



**El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
August 17th, 2010**

In attendance: Suzanne Moser, Tammie Glowacki, Nora Cole, Rosa Ana Lozada, Joe Eberstein, Jibriel Blejani, Dilkhwaz Ahmed, Barbara Ryan, and Steven Jellá.

I. Welcome & Sharing Positives

Rosa Ana Lozada, Core Team Chair opened the meeting with introductions and sharing of positive information from the group.

II. Approval of July Meeting Notes

The July meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Discussion on community needs assessment/strategic planning

DISCUSSION:

- Lack of traction on Strategic Planning
- Sub-group led by Joe Eberstein, Jeneé Littrell and Suzie Moser recommended gathering 3 goals/priorities for involvement in El Cajon Collaborative from each organization.
- Barbara Ryan noted we should keep in mind difference between Providers' and communities' needs.
- We can construct alternate surveys or data collections to include more community feedback – this would only be a “place to start”.

ACTION: Lea will follow up with email to Core Team, will prioritize for continued discussion at Executive Team in October.

CONSENSUS DECISION:

- Lea to send something out to gather 3 priority areas of each organization. Also ask - what would you like to do but can't?

IV. Coordinator's Maternity Leave Plan

The Coordinator's maternity leave plan was passed out and discussed. No changes or updates were made. She will be on leave starting October 1st, 2010 and will return part-time on January 3rd, 2011 and then full-time February 1, 2011.

V. Updates from the Coordinator

- The SANDAG grant is being continued for another year. More details will be discussed at an orientation today, but final approval of the contract will likely be needed prior to the Coordinator going on leave in October. Rosa Ana Lozada requested information on the data that has been collected by the Collaborative. Lea noted a report is being developed and can be distributed at next months meeting.
- Parent Forum on Vaccinations is planned for September 22nd at the El Cajon Library, a flier with information will be sent soon.

VI. REPORTS

- A. Finance – no meeting in July.
- B. Personnel – already covered Lea's maternity leave planning
- C. Council – presentations for the upcoming year were discussed with a small group at the last meeting and will be disseminated at the September meeting.
- D. Newcomer Work Group –
 - The last meeting was well attended with 30+ attendees.

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.

- The group is working on updating the 3 current target areas: ESL education and training, job development, cultural understanding. A prioritization process was used for the discussion and has been helpful to add more structure to the meetings and tie it back to the Collaborative. The next step would be to determine specific goals and objectives within each of the target areas.

VII. NEW CHANGES OR UPDATES TO REGIONAL SERVICES

- Joe Eberstein of IPS noted that their contract for binge/underage drinking, methamphetamine prevention and marijuana prevention is still awaiting final decision by the County.