



El Cajon Collaborative
Monthly Council Meeting Notes
December 3, 2013
Cajon Valley Union School District
 750 E. Main St, El Cajon, CA 92020

Purpose of the Council: "To engage direct service staff and community partners in resource sharing, networking, joint planning and action around issues that benefit the youth and families of the El Cajon community, consistent with the mission, vision and priorities of the Collaborative."

AGENDA ITEMS/ DISCUSSION

I. Welcoming Remarks-

Council Facilitator, Veronica Mikho, National Conflict Resolution Center, welcomed everyone and began the meeting.

Meeting Participants:

American Red Cross/ Disaster Services, Catholic Charities/ Refugee Resettlement, Chaldean Middle-Eastern Social Services, City of El Cajon Recreation Department, Crossroads Family Center, El Cajon Adult Center, El Cajon First United Methodist/ Bethlehem Food Pantry, Family Health Care Centers of San Diego/ Chase Ave Clinic, Institute of Public Strategies, Laubach Literacy Council, Legal Aid Society of San Diego, McAlister Teen Recovery Center, Mental Health Systems/ CalWORKs, Neighborhood Healthcare, County of San Diego/ Community Health Promotions, Steele Canyon High School, Salvation Army, United Pan Asian Communities/ ACE, VistaHill Parentcare, Volunteers in Medicine, San Diego State University Research Foundation/ Women, Infants and Children, Public Consulting Group, Home Start, Alliance for African Assistance, Cuyamaca College.

II. Collaborative Updates-

LaVonna Connelly, Collaborative Coordinator, gave brief updates on the Collaborative projects:

- The Collaborative is doing education and outreach in El Cajon for SANDAG. Groups interested in having presentations (with incentives raffled for participants), please let LaVonna know.

III. Presentation- English Learners and the School System

Terrie Young, Cajon Valley Union School District, gave an overview of the English Learner Programs in the school district. Highlights included:

- In 2008 there were 709 "newcomer" students from foreign countries in the Cajon Valley Union School District. In 2013 there were 1,706 (there has been a large increase in last five years).
- Programs include: structured immersion, English language mainstream, bilingual transitional alternative program and dual language program
- CVUSD is considered successful in their EL programs if their "re-classification rate" of EL students into mainstream programs is at least as high as the state and county averages.
- "Long time English learners" are EL students who study English long term but do not make satisfactory progress. These students are of particular concern to the district.

IV. Annual Networking Activities-

- LaVonna led the group in a networking activity called "Creative Congrats" in which participants practiced greeting each other with made up congratulations as an ice-breaker.
- Veronica led the group in another networking activity called "How Quickly they Forget" in which participants paired up for a brief chat and then when time was called turned back to back while recalling details about the person they chatted with.

V. Roundtable (Announcements, Trends, Issues)

Council attendees shared information regarding their ideas, services, programs and events. That information is not captured in the meeting Notes. Contact LaVonna for more information.

VI. Adjournment/ Informal Networking-

Council Facilitator, Veronica Mikho, adjourned the meeting.

