



El Cajon Collaborative
Core Team Meeting Notes
July 19, 2011

Purpose of the Core Team:

To provide oversight and direction for the interagency partnerships and implementation of initiatives in the El Cajon Collaborative that are consistent with the Mission, Vision and priorities of the collaborative.

AGENDA ITEMS/ DISCUSSION	CONCLUSION/ ACTION
<p>I. Welcome & Sharing of Positives- Chair, Steven Jellá, San Diego Youth Services, began the meeting at 8:35am.</p> <p>Meeting Participants: Marilee Gorham, Suzie Moser, Romalyn Watson, Tammie Glowacki, Joe Eberstein, Laura Beadles, Michelle Zeidler, LaVonna Connelly, Rosa Ana Lozada and Steven Jellá.</p>	
<p>II. Approval of May and June Meeting Notes- Core Team members reviewed the meeting Notes for May and June. Date noted wrong at the top of the June Notes. May notes approved without correction.</p>	<p>LaVonna to correct date at top of June notes.</p>
<p>III. Newcomer Working Group Update- Steven summarized that the Newcomer Working Group was on hold and that it was up for further discussion. LaVonna added that a Council attendee, Casey Nguyen, was implementing a Consensus Organizing project in El Cajon to address employment issues in the refugee community. LaVonna stated that she encouraged Casey to do outreach to other Council members who serve the refugee community by using the Council roster that is posted on the ECC website.</p> <p>Core Team members discussed the role that the Collaborative should be playing in the Newcomer Working Group. Questions that came up were: Who is responsible for the Working Groups, how are they structured? , What are the goals of the Newcomer Group, are they in line with the ECC's goals? The group's consensus was that the ECC supports leadership development within their own working group. LaVonna offered that there was a lot of diversity within the Newcomer group and that one Council member had expressed concern that the group may not be able to identify their own leader. Laura Beadles, San Diego Youth Services, suggested that a Co-Chair model of leadership may be appropriate.</p> <p>Rosa Ana, Harmonium, suggested that a meeting be scheduled to review past accomplishments and to discuss future plans for the group. She suggested that we express our support and help the Newcomer Group feel more connected to the Collaborative as a whole. Tammie Glowacki, County of San Diego Probation Department, suggested that the meeting be "all inclusive" and that the meeting focuses on the common ground among them. The group agreed.</p>	<p>LaVonna to schedule a Newcomer Working Group meeting.</p>

IV. Review Collaborative Work Priorities-

Steven stated that the Collaborative was working toward all three of the Collaborative's Strategic Goals. First, the team discussed:

Goal #2: Increase community involvement in Collaborative partnerships

➤ **Recreation Survey**

Collaborative partners worked together to assist the City of El Cajon Recreation Services Department to collect input from a large and diverse set of community stakeholders (both park users and park non-users). **Marilee Gorham, City of El Cajon Recreation Services**, gave the completed surveys to **Steven** so the data could be compiled and analyzed by personnel at San Diego Youth Services. Data will be used by Recreation Services to work toward Goal #1: Increase pro-social activities for youth.

Goal #3: Enhance prevention activities for youth using the public health model of universal, secondary and targeted interventions

➤ **Global Profile of at-risk Youth as Identified by School Discipline Data**

Steven began by reviewing the outcomes to the Global Profile review completed last month; high number of tardies and truancies but no SARBs, and students having very little engagement in mentoring activities.

SDYS:

Steven introduced a new Global Profile of a group of at risk students who had successfully completed mentoring activities. Conclusions were:

- Age at referral varied from 5-18 years.
- 3 out of 20 had legal charges against them.
- Zero out of 20 had a history of running away.
- 2 out of 20 had been sexually abused or exploited.
- 8 out of 20 had been involved in a Child Welfare case.
- 13 out of 20 had academic concerns.
- 3 out of 20 had been involved with alcohol/substance use.
- Zero out of 20 had any medical concerns listed.
- 6 out of 20 had a history of therapy; 5 out of 6 were with an intern.
- 20 out of 20 had completed some type of mentoring services.

Rosa Ana noted that there are no medical issues noted for any of the students by SDYS. **Steven** stated that it could have been the way the data was collected.

