



Core Team Meeting Notes
 February 17, 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>I. Welcome and Introductions, participants included: Abdi Abdillahi, Cathy Hilton, Laura Beadles, Mohammed Tuama, Barbara Ryan, Nicole Koch, Joyce Moore, Frank Carson, Dilkhwaz Ahmed, Kelly Anne Rodriguez, Molly Reed, Karen Minshew, Carol Lewis</p>	
<p>II. Approval of January 17th Meeting Notes Approved- No changes</p>	Approved
<p>III. Collaborative Business A. January Finance Report- Barbara shared the January Finance Report with the group. Barbara commented that the Collaborative has had years where there weren't the reserves that we have now. No questions.</p>	Approved
<p>IV. Cajon Valley Union School District A. Wellness Policy Updates- Karen brought back answers to some of the questions that were presented at the last Wellness Council meeting of the Core Team. There is a Health Newsletter that goes out to the staff promoting wellness practices. Each school site has a VEBA champion. There is a full-time homeless liaison that helps keep homeless students at their school of origin if possible, but that each student is placed where it is best for them. Madison Elementary School has the highest number of homeless students, partially because of its proximity to ECTLC and the motels. Rios Elementary School is now a Computer Science focused school. Healthy relationships are taught by a professional and are opt out. Karen researched Chula Vista's program on BMI screenings for their students and although she would love to bring it to the school district, they aren't ready for all of the challenges and trainings required. She will pursue it in 2017-18. She will send a notice to Carol about the upcoming LCAP meeting for anyone interested in participating. The school district is in need of substitute teachers. Carol has been working with CVUSD's HR Dept. for employment opportunities. New refugees are sometimes bussed outside of their neighborhood school, but will be enrolled in that school the following year. It is due to overcrowding this year. They will have priority their first full year of school in the fall. The school district is now close to capacity and many schools are over-enrolled. B. Safe Routes to School- Lakeysha wanted to present some changes that they would like to make to the Wellness Policy for CVUSD. Karen suggested that she bring it to the group for consideration. She was unable to attend.</p>	No action

<p>V. Coordinator Report-</p> <p>A. Refugee Town Hall- Carol shared that El Cajon Collaborative was asked to participate in a Town Hall meeting for our newcomers to discuss the new administration’s travel ban and other concerns. Two immigration attorneys attended to explain and answer questions. There were 175+ refugees who attended with very little notice.</p> <p>B. Homeless Task Force/Work Group Updates- The East Co. Chamber is hosting a task force meeting on Thursday for interested stakeholders on the results of the ideas shared at the Summit. Carol has also been working with Karen to secure dates for the ECC Work Group which will start meeting on March 7th at 9 am.</p> <p>C. Little House Updates- Nothing to report.</p> <p>D. Funding Opportunities- Carol shared that it is the 25th Anniversary of the ECC and that she is putting together a Commemorative Brick Program that will be included with the Partnership Agreements going out next week. ECC has \$1,000 on account with Brick Marker’s so that will help underwrite the expenses. ECC didn’t receive the three grants that they participated in.</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action Partnership Agreements and Fund Raising flyers will go out next week.</p>
<p>VI. Reports and Updates-</p> <p>A. Newcomers’ Information- Abdi shared the January Monthly Refugee Arrivals Report with everyone. He explained that the resettlement agencies are hurrying to bring refugees over before another travel ban occurs. He expects to see more newcomers arrive over the next couple of months. He also explained the report and why the county numbers are higher than the state. Laura suggested that he put the explanation as a footnote on the report. Mohammed talked about the upcoming RLAs that he will be putting on over the next few months. He is excited to bring RLA to our newcomers in their own language. Abdi shared that they will help do a refugee assessment at the completion of the training with CAP as their project. He also shared information about his new office and some of the projects of NSD. Karen shared some concerns about a couple of Syrian families that have strongly voiced their unhappiness at the services that they are receiving. Dilkhwas talked about an upcoming program that they are holding for our Syrian refugees to teach them more about domestic violence and laws protecting their children. She has a donor who is providing a tablet for each participant, up to 200.</p> <p>B. Parks and Rec- Frank was excited to announce that the Reagan Center should be opening in April. They have named the park after Stoney. The City is also looking at leasing the East Co. Performing Arts Center to Live Nation. The City will help subsidize the management of the facility.</p>	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
<p>VII. Roundtable(Accomplishments and Announcements)</p> <p>Molly shared some of the services offered at Family Health Center on Main St. They have two psychiatrists on staff and a new drug and alcohol program. Comprehensive services are available.</p>	

<p><i>NEXT CORE TEAM MEETING: TUESDAY, March 21 8:30-10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Next Council Meeting- Tuesday, March 7 12:30 p.m. CVUSD Board Room</i> <i>Next Newcomers' Meeting- Tuesday, March 14 10:30 a.m.-Noon</i> <i>HHSA Conference Room</i> <i>Next Homeless Work Group Meeting- March 7 9:00 a.m. CVUSD Board Room</i></p>	
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