



**El Cajon Collaborative  
Core Team Meeting Notes  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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

In attendance: Suzanne Moser, Michelle McHale, Jeneé Littrell, Rosa Ana Lozada, Joe Eberstein, Jibriel Blejani, Bruno Cirello, and Steven Jellá.

**I. Welcome & Sharing Positives**

Our welcome and introductions included the tradition of sharing of positive information. Bruno Cirello of the El Cajon Police Department joined us for the first time and shared that nationwide, crime is at a 35 year low. No specific intervention or technique is attributed to the decrease, but it is a very positive thing!

**II. Approval of March Meeting Notes**

The March meeting notes were reviewed and no changes were recommended.

**III. Moving Forward with Strategic Planning**

Steven Jellá began by reviewing the Executive Team meeting and noting that the role of Core Team was discussed. The Executive Team agreed that Core Team should be working on enacting the strategic focus of the Collaborative through the goals and objectives put forth. A logic model was recommended and will be developed. It was also agreed that the Core Team should focus on inviting all Partner staff to the table who wish to be involved. A special email will go out to the Executive Team as individual topics are identified for Core Team conversations. It was also decided that the work of the strategic actions should be specific to the work of the Collaborative Partners, not new programs created by the Collaborative – unless it is of great importance to the area and agreed upon by the Executive Team.

With that the Core Team reviewed the goals and objectives approved by the Executive Team and began work on deciding how to move forward. It was recommended that instead of choosing an individual goal or objective, the group should start with a population of identified youth and do an analysis on that group, using existing data. The goal of the analysis will be to see what is needed, what commonalities exist amongst the individuals and what conclusions can be drawn. The GOALS agreement between the East Region school districts, police departments, San Diego Youth Services and the Probation Department is a model for this work and allows for information sharing amongst those partners.

A discussion yielded the following list of various youth populations which could be discussed with the lens, public safety.

- Youth who live near Renette Park, possibly specific ages or service types (probation youth, newcomer youth, etc.)

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***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.*

- Youth engaged in alcohol consumption/abuse.
- Students in high school and middle school with 2 or more suspensions and/or violent offenses
- Re-offending probationers
- Kindergartners without dental health exams on file at school
- Students transitioning from community day school to high school

Of course, more ideas are possible, but for now the team settled on action of the students in high school and middle school with violent offenses. Both the GUHSD and CVUSD will take a snapshot of youth with 2 or more suspensions on their record. Jeneé Littrell (GUHSD) will connect with Jennifer Wagner (CVUSD) to update her on this decision and move forward with the initial analysis.

Time ran short, but in closing, Steven acknowledged that the next meeting will be a working meeting to identify needs, gaps and resources that can help this particular population of students who are at-risk. We will apply the goals and objectives from our strategic focus to further implement Collaborative work.

**Next Core Team Meeting, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM!**