



**El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
October 19, 2010**

In attendance:

Suzanne Moser, Michelle McHale, Jeneé Littrell, Rosa Ana Lozada, Jibriel Blejani, Tamara Van Ness, Barbara Ryan, and Steven Jellá.

I. Welcome & Sharing Positives

Rosa Ana Lozada, Core Team Chair opened the meeting with introductions; members participated in a roundtable and shared positive information with the group.

II. Approval of Meeting Notes

No changes to the September 21st meeting notes. Notes were approved on consensus.

III. Discussion of Collaborative Priorities/Follow-up on Strategic Planning

DISCUSSION: At the October 8, 2010 El Cajon Collaborative Executive Team Meeting, the Executives discussed and prioritized areas of focus for the strategic plan. Furthermore, they charged the Core Team with reviewing their priority and recommending ways to operational these areas. It was agreed that the Core Team, would then provide a recommendation back to the Executives for review, approval, and implementation.

In summary, the Executive Team identified the following:

- Public safety seemed to be the #1 priority given that many of the priority areas could be addressed within a public safety framework
 - Combine engage community into recreation
 - Mobilize residents to be proactive
 - Prevention activities for youth- public health model
 - Activities
 - Mentoring program -> character building
 - Youth activities- safe place
 - Graffiti abatement
 - Advertisement
 - Basic needs
 - Bullying
 - Life schools
 - Parenting
 - MH/SA
 - Character building
 - Family outreach
 - Engaging community
- Outcomes
 - Reduce gangs
 - Juvenile crime
 - School attendance/reduce truancy
 - (HSA) Building healthy communities

Vision: Through our collaboration, El Cajon's children, youth and families are safe, empowered and thriving.

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.

- Improve networking and coordinating
- Community perception

Per Rosa Ana, the Newcomer Work Team has set forth priorities. Some of the areas identified by the Executive Team may be addressed in the Newcomer Work Team. Their priorities are as follows: ESL & Teachers: identify the available ESL programs in El Cajon, create a resource guide to include contact and other information to maximize access. Additionally, the team agreed to identify available space for additional classes to be offered.

After completing of Goal #1, the team will then pursue the other two goals: identification of Local Resources (specifically in the area of parenting classes and cultural orientation) and Newcomer Family Support (specifically regarding after school programs and counseling/mental health services)

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In summary, the Core Team agreed that Public Safety is an effective overarching direction that addresses many of the other areas identified as needs/gaps.

ACTION: Steven & Rosa Ana

Starting Place- increase collaborative partnership w/ Parks & Recs to provide prevention services for youth and families

Next step- talk w/ Laurie w/ Parks & Recs

CSEC- parenting classes (computer literacy protect child); outreach of CSEC w/ Parks & Recs

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IV. Collaborative Updates

- 3) Grants/MOUs/Letters of Support
- 4) GHD re-submit –grant sent to Mary H.
- 5) SANDAG

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 6) November 16th next meeting.
- 7) The Team agreed to cancel the December meeting.