



**El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
November 15, 2011**

Purpose of the Core Team:

“To provide oversight and direction for the inter agency partnerships and implementation of initiatives in the Collaborative.”

AGENDA ITEMS/ DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
<p>I. Welcome and Sharing Positives- Jennifer Wagner-Grondek, Cajon Valley Union School District (Core Team Vice-Chair), welcomed everyone, and facilitated the sharing of positives. The meeting began at 8:30am.</p> <p>Meeting Participants: Jennifer Wagner-Grondek, Marilee Gorham, Suzanne Moser, Romalyn Watson, Shea Scallon, Michelle Zeidler, Joe Eberstein, Dilkhwaz Ahmed, Barbara Ryan, Laura Beadles, Steven Jellá, and LaVonna Connelly.</p>	
<p>II. Approval of October’s Meeting Notes- Marilee Gorham, City of El Cajon Recreation Department, noted that in Section III of the Notes, Hillsdale Park should be Hillside Park.</p>	<p>LaVonna Connelly, ECC Coordinator, will make the change and finalize the Notes.</p>
<p>III. Parks and Recreation Services Survey Update- Steven Jellá, San Diego Youth Services (Core Team Chair), shared some data/information regarding the Parks and Recreation Survey. He stated that a doctoral student is compiling and analyzing the results of the survey, and he shared some of the preliminary results. In summary:</p> <p>Frequency of Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of respondents (339 out of 847) stated they visit parks on a <u>weekly basis</u>. • 200 out of 847 respondents stated that they visit parks on a <u>daily</u> basis. • 169 out of 847 respondents stated that they visit parks on a <u>monthly</u> basis. • A combined total of 84 respondents stated that they visit parks <u>rarely or never</u>. <p>Visits per Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The park with the most <u>daily</u> visits reported was <u>Kennedy Park</u>. • The park with the most <u>weekly</u> visits reported was <u>Hillside Park</u>. • The park with the most <u>monthly</u> visits reported was <u>Kennedy Park</u>. • Parks that respondents stated that they visit <u>rarely or never</u> were <u>First Luther Church Park</u> and <u>Foothills Park</u>. <p>Days of Visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The most common response regarding which days of the week that respondents visit parks was <u>multiple days</u> (409 out of 847). • The second most common response regarding which days of the week that 	

respondents visit parks was Monday-Friday (189 out of 847).

- Answers indicating that respondents visited parks most commonly on Tuesday (37), Wednesday (43) or Saturday (39) were almost tied as the third most common response.
- Monday (10 out of 847) was the day of the week least reported as the day respondents visit parks.

Times of Visit

- "Multiple Times" (270 out of 847) was the most common response regarding what time respondents visited parks.
- The second most common answer regarding times respondents visit parks was 6:00-10:00pm (240 out of 847).
- The third most common time that respondents stated they visited parks was 12:00noon-3:00pm (120 out of 847).
- The time period that respondents stated that they were least likely to visit parks was from 7:00-9:00am (38 out of 847).

Reason for Park Visit

- "Multiple Reasons" (387 out of 847) was the most common response regarding reasons why respondents visit parks.
- "Other Reasons" (138 out of 847) was the second most common response regarding reasons why respondents visit parks.
 - Within the "Other Reasons" responses, the top three reasons stated were Sports (64), Social (59), and Parks (51).
- 107 out of 847 respondents stated that Recreation/ Center Program was the reason why they visit parks.
- The least common reason that respondents stated that they visited parks was to Picnic (12 out of 847).

Michelle Zeidler, Harmonium, stated that it appeared that parks were being highly utilized from 3:00-6:00pm (often referred to as "critical hours"). She asked what types of activities were available for adolescents at parks during that time. **Marilee** replied that middle school age teens seem to want to participate in park activities, but they fear not being seen as cool. High school age teens seem to think park activities are boring. She noted that the skate plaza at Renette Park is often a hangout for older male teens; however, their group presence can be intimidating for mothers and children that also utilize the park. **Abbie Brack, County of San Diego Child Welfare Services**, noted that youth on probation are given a curfew of 6:00pm. She stated that it would be interesting to analyze the data by age and park use after 6:00pm.

IV. Strategic Plan Review-

Steven shared that ECC was in the process of doing an annual update of the Collaborative Strategic Work Plan. He stated that the Core Team was responsible for reviewing/updating the goals for ECC's Operational Priorities. Current goals under Operational Priorities are:

1. Develop survey process for determining Operational Priorities
2. Review survey feedback
3. Adopt Operational Priorities

<p>Steven stated that Core Team would continue working on activities related to these goals until June 2012. He stated that the Core Team would review them and develop new goals as needed at that time.</p> <p>LaVonna shared that as part of the annual review of ECC's Strategic Work Plan, the Partnership Agreement is being updated/revised. She stated that Core Team would be dark in December, and she asked if Core Team members might be willing to review/ give input to the draft revised Partnership Agreement by email. She explained that the final agreement would be finalized at the ECC Executive Team meeting on January 13, 2012. She also requested input on the Success Report that would be presented to the Executive Team in January.</p>	<p>Core Team to review goals under Operational Priorities in June 2012.</p> <p>LaVonna will send draft version of revised Partnership Agreement and Success Report to Core Team members for review and input.</p>
<p>V. GOALS Process- Second Street Cohort-</p> <p>Steven shared that we were in the process of working with Jenee Littrell to identify an older cohort of students living in the "Second Street area" that are potentially at risk for poor outcomes due to the risk factors present in their living environments. He stated that the Core Team would resume work on the GOALS process as soon as the cohort was identified.</p>	<p>LaVonna will follow up with Jenee with specific addresses in the Second Street area so Jenee can identify an older at-risk cohort.</p>
<p>VI. Collaborative Reports- (on back page)</p> <p>LaVonna encouraged Core Team members to read the information on the back of the Agenda. Suzie Moser (Executive Team, Chair), added that the Personnel Team had decided to meet quarterly and was in the process of providing input to LaVonna for her 3 month performance review.</p>	
<p>VII. Announcements/Accomplishments-</p> <p>Steven asked Core Team members to consider becoming part of Core Team leadership. He stated that Core Team would be recruiting new leadership, as current Vice-Chair, Jennifer Wagner-Grondek would be transitioning into the Chair role, and the Vice-Chair position would be vacant. Steven asked Core Team members to consider this opportunity and stated that he would bring it up again in subsequent meetings.</p>	
<p>VIII. Adjournment-</p> <p>Steven adjourned the meeting at 10:00am</p>	