



**El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
June 21, 2011**

Purpose of the Core Team:

To provide oversight and direction for the interagency partnerships and implementation of initiatives in the El Cajon Collaborative that are consistent with the Mission, Vision and priorities of the collaborative.

AGENDA ITEMS/ DISCUSSION	CONCLUSION/ ACTION
<p>I. Welcome & Sharing of Positives- Steven Jellá, San Diego Youth Services, began the meeting at 8:32am. Attendees introduced themselves and were given the opportunity to share something positive. Meeting participants included: Suzie Moser, Jibriel Blejani, Laura Beadles, April Griffiths, Michelle McHale, Romalyn Watson, Joe Eberstein, Nora Cole, Marilee Gorham, Jenee' Littrell, Rigo Garcia, Jennifer Wagner, Rosa Ana Lozada, LaVonna Connelly and Steven Jellá.</p>	
<p>II. Approval of May Meeting Notes- May Meeting Notes were not available for review.</p>	<p>LaVonna will send out May meeting Notes via email.</p>
<p>III. Review Collaborative Work Priorities- Steven reviewed the list of work priorities/goals the Core Team is currently working on, which include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase pro-social activities for youth 2. Increase community involvement in Collaborative partnerships 3. Enhance prevention activities for youth using the public health model of universal, secondary and targeted interventions <p>The group reviewed the objectives for each of these goals, and commented on progress made thus far. Comments included: Marilee Gorham, City of El Cajon Recreation Administration, handed out copies of the new Summer 2011 Guide to Recreation. Merilee shared the Recreation Department's success in meeting both Objectives under <u>Goal #1</u>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Engaging El Cajon families in free/low cost recreational activities b. Utilizing staff trained in "integrated mentoring models" to facilitate some of the recreational classes/services in El Cajon <p>Marilee also shared how their department had also contributed to meeting the Objective under <u>Goal #2</u>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Working with the Collaborative to collect data (a Survey) on the community's perceptions regarding the Parks and Recreation. Marilee noted that this Survey gave community members (both park users and park non-users) a chance to engage proactively in 	<p>The group agreed that the Recreation Department's efforts were valuable to the accomplishment of the Collaborative's current Work Priorities. Marilee stated that the Recreation Department collects usage data on all structured recreational activities and is willing to share with Collaborative members.</p>

<p>b. planning for the public safety of the parks and associated recreational activities.</p> <p>Steven added that the El Cajon Collaborative, by its nature, helped to accomplish <u>Goal #2</u>, and its Objective.</p> <p>c. Coming together of various non-profits, businesses and government entities to assess for common social issues and work toward common solutions through relationship building and resource sharing.</p> <p>Steven also pointed out that the Core Team’s engagement in the GOALS process for selected “at risk” populations, had contributed to the accomplishment of the first Objective under <u>Goal #3</u>.</p> <p>Romalyn Watson, San Diego Health and Human Services, shared that County Supervisor Jacob and HHSA East Region Director, Pam Smith, are Co-Chairing a local health initiative called <i>Building Better Health</i>. These meetings are part of San Diego County’s efforts to increase local health outcomes. Romalyn encouraged the Collaborative members to get involved with this important initiative.</p> <p>Rosa Ana Lozada, Harmonium Inc, noted that the El Cajon Collaborative’s Strategic Goals, Objectives and Activities align nicely with the County’s <i>Building Better Health</i> initiative.</p> <p>Steven noted that in addition to collaborative activities, all organizations can contribute to the goal of better health outcomes in our region by creating Health and Wellness policies or by dusting off existing Health and Wellness policies and implementing them.</p>	<p>LaVonna will attend and support the <i>Building Better Health</i> initiative on behalf of the Collaborative.</p> <p>Rosa Ana suggested that a presentation be created to share the Collaborative’s efforts that augment/support the County’s Building Better Health initiative.</p> <p>LaVonna stated she would be willing to work on the presentation.</p>
<p>IV. Strategic Plan</p> <p>Rosa Ana Lozada, Harmonium Inc. reminded the group that we had discussed reviewing current strategic plans and initiatives relevant to the work we are doing. Initially this was too broad; now that we have a clear direction, there are specific plans that may provide us with information to help aligning our effort with other existing efforts.. The San Diego County Report Card on Children and Families. would be a very relevant document for the group to review. The group agreed to invite Paula to present to the Collaborative.</p> <p>There was also question as to the direction of the Newcomer’s Work Group, a specific committee under the Core. In summary, according to Lea the group is on hold pending the internal leadership that is being identified. LaVonna offered to follow up with the group. It was agreed by Core Team members that further discussion needs to occur prior to outreach to the group.</p>	<p>LaVonna will schedule a time for Paula to present the Report Card on Children and Families to Core Team. Rosa Ana will assist with contact information.</p> <p>LaVonna will add Newcomers to the following Core Team Agenda for further discussion.</p>
<p>V. Global Profile of at-risk Youth as Identified by School Discipline Data-</p> <p>Steven introduced the GOALS process by stating that the purpose was to assess system-wide factors that impacted youth “not making it” in the traditional system.</p>	<p>Steven asked new Core Team attendee, April Griffiths, San Diego HHSA Child Welfare Services, if CWS would</p>

