



**El Cajon Collaborative  
Core Team Meeting Notes  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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

In attendance: Barbara Ryan, Cheryl Cosart, Nora Cole, Paula Guerra (for Laura Mustari), Steven Jellá, Suzanne Moser and Tammy Van Ness.

**I. Welcome & Sharing Positives**

Steven Jellá, Vice Chair opened the meeting as Rosa Ana Lozada was unable to attend due to a last minute emergency. Attendees shared positive notes as a means of beginning the meeting.

**II. Approval of January Meeting Notes**

The January meeting notes were reviewed and no changes were recommended.

**III. Standing Agenda Items**

- Updates on regional services
  - Tammy VanNess of McAlister noted that they are waiting on hearing about a few potential grants that may help keep some of their programs afloat. She expected some news to come as early as March.
  - Cheryl Cosart of the El Cajon Library noted that there have been some staffing changes in the County Library system and that she will be moving to cover the South East Regions of San Diego and that Nancy Saint John will be the new El Cajon Branch Manager. We are sad to see Cheryl go, but we wish her well in her new pursuits.
  - Paula Guerra of Home-Start noted that they are actually expanding their Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program through September. More information on FSS and Enhanced FSS guidelines can be found on our website ([www.elcajoncollaborative.org](http://www.elcajoncollaborative.org)) under the resources blog.
  - The representatives from Family Health Centers, Rady Children's Hospital and San Diego Youth Services did not have any changes to report at this time.
- Strategic Planning

Strategic planning has been on hold for a few months, while Lea has spent some time working on the Little House campaign. We agreed that at our next meeting we should pick up on our strategic planning and Lea noted she could do a short overview to make sure we start where we left off.

**IV. Relationship Building with East Region Partners**

- Paula Guerra agreed to get further clarification on the CSF request to have a letter of support designating our partnership to CSF. It was noted that the best would be to have a request in writing to the Collaborative so it can be considered by the Core Team. Lea noted that she has continued to participate in the CSF Steering Committee and has offered relationships for parenting class locations as well as interns for child supervision.

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## V. Updates from the Coordinator

- Newcomer Support Work Group continues to meet regularly and have good participation.
- East Region Collaborative Network (ERCN) meeting is this Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-12 at Spring Valley Elementary (3845 Spring Drive).
- Lea participated in the 2010 Point in Time Homeless Count and counted the downtown El Cajon area and surroundings. Feedback was given that the Regional Task Force on the Homeless needs to give further preparation to the communities to participate.
- Grants/MOUs/Letters of Support chart was reviewed.
  - SANDAG (Environmental Justice) – Lea is working on the first of three outreach conversations on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army in El Cajon.
  - Grossmont Health Care District – contract is being signed and finalized. Lea is tracking all health related work and will resume the strategic planning at next meeting.
  - Smoke-Free Multi-Housing Resolution  
A smoke-free multi-housing resolution was presented by Lea on behalf of Julie Eramo from Communities Against Substance Abuse (CASA). There were additional questions on the resolution and Lea will ask Julie if she is able to attend next month to share data about who else has signed and where all the statistics in the resolution can be cited.
  - Stoney's Kids – a \$1,000 donation was received from Stoney's Kids through the relationship with our El Cajon Recreation Department. We will be working with CVUSD and McAlister to help implement some of the programming.
  - Request to Kaiser Foundation, Lea presented a request to the Kaiser Foundation in California for a \$2,500 grant to help continue the classes on “What to do when your child gets sick” by Suzie Moser. The grant would pay for books and operating costs of setting up the trainings.

## VI. Team/Work Group Reports

- A. Finance – Barbara Ryan, Finance Team Chair requested that we provide our financial summary to the Core Team on a regular basis. She updated that we continue to be on target for our budget and that she and other members of the Finance Team are still encouraging organizations and individuals to give to Little House.
- B. Personnel – Suzanne Moser, Personnel Team Chair noted that the group is still trying to find a time to meet to follow-up on discussion that was started about the roles between LH Avocado, Inc. and El Cajon Collaborative.
- C. Council – Lea reported that all is going well at the Council meeting. It continues to have good attendance and participation. We have had good success with a model of asking each organization in the room to give a short announcement.

## VII. New Business/Announcements/Accomplishments

Lea shared a health resource that can be ordered from the California Healthcare Foundation at [www.chcf.org/salud](http://www.chcf.org/salud). It is a great English/Spanish booklet that covers health and wellness programs in California. Lea also requested that if anyone does order the booklet to let her know so she can track the resource sharing.

Paula Guerra of Home Start shared that they are working on Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) clinics and expedited food stamp processing. More information is available here: [http://www.elcajoncollaborative.org/uploads/1/4/1/5/1415935/eitc\\_tax\\_prep\\_flyer\\_revised.pdf](http://www.elcajoncollaborative.org/uploads/1/4/1/5/1415935/eitc_tax_prep_flyer_revised.pdf)

**Next Core Team Meeting March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10AM!**

*Other Upcoming Meetings*

Executive Team: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Finance Team: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4-5pm

Council Meeting: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 2pm

Newcomer Support Work Group: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am-12pm

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