



El Cajon Collaborative
Monthly Council Meeting Notes
February 7, 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."

Due to the absence of the ECC Coordinator from this meeting, February Meeting Notes will be ultra-brief.

AGENDA ITEMS/ DISCUSSION

I. Welcoming Remarks-

Council Attendee, Suzanne Oliver, volunteered to facilitate the meeting due to both the ECC Coordinator and the Council Facilitator being out sick. Suzanne welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 12:30.

Meeting Participants:

AKA Head Start, American Red Cross WIC, Catholic Charities, Chaldean Middle-Eastern Social Services, Child Development Associates, Community Housing Works, Courage to Call, Crossroads Family Center, CSA San Diego, Cuyamaca College, Cuyamaca College EOPS, El Cajon First United Methodist Church/Bethlehem Food Pantry, El Cajon Silvercrest Independent Senior Living, Episcopal Refugee Network, Family Health Centers of San Diego, Grossmont Cuyamaca Community College District Welcome Back Center, Grossmont Union High School District-International Newcomers Center, Heartland Coalition, Home Start, Housing and Community Development, Institute for Public Strategies, License to Freedom, Neighborhood Healthcare, Motivating the Teen Spirit, Public Consulting Group, RADY Children's Psychiatry, Regional Task Force on the Homelessness, San Diego County Library/El Cajon Branch, San Diego County Library Rancho San Diego Branch, San Diego County Probation, San Diego County HHSA/Refugee Services, San Diego Hunger Coalition, San Diego Law Library, San Diego Youth Services Family Resource Center, SAY San Diego, Southern California Tribal Chief's Association, Southern Indian Health Council, St. Paul's PACE, UCSD Talent Search, Woodglen Vista Apartments.

II. Collaborative Updates-

This item not covered due to the absence of ECC Coordinator and will be covered in full at March's Council meeting.

III. Presentation- Section 8 Housing

Patrick Tabor, SD County Section 8 Housing Program, reviewed information regarding the Section 8 Housing Program:

- 55,000 people are on the waiting list for Section 8 Housing in San Diego County.
- Requirements were reviewed but info was too detailed to include here. For more info go to: http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/sdhcd/renters/section_eight.html
- Contact Patrick Tabor at (858) 583-2849

IV. Presentation- Foreclosure and Affordable Housing

Ali Tarzi, Community Housing Works, reviewed information regarding Foreclosure and Affordable Housing services available.

- For more info, go to: <http://www.chworks.org/>

V. Presentation- Housing Rights

Jose Cervantes, CSA San Diego, reviewed information about housing rights services.

For more info, go to: <http://www.c4sa.org/>

VI. Presentation- Homelessness

Jennifer Litwak, Regional Task Force on the Homeless, reviewed information regarding homelessness in East Region.

- For more info, go to: <http://www.rtfhsd.org/>

VII. Roundtable (Announcements, Trends, Issues)

Contact information can be found on our Contact List at:

http://www.elcajoncollaborative.org/uploads/1/4/1/5/1415935/jan2012_council_contact_sheet.pdf

Catholic Charities announced that there were free smoking cessation programs available for those who are considering quitting. Contact Eddie Gomez for more information. **Motivating the Teen Spirit**

announced that they would be starting a new series of workshops for teens on March 17th & 18th.

Scholarships are available. Call Alex at: (858) 583-2849 for more info. **Chaldean Middle Easter Social**

Services announced that they would be offering workshops on citizenship starting on Saturday

February 18th. **Crossroads Family Care** announced that they have counseling services available. **Family**

Health Care Centers of San Diego announced that they would be offering free mammograms. **Catholic**

Charities announced that they would be having a meeting for the refugee and immigrant community at St. Michael's Church on Thursday, February 18th.

VIII. Adjournment- Suzanne adjourned the meeting at 1:50pm