

# Minutes of Meeting Newcomer's Collaborative

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**Mission:** *embrace, empower, connect with self and others, and to provide resources to everyone who is new to east region.*

**Date:** Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Time:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Location:** 389. N Magnolia Ave. El Cajon, CA 92020  
HHS/CWS East Region - Building 367

**Minutes taken by:** May Hasan

## Attendees:

#	Name	Agency
1	Monique Knight	United Health Care
2	Estela De Los Rios	CSA- SDCOUNTY – NC Chair
3	Afrah Abdulkader	Vista Hill
4	May Hasan	San Diego Youth Services – NC Co-chair
5	Maysar Cholagh	CMSS
6	Ali Alsaadi	PCG
7	Mary Hyatt	Grossmont Adult School
8	Jesus Pcheco	EJE Academies
9	Ali Albehadili	Home Start
10	George Ibarra	CSA
11	Dilkhwaz Ahmed	License to Freedom
12	Al Legarde	SD Habitat for Humanity
13	Nancy Bathke	SD Habitat for Humanity

Minutes of the meeting:

### **Networking, welcoming and introduction**

Members of the meeting introduced themselves.

### **Presentation by License to Freedom**

Presentation by Habitat for humanity was conducted and resources shared. December 17<sup>th</sup> there is an orientation for homeownership. It is recommended that people go on line and apply; there will be child care and actual application can be completed during the orientation and have 2 weeks to return.

### **Discuss the outcome of the outcome of the Multicultural event of November 2017**

According to members of the NC collaborative attended this meeting:

- It was announced that around 500 people attended the event
- All members agreed that it was very successful and well organized event
- Very positive feedback was received from people who attended the event according to NC members
- There were people who came all the way from SD and north county to attend the event
- There were no incidents reported during the event; it went very smoothly
- The event evaluation will be shared during next NC meeting to identify the gaps in community and how we can help fill these gaps and meet suggested needs
- Thanks letter to be sent to all organizers and volunteers
- Special thank was given by NC members to Afrah Abdelqader for her efforts managing the volunteers' work
- Thanks were given also to EJE Academies for hosting the event with special thanks to Mr. Pacheco.
- All members were in agreement for the NC collaborative to organize another event for next year and to start organization soon since we are targeting 1000 people to attend and to prepare save the date flyer, outreach to sponsors and participants.
- Next year event to include refugees/newcomers to exhibit their own products; IRC may provide list of clients to invite next event
- Increase prizes for best costume to three prizes and include kids in the contest

- It was suggested that next year's event to be called 'Multicultural Celebration'
- Some suggestion for next year is to have
  - All recourse tables in one section not scattered in different places
  - To have a sign of 'halal' food and to notice if anyone have allergy
  - Shades are required to prevent the sun
  - More trashcans and portable restrooms
  - Signs to show directions to restrooms/food...etc

December NC Collaborative meeting is going to be pot luck and to look at the event evaluation results and celebrate the holidays

Some members suggested changing the name of the Newcomers Collaborative to a new name suggested by members. December meeting members will vote on the new names.

### **Announcements**

- EJE Academies will have a public hearing for the charter renewal on November 14<sup>th</sup>
- Chaldean Middle Eastern Social Services having family health & wellness fair on November 17
- A protest is planned to take place on November 17<sup>th</sup> against the proposed amendment to the Iraqi Personal Status Law No. 188 of 1959.
- Chaldean agencies are planning to stand against Christians killing on November 16<sup>th</sup>