Meeting Purpose: *To engage service-delivery staff and community members in resource sharing, networking, and action to benefit the children, youth and families of the El Cajon Community.*

I. Welcoming Remarks & Collaborative Updates

Pam Toohey welcomed everyone and made a few short announcements. She reminded everyone to sign in and to contact Lea Bush for any corrections or changes to the sign-in sheet or the PowerPoint information.

II. Services for Homeless Families (Panel Presentation)

We welcomed 5 individuals who shared information and answered questions about services for homeless families. The presenters were:

- Denise Valence Schoolcraft of East County Transitional Living Center

Offering services in 2 programs, Christian-based and non-Christian based. They have emergency services for individuals in El Cajon and can help with a wide-range of services for families who are experiencing homelessness.

- Brandy Gross of Volunteers of America (VOA)

Target individuals who are experiencing homelessness due to a mental disorder.

- Russ Lurcook of Salvation Army

Offer help on an individualized and emergency basis to homeless individuals and families. Trunk ministry provides food, hygiene kits and conversation by volunteers and Senior meal program 11-1 everyday is also available to those who are homeless.

- Rosemary Johnston of Interfaith Shelter Network

Rotational shelter program run by volunteers and faith congregations – referrals in East Region go through Crisis House and VOA. 8 week maximum stay from January-May. Location rotates every 2 weeks, provides dinner and breakfast – must be under medical supervision and in control if drug/alcohol or mental issue has been a problem.

- Carla Navarro of Home Start

Family Self Sufficiency Program can provide help with employment, case management, as well as emergency food and clothing. Appointments are required.

III. Resource Sharing – Community Announcements

The following organizations and community groups were present and shared resources and/or program updates. We recommend that all participants utilize the Collaborative Council contact list to follow up on information presented at the meeting. The Collaborative contact list is updated monthly with individuals who have participated in the meeting within the last 6 months. The most recent version can be accessed by emailing lea@elcajoncollaborative.org or checking online at the El Cajon Collaborative Google Group http://groups.google.com/group/elcajoncollaborative?hl=en

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- AKA Head Start
- Family Health Centers of San Diego
- Bethlehem Food Pantry
- Welcome Home Family Program
- Courage to Call
- Neighborhood Healthcare
- American Red Cross – WIC
- Jewish Family Services
- Birth Parent Association
- Catholic Charities
- Center for Community Solutions
- Chaldean-Middle Eastern Social Services
- Crossroads Family Services
- East County Refugee Center
- East County Transitional Living Center
- Assertive Care at Home
- El Cajon Community Development Corporation
- San Diego Youth Services
- Grossmont High School District
- Healthy Adventures Foundation
- Institute for Public Strategies
- Mental Health America – San Diego
- Motivating the Teen Spirit
- National Children's Study
- Planned Parenthood
- San Diego County Library – Rancho San Diego and El Cajon Branches
- San Diego County Public Health Nursing
- Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association
- UCSD Talent Search
- Volunteers of America
- Salvation Army
- Interfaith Shelter Network
- Home-Start

Next Meeting, February 1ˢᵗ!
Presentation: Tax Preparation for Low-Income Individuals

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