CVUSD:

In the absence of Jennifer Wagner, Cajon Valley School District, **Steven** reviewed the CVUSD data:

- 17 out of 18 of these students were involved in the Cajon Valley District.
- 6 out of 17 were ESL students.
- 4 out of 17 had been socially promoted.
- 9 out of 17 had a history of referrals (0-77) or suspensions (0-2)
- Zero of 17 had been SARBed.
- 5 out of 17 had IEPs.
- 3 out of 17 had been referred for services.

Core Team members discussed the trend among these at risk students of not being SARBed, although clearly having issues with tardies/truancies. **Barbara**

Steven to have data compiled and analyzed and will report back to Core Team with the results.

<p>Ryan, Rady’s Children’s Hospital, stated that there may be “pre-SARB” processes that are not reflected in the data. This raised questions among group members “Are SARB policies specific to schools or standardized across districts?” and “Are there specific numbers of offenses that prompt SARB reviews or is it up to someone’s discretion?” Core Team members stated that it may be useful to know the policy for our discussion. Steven and Rosa Ana made the point that students benefit from personal engagement when they are doing well, or poorly. The group agreed but was cognizant of the impact that budget cuts was having on the schools (and their staffing).</p> <p>Probation: Tammie reviewed the data from the Probation Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6 out of 15 students had some involvement with the Probation Services. ○ 4 out of 6 had a formal wardship with the Probation Services (2 informal). ○ 5 out of 6 students had a history of delinquent behaviors (ranging from possession, to burglary, to vandalism, to battery to possession of a firearm at school). ○ 3 out of 6 had spent days in custody. ○ 2 out of 6 were involved in gangs. ○ 4 out of 6 had a history of substance use. <p>Michelle McHale, who compiled the data for the Probation Department was out on maternity leave. The group noticed that there were only 15 subjects in her group, as compared to the 20 subjects that SDYS and CVUSD studied. Core Team will have to wait for Michelle to return to work to ask her about this. Steven stated that the current cohort of subjects had successfully completed some type of “mentoring services” and this was an opportunity to see how this group differed from other groups who did not receive any type of mentoring services. Core Team members discussed the importance of defining what mentoring services were. The group agreed that the definition should be broad and inclusive, as there is therapeutic power in relationship. The questions came up “What types of mentoring opportunities are our partner agencies offering and are they being utilized?”</p> <p>➤ Wellness Policies</p> <p>Steven stated that Paula Ingram, Associate Director of the Children’s Initiative, will be presenting information specific to El Cajon from the San Diego Report Card on Children and Families. This health and wellness information will be used to inform the Core Team’s next steps.</p>	<p>Team members will discuss the SARB policy with Jennifer Wagner when she returns from summer break.</p> <p>LaVonna will look for the list that was started of partner activities.</p> <p>LaVonna will be primary point of contact for Paula.</p>
<p>V. Collaborative Reports- Brief summaries highlighting important Collaborative activity were written on the back of the Agenda for review. These items were not discussed in the meeting.</p>	
<p>VI. Other Announcements/Accomplishments- Laura announced that SDYS is looking for a bilingual Arabic/English counselor. Candidate must be license eligible. Details on website: www.sdyouthservices.org Marilee reported that City Manager, Kathy Henri will be retiring this October, and Bob Turner will be the interim Manager. She also reported that the new</p>	

<p>Police Station will be open soon with many renovations to the area. She shared that Parkway Plaza is getting a few new health-related vendors. Lastly, she announced that ECC donor, Stoney's Kids is planning a fundraiser/20th Anniversary celebration on August 25 at 5:30pm at Sycuan Resort on the lawn. The cost is \$25 per person and large Auction items are needed. More details on website: www.stoneyskids.org</p>	<p>Interested donors please contact Marilee.</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING: (3rd Tuesday) August 16, 2011 Little House/ 131 Avocado Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020</p>	

Reminder of Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Executive Team	October 7, 2011	9:00-11:00am	Little House
Finance Team	July 25, 2011 (4 th Monday)	4:00-5:00pm	Little House
El Cajon Collaborative Council	(Dark in August) <i>Planning Meeting</i> August 2, 2011	12:30-2:00pm	Little House
East Region Collaborative Network (ERCN)	(Dark in July) August 18, 2011	10:30am-12:00noon	Spring Valley Elementary School