



**El Cajon Collaborative**  
 Core Team Meeting Notes  
 April 21, 2015 / 8:00-9:30 a.m.  
 Little House 131 Avocado Ave. El Cajon, CA 92020

**Core Team Meeting Purpose:**  
 To provide oversight and direction for the interagency partnership  
 and implementation of initiatives in the Collaborative.

Agenda Items	Action
<p><b>I. Welcome and Introductions, participants included:</b>  <i>Carol Lewis, Dana Stevens, Abdi Abdillahi, Barbara Ryan, Joyce Moore, Romalyn Watson, Jennifer Grondek, Rolland Slade, Mohammed Tuama, Judy Wright, Salwa Yalda, Dilkhwaz Ahmed</i></p>	
<p><b>II. Approval of March Meeting Notes</b></p>	Approved
<p><b>III. Collaborative Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Finance Team Update</i></li> </ul>	No current update
<p><b>IV. Coordinator Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Carol gave a presentation of the new El Cajon Resources website and the El Cajon Collaborative Facebook page. Recommendations were given for additional resources on the Children's Healthcare page. A sample of new logos was passed around the table and a vote was taken on the favorite logo.</i></li> <li>• <i>The attached March report of the coordinator's activities was presented.</i></li> </ul>	Additions to the website will be made.
<p><b>V. Accomplishing ECC's Strategic Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Carol presented the matrix for the Reducing Barriers in a Diverse Community Workshop series. The dates were discussed and the topics. It was agreed that the Cultural Sensitivity/Trauma Informed should be the first presentation. The draft of the flyer was distributed and suggestions were given for additions to the flyer including the website and Facebook page for more information and updates. Speakers should be added to the flyer to make it more appealing and informative.</i></li> </ul>	Carol will update flyer and get it out into the public and on the website.

<p><b>VI. El Cajon Recreation Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frank Carson couldn't attend so Dana gave a presentation of upcoming Recreation Department programs including the KABOOM! build at Bill Beck park and Main St. America's celebration. Both events need volunteers so El Cajon Collaborative will help coordinate efforts to reach out and recruit volunteers from local agencies. Dana shared about a community meeting last night where the neighborhood members helped design what the play structure will look like.</li> </ul>	<p>Carol will help coordinate volunteer recruitment efforts with local agencies.</p>
<p><b>VII. CORE Team Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carol provided an updated roster of Executive Team members and Core Team members. There was a discussion of members who were not attending any longer and reaching out to them to see if they wanted to still remain on the Core Team. Suggestions of new members were given.</li> </ul>	<p>Carol and Dana will follow up with members who are not attending and contact new member candidates.</p>
<p><b>Roundtable (Accomplishments, Announcements)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mohammed shared that he is working on a Job Fair for East Co. and that the World Refugee Day will be held in El Cajon on June 20<sup>th</sup> this year. He needs sponsors for the Job Fair to hold it at the Ronald Reagan Center.</li> <li>Abdi updated the group on the decline of Iraqi refugees this month but didn't feel like the decrease will last.</li> <li>Pastor Rolland shared the success of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren event this month.</li> <li>Salwa shared that she would like to see a "Law Workshop" added to the new refugee orientation. It was pointed out that it shouldn't wait for 5 years until they take citizenship classes.</li> </ul>	<p>Carol is working with Mohammed on World Refugee Day.</p> <p>Carol and Dana will research resources to add a workshop about the law.</p>
<p><b>NEXT CORE TEAM MEETING: TUESDAY, May 19, 2015 8:00-9:30 a.m.</b></p>	

<p><b>Mission:</b> 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</p>
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