and dinner will be provided. Classes will be held at Little House.</li> <li>• <b>Promise Neighborhoods-</b> Dana brought several key partners together for a discussion on an upcoming grant from the Innovation Office of the Department of Education. The grant is for up to \$6 million a year for 5 years. The key partners including each of the school districts and SD Co. of Education have agreed that they would like to pursue it. Last week, Catholic Charities agreed to be both the fiscal agent and the applicant. Dana is working to find a grant writer. The agencies at Core Team were encouraged to send their programs and data to Dana to use to offset the matching dollars and for potentially being included into the grant. One-half of the \$6 million can be used for planning the first year and 25% the second year. More information to follow.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VI. Reports &amp; Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Newcomers Information-</b> Abdi was absent. A report was distributed.</li> <li>• <b>Parks &amp; Recreation-</b> Frank has been promoted to Director of Parks and Recreation. Our congratulations to him. His representative shared that they have several programs that would work with the grant that ECC, partner agencies and school districts are applying for. One of them is the Mentor Program for teens to introduce them to job opportunities and have them volunteer. Many of them go on to obtain jobs with the Parks &amp; Rec department. The ages are 14-17. The other is the Teen</li> </ul>	

<p>Coalition which teaches teens about civic awareness; they participate in a City Council presentation and work on community projects. Parks &amp; Rec has scholarships for their classes and programs that are easy to apply for. The scholarship pays half of the tuition for the programs.</p>	
<p><b>VII. Roundtable (Accomplishments and Announcements)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Minshew received a promotion over the summer to Assistant Superintendent at Cajon Valley. Tami Johnson will be attending meetings this year. We are thrilled to have Tami participate.</li> </ul>	<p>No action required.</p>
<p><b><i>NEXT CORE TEAM MEETING: TUESDAY, September 19 8:30-10:00 a.m.</i></b>  <b><i>Next Council Meeting- Tuesday, September 5 12:30 p.m. CVUSD Board Room</i></b>  <b><i>Next Newcomers' Meeting- Tuesday, September 12 10:30 a.m.-HHSA East</i></b>  <b><i>Next Homeless Work Group Meeting- September 5 9:00 a.m. CVUSD Board Room</i></b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mission:</b>  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>	