<p>Jenee' informed the group that she had been working on the GOALS process with other community groups in the East Region, but was particularly excited that the El Cajon Collaborative had such a diverse set of partners at the table to assess at risk students.</p> <p>Jennifer Wagner, Cajon Valley Union School District, shared data regarding the education element for the Middle School cohort. Jennifer noted that three of the students were not found in the Cajon Valley Union School District. The following educational themes were noted for the 11 students in the Cajon Valley system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 out of 11 of the students were eligible to be SARBed due to excessive tardies. However, none of the students had ever been SARBed. • 9 out of 11 students had a history of referrals, with the lowest being 2, the highest being 94, and the average number of referrals being 34. • 7 out of 11 students had a history of suspensions, with the lowest being 1, the highest being 7, and the average being 4. • Only one student out of 11 had an IEP. • 5 out of 11 students had been referred to school or outside services. <p>Michelle McHale, San Diego County Probation Department, presented data regarding the probation element for the Middle School cohort. Michelle noted that nine of the students were not found to have records through the San Diego County Probation Department. The following probation themes were noted for the six students found to have records at the San Diego County Probation Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 out of 6 students had an informal probation contract. • 4 out of 6 students had a formal wardship. • Legal offences varied for each of the six students. • 2 out of 6 had gang affiliations • None of the students had a history of being abused noted in their records. • 4 out of 6 students had drug abuse noted in their records. • 3 out of 6 students had referrals to HHSA noted in their records. <p>Steven noted that "at risk youth that are engaged in services and having a degree of success" would be the next student cohort that would be studied.</p>	<p>like to become a signed contributor to the GOALS process.</p> <p>Jenee' stated that she had the evaluation results from the CSEC GOALS process, including the policy changes that were implemented.</p> <p>Steven will select 15 new students for the new cohort and send them to those who have signed on to the GOALS process.</p>
<p>VI. Updates and Reports</p> <p>Jenee' Littrell, Grossmont Union High School District, informed the group that efforts to form a County Task Force on Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation had been successful.</p> <p>Joe Eberstein, Institute for Public Strategies, informed the group of the progress being made to reduce nuisance and criminal activities by "serial inebriates" in El Cajon through collaborative efforts with local businesses and law enforcement. Joe passed out a copy of a letter to local businesses (that sell alcoholic beverages), from the El Cajon Chief a Police. The letter invited local businesses to meet with law enforcement</p>	

to work toward solutions so that the enforcement of an Ordinance that would ban the sell of single-serving alcoholic beverages could be avoided.	
NEXT MEETING: (3rd Tuesday) July 19, 2011 8:30-10:00am Little House/ 131 Avocado Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020	

Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Executive Team	July 8, 2011	9:00-11:00am	Little House
Finance Team	July 25, 2011	4:00-5:00pm	Little House
El Cajon Collaborative Council	July 5, 2011	12:30-2:00pm	Cajon Valley Unified School District <i>Staff Development Rm #1</i>
E. Reg Collab Ntwk (ERCN)	<u>DARK</u> in July		

ECC Overall Strategic Work Priorities
(April 2011 - June 2012)

Strategic Focus: Public Safety and Youth

Goals:

1. Increase pro-social activities for youth

- Objective A: Engage community into recreation facilities and activities
- Objective B: Seek opportunities for mentoring our youth

2. Increase community involvement in Collaborative partnerships

- Objective A: Mobilize residents to proactively participate in public safety activities

3. Enhance prevention activities for youth using the public health model of universal, secondary and targeted interventions.

- Objective A: Improve community wellness
- Objective B: Increase community partnerships to prevent bullying and provide character education

***** Measurable outcomes will be determined for each objective through Core Team.**