



Core Team Meeting Notes
 May 17, 2016 / 8:30-10:00 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>I. Welcome and Introductions, participants included: Abdi Abdillahi, Dana Stevens, Carol Lewis, Barbara Ryan, Mohammed Tuama, Laura Beadles, Sandra Simmer, Romalyn Watson, Dilkhwaz Ahmed, Cathy Hilton, Karen Minshew, Joyce Moore, Carol Lewis (staff), Guest: Paola Boylan</p>	None
<p>II. Approval of April Meeting Notes No discussion</p>	Approved
<p>III. Collaborative Business Barbara gave an overview of ECC’s finances for the months of February through April. ECC is still in good financial standing.</p>	Approved
<p>IV. City of El Cajon Updates Paola Boylan from Circulate San Diego updated the group on activities related to SANDAG grants with the City of El Cajon. The Be Safe El Cajon grant is forming Meet Up Groups for walking around El Cajon. This creates a social atmosphere, gets people walking and feeling safe in their neighborhood. They will also be putting on Transit Trainings with STAAND and other youth, but would like to work with seniors as well. The third component is a survey that they are doing to see how people are using public transportation and what their perceptions are regarding safety.</p>	
<p>V. El Cajon Recreation Updates Dana shared the information about America on Main St. with the group and encouraged them to attend and promote it to their families. She also updated the group about the playground in front of the library is now open.</p>	No action
<p>VI. Newcomers Update- See attached report. Abdi shared we had 40 more families from Afghanistan arrive. These are refugees, not asylees. There were 79 from Iraq as they continue to be processed, and 12 from Syria. Mohammed updated the group regarding the Newcomers’ Workshops that were held at the end of April. 67 Refugees attended and 35 children. The group felt that the workshops were relevant and informative. Many stayed the entire event. Mohammed is not only working at identifying community leaders with our newcomers but assisting them in working together. He has met with the new Afghan refugees on two occasions. The Syrian refugees will most likely come to East County because of the</p>	No action

<p>resources that we have available. Affordable, fair housing continues to a barrier for our families. Section 8 housing just became part of HHSA's programs.</p>	
<p>VII. Accomplishing ECC's Strategic Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of last month's SWOT activity: Dana and Carol presented the results of our SWOT activity last month. It will serve to direct us as we look at our strategic priorities and goals as we move forward. • Continue Discussion on ECC's Strategic Goals Advocacy was added to the SWOT activity and it was discussed how it is in the ECC Guidelines. The group looked at each of the Goals and Objectives. The group decided to add an Objective B to Goal 2. They wanted to stress the importance of community engagement and family self-sufficiency. They also thought that we should add a Goal 4 for advocacy. Many ideas were written on the board. *See attached worksheet. Carol and Dana will work on the language and send out a draft to the group. Although the group wanted to send it to Executive Team in June, it was decided to wait and spend time on it to get it right. 	<p>No action</p> <p>Carol and Dana will work on the wording of the Strategic Goals and send it out to the group as a draft.</p>
<p>VIII. Coordinator Report Ran out of time. No report.</p>	
<p>IX. Roundtable (Accomplishments, Announcements) Ran out of time. No announcements.</p>	
<p><i>NEXT CORE TEAM MEETING: TUESDAY, June 21, 2016 8:30-10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Please note the new start time.</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Mission: 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>	