

**Santee Community Collaborative
COLLABORATIVE
Meeting Minutes December 6th, 2023
In-Person
Santee, CA 92071**

Welcome & Introductions – Ken called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Members/Guests present: 20 guests.

Review of Agenda & Minutes – A motion was made by Jean/Andreas to approve today's agenda and a motion was made by Jean/Janessa to approve the November minutes.

McAlister Institute: Patrick Foley, Youth Services Director Ladasia Powell, Outreach Worker – Ladasia and Patrick presented on the services provided at McAlister. The process is as follows: referrals (initial contact with participant), intakes (assessment of client), and services (intensive and outpatient). Client eligibility is very open; anyone can refer (self, hospital, staff, Probation, or Child Welfare Services). The client does need to be Medi-Cal eligible. The curriculum is evidence based and focuses on substance abuse/dependence, self-control, peer relationships, etc. They do all this through client engagement. Client engagement includes finding a safe and positive environment, including the parents or guardians in treatment goals, starting the trust-building process, and helping the client reach their goals. Early Intervention (EI) services are for those who are at risk of developing substance-related problems. EI provides continuous services. The goals for the client to learn are: be responsible for their own recovery and build a support network, learn how to connect to community based social activities, access community support systems, master refusal skills, etc. Cannabis use is the most commonly used illegal substance in the U.S. Cannabis amount teens is used more for dependence rather than abuse. Janessa mentioned that we will be having a student engagement series at the Santee School District for substance use and prevention; more to come. They opened the presentation to questions/comments, and Jean Duffy mentioned the Friday Night Live events that the San Diego County Office of Education puts on.

FASE: Foster Academic Success in Education: Ernesto Vizcarra – Ernesto and Lydia discussed the FASE program. This program began in 2020 and supports the children through Comprehensive educational case management, tailored tutoring referrals, assisting youth and caregivers with technology during distance learning, supporting and advocating for youth's educational needs during IEPs, and hosting Core meetings to create educational roadmaps with personalized objectives for each student's unique needs and goals. The core values of the program include: relationships with children and families, collaborative partners, a strong relationship with the legal system, and helping children achieve their full potential. The intended outcomes of the program are community partnership, academic success, and educational case management through the help of the Educational Social Workers. Lydia mentioned that the entire team shows up to each kid's graduation to show support. Outcomes for the 1st and 2nd cohort have been positive. These outcomes are: improved GPA, graduation rates increase, college enrollment, and no placement changes during the academic year. Camille mentioned Grossmont for the foster students because they have programs specifically for foster students. Adult education programs who are trying to complete their diploma, they can simultaneously complete college credits. We are working on partnering with FASE in the Santee School District for our foster youth.

Public Communication – None.

Director's Report with Janessa Nedney – Janessa briefly mentioned that she is working with ELP on a Multicultural Day Fair in the Spring. The ELP Director will be coming to present. More to come on this.

Announcements – SDYS staff mentioned that students are in all different situations during the holidays. There may be an increase in CWS reports after the holidays or breaks.

Holiday and Networking Activity – Janessa invited all the attendees to stay and participate in making hot chocolate jars and sharing holiday stories.

Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 3:55p.m.

Next Collaborative Meeting – Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 @ 3:00p.m.