



**El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
November 2010**

In attendance:

Suzanne Moser, Nora Cole, Rosa Ana Lozada, Jibriel Blejani, Tamara Van Ness, Barbara Ryan, Joyce Moore, and Steven Jellá.

I. Welcome & Sharing Positives

Rosa Ana Lozada, Core Team Chair opened the meeting; roundtable of group introductions and sharing of positive information.

II. Approval of September Meeting Notes

A change to the October 19, 2010 meeting notes. In section III under Discussion of Collaborative Priorities. Barbara Ryan requested that following changes:

- Change: Life schools to “Life Skills”
- Also: employment.

III. Strategic Plan Update- “Public Safety”

DISCUSSION: The Core Team concluded that working in collaboration with the Recreation Department to offer services at their site could be an effective and efficient way of reaching youth and their families.

Key items:

- Reviewed El Cajon Survey response submitted by Lori (Park and Recreation Department) interested in partnering with community groups
- Goal of engaging youth, families and adults with affordable/accessible recreational opportunities that advance their overall health and wellness.
- Will be conducting surveys to identify gaps, assess interest, need, and engagement of more youth, families and the community at large participate into activities

Achieving Mutual Goals-

The Core Team concluded that working in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department would be a way of achieving mutual goals. The focus of the Core Team priorities as per the direction of the Executive Team is to provide comprehensive services for youth using a public safety approach.

Potential How to implement (get started): lessons from Parks & Recs

- Using Park & Rec model- supports public safety by giving pro-social activities
- Differs from Boys & Girls/YMCA are membership driven
- Park & Rec- engages whole community vs. targeted neighborhoods
- Recognized need for organized sports to help deter gang activity
- Park & Rec
 - 7 sites & AYSO/Little League and school partnerships

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ACTION:

- Next step: invite Lori to join the Core Team at the January meeting. Begin dialogue on how we might move forward.
- Discuss possibility of adding questions to Recreation's survey for additional community services that could be offered at a Recreation site.

IV. Other Strategic Activities

- Form a matrix
- Clarify what youth is define (targeted ages 11-24) includes TAY
- Clarify outcomes- measurable –use other partners and community goals & integrate them.

V. Collaborative Updates

- Pass on CDBG funding request
- SANDAG (Mary Wilson, Christina Burke)
 - Collaborative Award
 - submitted supplemental award
 - announced in Spring
 - GHCD- grant awarded to LH Avocado \$40,000

VI. REPORTS

- A. Finance – no mtg, no change
- B. Personnel – The functions provided by Debbie will need to be reassigned due to her illness. Discussion took place with the Rapid Response Team with approval to hire J. Bushby on a temporary basis using special reserves.
- C. Council – LH Avacodo mtg (bring JoAnne on as property mgmt)
- D. Newcomer Work Group –

As the workgroup identified its priorities, while the assumption was that additional classes are needed, the group concluded that the current classes are not all at capacity. There has been a substantial increase in ESL classes over the year. The group recognized that the focus should be on meeting class capacity. Some challenges include- consistent attendance, understanding of the requirements, student accountability and responsibility. Understanding these barriers and identifying solutions has become more of a focus. The risk is that classes could close due to insufficient attendance and gains would be lost. The concrete action is the development of a list of locations in El Cajon where ESL classes are offered along with contact information.
- E. East Region Collaborative Network – new director of East Family Justice Center
- F. Community Services for Families – Reviewed statistics report of services provided in the East Region.

ACTION:

- Several members expressed interest in sending Debbie get well wishes. Contact information for Debbie will be forwarded to the Core Team.
- Eagles Scouts replaced roof on garage- Suzie will send a Thank You card on behalf of LH Avocado.

VII. CHANGES OR UPDATES TO REGIONAL SERVICES

- IPS- 2nd street project
- Walgreens liquor license dispute –no single serves

VIII. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Suzie- El Cajon Citizen of Year mtg attended.
- No December Mtg.

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