



**El Cajon Collaborative  
Core Team Meeting Notes  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**In attendance:** Jennifer Wagner, Suzanne Moser, Tammie Glowacki, Sue Christopher, Rosa Ana Lozada, Laura Mustari, Leslie Luna (for Joe Eberstein), Tamara Van Ness, Barbara Ryan, Nancy Saint John, and Steven Jellá.

**I. Welcome & Sharing Positives**

Rosa Ana Lozada, Core Team Chair opened the meeting with introductions and sharing of positive words by the group.

**II. Approval of May Meeting Notes**

A change to the May meeting notes was requested by McAlister Institute representative, Tammy Van Ness. The meeting notes were otherwise unchanged.

**III. New updates or changes in regional services**

Regional service updates were given as follows:

- Probation is unsure how funding cuts will impact their staff or services, although Tammie Glowacki noted that they are not expecting to lose any of their juvenile probation staff.
- Rady Children’s Hospital is expecting massive cuts to Medi-Cal, they are working through a legislative process to change the proposed Governor’s budget changes.
- Cajon Valley Union School District is looking at impacts on school programs as a result of budget cuts.
- Crisis House is working with a group to develop a “Project Connect” to help bring a day of resources to people experiencing homelessness in Santee, Lakeside and El Cajon. Sue Christopher also mentioned that they currently have some availability in apartments, but they are not getting referrals for families with children. It was recommended she send an email to Lea with the pertinent information and eligibility criteria.
- Institute for Public Strategies had nothing to report at the time of the meeting.
- Harmonium noted that their current grants with CSF (Community Services for Families) and El Cajon Police Department (for first time youth offenders) are going well.
- Suzanne Moser noted that she is preparing for another “What to Do When your Child Gets Sick” class at the El Cajon Library.
- San Diego Youth Services is working to maintain their services and programs.
- Home Start is looking for more flexibility with some of their billing in the CSF contract and are training their staff in Safe Care to help with parent education during in-home visits. Their FSS (Family Self Sufficiency) contract is also going well.
- McAlister received a notice of intent to award the contracts for Teen Recovery Centers in East, Northeast and Southeast. They are still waiting on the RRC

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(Regional Recovery Center) contracts to be awarded. Tammy shared that the East County RRC has an open co-occurring meeting once a week, more information on that meeting is available by calling (619) 440-4801.

- El Cajon Library is hosting a community event on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> with a variety of entertainment and informational booths. They also have a new teen room and some renovated public spaces opening soon. They remain open 7 days a week and are hosting a study space for refugees who are studying for a licensing exam in the United States which will allow them to get credit for their time studying.

#### **IV. Strategic Planning**

Everyone was asked to bring a copy of the Collaborative Operating Guidelines to review. In addition to the discussion below, recommendations will be solicited at the June meeting to be approved/reviewed by Executive Team in July.

The group discussed Parent/Community Member engagement and participation in Core Team. The consensus was shared that the *preferred* makeup of the Core Team would be 4 executive representatives, 4 parent/community representatives, and 4 representatives from either the Council or Work Groups. Language to reflect this consensus will be recommended to the Executive Team at their July meeting. Also, as a matter of process the Core Team asked that the Executive Team review and approve the 12 “voting” representatives to the Core Team. The 12 “voting” representatives will be organizations/individuals who have a signed Partnership Agreement on file. Lea will provide a list of Partner organization staff who has attended Council/Work Groups within the last 6 months to each of our Executive Team members with the goal to recruit/retain the additional 4 parent community members for the 2010-2011 year. The meeting will remain an open meeting to any of the El Cajon Collaborative Partners who wish to attend. In order to find “involved” and interested parents/community members we discussed a few strategies including the following:

- a. Recruiting through PTA at Cajon Valley (Suzanne Moser to connect with Jennifer Wagner)
- b. Recruiting within organizations who have clients/community members as representatives
- c. Recruiting through Council
- d. Preparing a detailed orientation for parents/community members to create a welcoming environment
- e. Possibly considering a change of meeting time, depending on schedule conflicts, etc.

Further discussion is needed at the June meeting to decide on implementation of these ideas.

#### **V. Updates from the Coordinator**

- Little House new tenant Grossmont Union High School District will be renting three offices at Little House for a “International Newcomer Center” to support English Learner families in the district.

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- The CSF Steering Committee is requesting that Collaboratives weigh in on the frequency of meetings, the Team agreed that bi-monthly meetings would be the preference to monthly meetings.
- Letters of Support were approved for:
  - Kurdish Human Rights Watch (congressional earmark funding)
  - Cajon Valley Union School District (Tobacco Use Prevention and Education)
- We did not have enough time to discuss the Smoke-Free Multi-Housing additional information provided by Communities Against Substance Abuse.

## **VI. Team/Work Group Reports**

- A. Finance Team planned to share their annual plan recommendations, which will go to Core Team, however we ran out of time to discuss the plan. If there is time in June this will be a discussion item.
- B. Personnel Team has continued to meet and is planning to recommend a mutual agreement between LH Avocado and ECC regarding the Coordinator's duties to help detail and clarify the role of the Coordinator as it relates to Little House and LH Avocado, Inc. business. Additionally, maternity leave planning will continue through this groups efforts.
- C. Council was not discussed due to lack of time in the meeting.

**Next Core Team Meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10AM!**