



**El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
January 19th, 2009**

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

In attendance: Debbie Comstock, Jeneé Littrell, Paula Guerra (for Laura Mustari), Rosa Ana Lozada, Steven Jellá, Suzanne Moser and Tammie Glowacki.

I. Welcome & Sharing Positives

Rosa Ana Lozada opened the meeting and facilitated the sharing of positive messages from everyone.

Lea announced that the Collaborative will be getting \$40,000 in funding from the Grossmont Health Care District. The money will be used to support the Collaborative Coordinator's salary, set a focus on health and wellness for the Collaborative and assist in strategic planning.

II. Approval of December Meeting Notes

The December meeting notes were approved without any changes.

III. Executive Team Follow-up

Lea explained the current situation with Little House needing to secure a new loan as well as LH Avocado, Inc. coming close to running a deficit. Lea also explained that an e-mail was sent to Partners requesting assistance with 1. \$500-\$1,000 in funding, 2. facilitating a relationship with a funding agency, 3. providing technical or administrative support to the Coordinator, 4. or recommending something else that can assist the Coordinator in getting funding for Little House.

Rosa Ana noted that a grid for responses from each of the Partners would be helpful. Lea stated that the Finance Team has offered to help follow-up on Partner contributions and that she would create this chart for them.

A related conversation about the rental amount and cost per office yielded discussion that Little House needs better marketing. Steven Jellá and Paula Guerra offered to help Lea with this.

Personnel Team

Suzie Moser summarized that the Personnel Team will be meeting again soon to discuss how best to support the Coordinator position in the long run given that the work seems to be greater than one person can accomplish. Another meeting will be held on February 1st. Debbie Comstock stated that LH Avocado had a preliminary conversation and she acknowledged that clarification is needed on the roles and responsibilities particularly related division of Little House property management and maintenance duties.

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Everyone agreed that we should still discuss specifics of the coordinator role with Personnel Team, but that the short term goal for the Coordinator should be to help assist with the financial issues at Little House. Jeneé Littrell then came up with an idea about potentially helping the Collaborative with a staff person to offset the cost of renting from Little House. Lea noted a proposal would need to be made and Jeneé said she would talk to her staff and get back to her.

IV. Updates from the Coordinator

Two recommendations were made for standing agenda items – one being the Grossmont Health Care District grant and second the Strategic Plan Follow-Up. Additionally on next month's agenda it was discussed to have "relationship building with East Region Partners" as an agenda item because of the historical rift between El Cajon and other Collaboratives regarding the work of the region and use of the verbiage "East Region" in grants, etc.

- Home-Start will use the Family Night location to continue with Parenting classes on Thursday evenings. Additional classes may be available through other Partners to coordinate with the Parenting classes as needed/available. Lea also noted that since the El Cajon Collaborative did not participate with ERCN in endorsing Home-Start's proposal for CSF – the other ERCN members are requesting that ECC write a letter of support to state their commitment to the process. Paula indicated she would get clarification on the issue.
- Newcomer Support
Lea has not had any luck getting the meeting notes from the November Refugee Summit and has been told by Cuyamaca staff that the notes are not going to be released publicly. Rosa Ana stated she has been hoping to see the notes and that they were promised to the group who attended. She suggested a letter to the Chancellor from the Collaborative noting our collective disappointment that no meeting notes were provided.
- SANDAG grant – upcoming outreach dialogues being planned with Salvation Army and El Cajon CDC.
- East Region Collaborative Network (ERCN) meeting is this Thursday, January 21st at 10:30AM.

V. New Business/Announcements/Accomplishments

- Rosa Ana started a roundtable on the fiscal impact of cuts on regional services. Every single representative present was experiencing cuts to programs in their organization. It was recommended that we continue to share information about this to keep the information flowing and start discussion on what will happen to folks who fall through the newly created gaps in services. A strong concern was voiced for adult alcohol and drug treatment services.

Next Core Team Meeting February 16th at 10AM!

Other Upcoming Meetings

Executive Team: April 9th, 2010

Finance Team: January 25th, 4-5pm

Council Meeting: February 2nd; 12:30 – 2pm

Newcomer Support Work Group: February 4th, 10:30am-12pm

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