**Minutes of Meeting**

**Newcomer’s Collaborative**

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**Mission:** *embrace, empower, connect with self and others, and to provide resources to everyone who is new to east region.*

**Date:** Tuesday April 11, 2017

**Time:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Location:** 389. N Magnolia Ave. El Cajon, CA 92020

HHSA/CWS East Region - Building 367

**Minutes taken by:** May Hasan

**Attendees:**

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| **#** | **Name** | **Agency** |
| 1 | Al Lejandr | SD habitat for Humanity |
| 2 | Estela De Los Rios | CSA- SDCOUNTY – NC Chair |
| 3 | Rita Shamoon | Cuyamaca College |
| 4 | Neda Rivera | CWS - SDCOUNTY |
| 5 | May Hasan | San Diego Youth Services – NC Co-chair |
| 6 | Mohammed Tuama | Newcomers Support & Development (NSD) |
| 7 | Dana Stevens | CASA |
| 8 | Yadira Dickey | FBI |
| 9 | Nawal Alkatib | CMSS/SYHC |
| 10 | Carol lewis | ECC |
| 11 | Rebecca Bida | Nile Sisters |
| 12 | Jackline Mola | Mental Health America |
| 13 | Edith Sanchez Cruz | BigBrothersBigSisters |
| 14 | Agnes Hajek | UPAC-EMACS |
| 15 | Joseph Jok | IRC |
| 16 | Hakim O | Community (self) |
| 17 | Louie Michael | El Cajon PD |
| 18 | Aseel Ross | DCSS – SDCOUNTY |
| 19 | Erik Dececchi | DCSS – SDCOUNTY |
| 20 | Bryanna Fornerdd | DCSS – SDCOUNTY |
| 21 | Jose-Ramos Arellano | DCSS-BPAI – SDCOUNTY |
| 22 | Jennifer Naval | AHASA – NC&E – SDCOUNTY |
| 23 | Maggie Fenn | HHSA – SDCOUNTY |
| 24 | Abdi Abdillahi | HHSA – SDCOUNTY |
| 25 | Sara Ramos | Public Consulting Group (PCG) |

Minutes of the meeting:

1. **Networking, welcoming and introduction**

Members of the meeting introduced themselves.

1. **Refugee World Day (WRD) task force representative presentation – Maggie Fenn**

WRD will take place on June 17th, 2017 at the City Heights Library/Park. Newcomers’ members, who attended this meeting, agreed to have a representation as group during the WRD. NC chair Estela De Los Rios will register the group. The task force is still requiring performers, resource tables and volunteers. CASA suggested they can provide some volunteers between the ages of 15-17 y/o. NC will be represented as a group and will have a banner with all members’ agencies logo and table of resources. Transportation of refugees and newcomers from east region to the event location was highlighted. Sara Ramos from PCG and Carol Lewis from ECC will be looking into some options and get back to Maggi/May. It was brought to the attention of the members that WRD will fall during Ramadan the month of fasting for Muslims community.

1. **Discuss committees for the social event in November 2017**

Members were invited to participate in the event committees to start planning and working on the coming event. This event will be for newcomers who reside in the East Region. This event is organized for all newcomers to share their cultures and celebrate their presence in new community. Committees members are expected to meet monthly once or twice on this event and report to the NC members in the monthly meeting.

1. **Announcement**

* NSD announced few workshops and events.
* African Advisory Committee for Mental Health Presented an event on mind your health taking place April 14.
* Habitat for Humanity announced the homeownership opportunity in El Cajon