



**El Cajon Collaborative  
Monthly Council Meeting Notes  
December 4, 2012**

*Purpose of the Council:* “To engage direct service staff and community partners in resource sharing, networking, joint planning and action around issues that benefit the youth and families of the El Cajon community, consistent with the mission, vision and priorities of the Collaborative.”

**AGENDA ITEMS/ DISCUSSION**

**I. Welcoming Remarks-**

**Council Facilitator, Veronica Mikho, National Conflict Resolution Center,** welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 12:35.

**Meeting Participants:**

AKA Head Start, American Red Cross WIC, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Catholic Charities, Chaldean Middle-Eastern Social Services, Child Development Associates, Crossroads Family Center, East County Refugee Center, El Cajon First United Methodist Church/Bethlehem Food Pantry, Family Health Centers of San Diego, Healthy Adventures Foundation, Institute for Public Strategies, International Rescue Committee, Molina Healthcare, National Conflict Resolution Center, Neighborhood Healthcare, Jerry Barber, San Diego County HHS Health Promotions, San Diego County Public Health Nursing, University of San Diego Legal Clinics, WIC SDSU Research Foundation, El Cajon Adult Center, and Fleet and Family Support Center.

**II. Collaborative Updates-**

**Collaborative Coordinator, LaVonna Connelly,** highlighted a few important Collaborative updates:

- The Positive Youth Development Workgroup is hosting a youth conflict resolution training on two evenings- February 25 & 27<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer on ECC’s website: [www.elcajoncollaborative.org](http://www.elcajoncollaborative.org)
- ECC is hosting a Resident Leadership Academy in El Cajon, starting in early March. Flyer and Application can be found on ECC’s website: [www.elcajoncollaborative.org](http://www.elcajoncollaborative.org)
- ECC has two offices for lease at Little House (138 sq ft for \$376 or 68 sq ft for \$185). See LaVonna for details.

**III. Networking Activity #1**

**Facilitator, Veronica,** introduced a “People BINGO” activity. Participants networked while getting their BINGO cards signed off (and having FUN!).

**IV. Networking Activity #2**

**Facilitator, Veronica,** introduced a “Speed Networking” activity. Participants took two minutes to introduce themselves and tell each other about their agency, program, services, event or need. Participants reported that they gained many new contacts and learned new information they could use in better serving their clients.

**V. Adjournment/ Informal Networking**

**Facilitator, Veronica,** adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm and attendees were welcomed to stay and continue their informal networking.