



**El Cajon Collaborative  
Core Team Meeting Notes  
March 20, 2012**

*Purpose of the Core Team:*

“To provide oversight and direction for the inter-agency partnerships and implementation of initiatives in the Collaborative.”

AGENDA ITEMS/ DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEMS
<p><b>I. Welcome/Sharing Positives</b>  <b>Steven Jellá, San Diego Youth Services (Core Team Chair)</b>, welcomed everyone and facilitated the sharing of positives among the group.</p> <p><b>Meeting Participants:</b>            April Griffiths, Barbara Ryan, Shea Scallon, Nora Cole, Richard Preuss, Julie Cohick, Michelle Zeidler, Steven Jellá, Jennifer Wagner-Grondek, and LaVonna Connelly.</p>	
<p><b>II. Approval of February’s Meeting Notes-</b>            Core Team members reviewed January’s Notes and approved them by consensus.</p>	
<p><b>III. Success Report Review/Discussion-</b>            Core Team members reviewed the updated version of the June-December 2011 Success Report. <b>LaVonna Connelly, ECC Coordinator</b>, noted that ECC was in the process of identifying activities to meet objectives that currently have no activities listed under them (mentoring opportunities and bullying prevention/character education). <b>Barbara Ryan, Rady Children’s Hospital</b>, noted that she believed that the updated Success Report, with its focus on quantitative data, was in line with what the Executive Team was asking for. <b>LaVonna</b> asked Core Team members if they thought it would be OK if she began putting content for mentoring and bullying prevention/character education on the ECC and/or Resource websites. Core Team members were in consensus that adding mentoring and anti-bullying/character education content to the websites was a good idea. The team also agreed that the quantitative data, could act as a baseline for ECC to measure future success.</p>	<p><b>LaVonna</b> will begin adding content regarding mentoring and anti-bullying/character education on ECC websites.</p>
<p><b>IV. GOALS Process/At-risk Bullying Cohort</b>  <b>Steven</b> reviewed that last month Core Team reviewed educational and social service data for the Bullying Cohort. <b>LaVonna</b> clarified that Students #1-8 were targets of bullying, Student #9 was both a bully and a target of bullying, and Students #10 and 11 were bullies. <b>Shea Scallon, San Diego County Probation Department</b> shared Probation data for this cohort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 out of 11 of the students in this cohort had a record with SD County Probation Department.</li> <li>- Student #1 was arrested this month (March) for threatening a family member with a weapon. Student is detained and awaiting hearing.</li> <li>- Student #5 was arrested for burglary in December 2011.</li> </ul> <p><b>April Griffiths, San Diego County Child Welfare Services</b>, shared Child Welfare data for this cohort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 out of 11 of the students in this cohort had engaged with the Child Welfare System (CWS).</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student #1 is currently engaged with CWS due to the student's reported mental health-related issues which have resulted in the student threatening family members.</li> <li>- Student #8's family has had past engagement with CWS due to allegations of care giver absence (neglect). CWS engaged this family in The last engagement was in March 2012.</li> <li>- Student #9's family has had intermittent engagement with CWS due to allegations of physical abuse by one of Student #9's parents. There were also allegations of bullying in household by one of Student #9's parents.</li> <li>- Student #11 comes from a complex blended family dynamic. Student #11's family has had frequent engagement with CWS for allegations of general neglect, domestic violence, drug use and sexual abuse. The last engagement was in December 2011.</li> </ul> <p>Core Team members noted that for some students there may be a correlation between bullying behavior at school and abuse at home. Also noted was Student #1's mental health issues, which are known to be a risk factor for being a target of bullying.</p>	
<p><b>V. Recommendations to Executive Team for 2012-2013-</b></p> <p><b>Steven</b> reviewed ECC's current Goals and Objectives with Core Team members. Core Team members were in consensus that the Goals were still relevant, and although progress has been made toward the Goals, there is still work to be done on them. Based on Core Team consensus, <b>Steven</b> stated that the Core Team's recommendation to Executive Team would be that ECC continue to pursue the current Goals and Objectives in 2012-2013.</p> <p>Core Team members discussed that relationship building is a key ECC activity that is not reflected in ECC's Goals/Objectives. <b>Barbara</b> stated that relationships are not a Goal but are a Value. She recommended that ECC create a set of values that clearly state the value ECC places on relationships. Core Team members were in consensus that Values should be developed.</p>	<p><b>Post-Meeting Note:</b></p> <p>The following Values are listed in ECC's Operational Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>I.</b> Decisions reached through a consensus of diverse perspectives;</li> <li><b>II.</b> Partnerships focused on collaboration and shared resources;</li> <li><b>III.</b> Being responsive to and inclusive of our community; and</li> <li><b>IV.</b> Open access to information and resources.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VI. Collaborative Reports-</b> (See back page)</p> <p><b>LaVonna</b> encouraged Core Team members to review ECC's activities in February listed on the back of the Agenda. She highlighted the information regarding the distribution of information and resources via the ECC website and the "resource" website. Within a four week period, the combined hits on the two websites were 1,648.</p>	

**VII. Announcements/Accomplishments-**

- **Shea Scallon** announced that the Juvenile Hall Open House will be May 19 2012 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Kearny Mesa facility. She stated that she would get information for ECC regarding opportunities to host an informational booth.
- **Nora Cole** announced that Family Health Care Centers of San Diego/Chase Clinic now has a mental health therapist (LCSW) on staff. She stated that there is also a psychiatrist at the clinic 1x/month. Both mental health professionals accept Medi-Cal.

**Shea and Nora** can send LaVonna flyers for posting on ECC website.

**Next Core Team Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 17, 2012  
8:30-10:00am @ Little House