



**El Cajon Collaborative**  
 Core Team Meeting Minutes  
 September 16, 2014/ 8:00-9:30 am  
 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 of the Collaborative

Agenda Items	Action
<p><b>I. Welcome and Introductions, <i>participants included:</i></b>            Romalyn Watson, Dilkhwaz Ahmed, Frank Carson, Katie Judd, Abdi Abdillahi, Brittany Alonis, Mohammad Tuama, Jennifer Grondek, Rosa Ana Lozada, Joyce Moore, Barbara Ryan, Lorenzo Higley, Dana Stevens, Carol Lewis</p>	<p>Carol Lewis was introduced as the new coordinator for the El Cajon Collaborative.</p>
<p><b>II. Approval of August Meeting Notes</b>            No minutes were submitted.</p>	
<p><b>III. Newcomer Group—Mohammad Tuama</b>            The Newcomer group was formed in 2008.            Serves the refugee population as well as new immigrants.            Newcomers' Collaborative is 350+ members who have degrees in foreign countries.            Group helps link them to universities, understand the culture, degree evaluations and career counseling.            Mohammad is currently employed fulltime with PCG and helps develop jobs with a focus on the refugee population.            There is a subsidized program that covers two month's salary for employers who hire qualified refugees.</p>	
<p><b>IV. Accomplishing ECC's Strategic Priorities</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sustaining RLA (Goal 2.a)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update on RLA UArt Project: Received grant from SD Community Foundation to cover cost of painting + stipend to artists</li> <li>No discussion due to lack of time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Home Start CX3 Contract Amendment (Goal 2.a)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intergenerational garden/s (2 total)</li> <li>○ Walk audit</li> <li>○ Store audit/s</li> <li>No discussion due to lack of time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CAP RLS &amp; Needs Assessment (Goal 3.a &amp; 3.b)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ RLA for young adults</li> <li>○ CAP- needs assessment</li> <li>No discussion due to lack of time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECC- Addressing population- specific needs Strategic group activity: Homeless and Immigrant Populations Goal 1: Increase pro-social activities for youth. Goal 2: Increase community involvement in Collaborative partnerships. Goal 3: Enhance prevention activities for youth using the public health mode of universal, secondary and targeted intervention. *See attached results.</li> </ul>	<p>Carol will type them up for our next meeting.</p>
<p><b>V. Collaborative Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance Team Update 2014-15 Budget report was given. 2013-14 Finance Overview was presented.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VI. Roundtable</b> <i>(announcement, accomplishments, needs)</i> No discussion</p>	
<p><b>VII. Outstanding Discussion Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for letters of support. No discussion</li> </ul>	

**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.



**Core Team Strategic Group Activity  
Addressing Population-Specific Needs  
September 16, 2014**

**Goal 1.—Increase pro-social activities for youth:**

<b>Immigrants:</b>	<b>Homeless:</b>
Religious Institutions- Age group specific	Religious Institutions- Age group specific
Ethnic-Based Organizations	
Recreation Centers- Language & Culture Specific Staff	Recreation Centers
School Campuses	School Campuses
Century 21 after-school based programs	Century 21 after-school based programs
Language Programs- Agency based	Agency and County Programs
Intergenerational Programs	Intergenerational Programs
YALLA- Participation in sports	Organized Sports- Scholarship programs
	Boys & Girls Clubs- Scholarship programs
Youth Venture Teen Center	Youth Venture Teen Center
Young Adult Leadership Programs	Young Adult Leadership Programs
Career Mentoring	Career Mentoring
Service Organizations—Youth Clubs	Service Organizations—Youth Clubs
Libraries—Information and Meeting Space	Libraries—Information and Meeting Space

**Goal 2.—Increase community involvement in Collaborative partnerships:**

<b>Immigrants:</b>	<b>Homeless:</b>
Community education redefining of newcomers	Community education redefining of homelessness
County employment plan with involvement by ECC	County employment plan with involvement by ECC
Better relationship with ECPD --via the Project --Youth involvement	Better relationship with ECPD --via the Project --Youth Involvement
Create definition of volunteer role/philanthropy that is culturally acceptable	
Vehicles for people coming together--listening	Vehicles for people coming together--listening
Matrix of Collaborative partners and services	Matrix of Collaborative partners and services
Involvement of community residents in Collaborative	
Community Forums- Create feedback mechanisms	Community Forums- Create feedback mechanisms
Monthly Refugee Forum- ECC representation- Abdi will connect.	
Walk Audits of neighborhoods—RLA to identify safety concerns	Walk Audits of neighborhoods—RLA to identify safety concerns
	Map of homeless services- system (ECTLC rep.)
Community events bringing cultures together (Friendship Festival)	
ECPD Public Safety Forums, tours, community education regarding laws	

**Goal 3.—Enhance prevention activities for youth using the public health model of universal, secondary and targeted intervention.**

<b>Immigrants:</b>	<b>Homeless:</b>
Juvenile diversion- Park & Rec. Activities	
Need trauma informed system	Need trauma informed system
Cultural Awareness	Cultural Awareness
Youth Leadership Programs	Youth Leadership Programs
Raise awareness of opportunities and resources in the school	Raise awareness of opportunities and resources in the school
Character education for all systems	Character education for all systems
Integration of faith/ethnic based organizations	Integration of faith/ethnic based organizations
Access to mental health services	Access to mental health services



**Goal 3.—Continued**

Peer partners-- college bound	Peer partners—college bound
More scholarships for youth activities	More scholarships for youth activities
Increase opportunities and resources for youth	Increase opportunities and resources for youth