

**CHULA VISTA COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE**

**PARTNERS MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 9, 2024

**Start of meeting**: 9:01am

Angela Tomlinson, director of Chula Vista Community Collaborative provided an update of events from CVCC that included; Day of the Child and grand opening of Rayo Closet.

Dad and Mom Joke:

Brenda Mendez, clerk typist 3, provided two jokes on the eclipse.

**Make a Wish-San Diego**

Presenter: Lauren Rigby

Mission statement = “Together, we create life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Lauren shared mission moment- Eric’s Wish – to be a padres player for a day!! Power of a wish!! Eric’s wish was the cause of San Diego granting 5,000 wishes in San Diego community.

Make-A-Wish America was founded in 1980 in Phoenix, Arizona. 360,000+ wishes have been granted in the US and its territories.

Frequently asked questions include:

* Referral – medical professionals, potential wish child, parent, guardian or family member can process a referral
* Eligibility – between ages of 2 ½ and 17 and is currently diagnosed with critical illness
* Financial – average cost of a wish $10,000; no expense to wish family or volunteers

Highlights:

* The wish process – it is a carefully planned journey designed to complete a child’s medical treatment.
* High Need Areas – serving the wish families in their language of choice and becoming a volunteer.
* Volunteer Process:
* Application & Phone call – Danielle [dice@sandiego.wish.org](mailto:dice@sandiego.wish.org)
* Age requirement – minimum 21 years old
* Background Check – cost $27 first time; required every 3 years (first time volunteer pays, after make a wish will cover moving forward)
* Wish Granter Training – attend an in-depth training session
* Start Granting Your First Wish!! After all steps have been completed.
* Las Estrellas – volunteer resource group

Upcoming Training:

* June 8th from 9am – 1pm in central San Diego (in-person training)
* April 12th – May 17th Application cycle (You can apply today!)

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**VOICES FOR CHILDREN**

Presenter: Yana Aldridge

CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate; are volunteers of all backgrounds who make a commitment to advocate and transformed lives of abused and neglected children.

Who we serve:

* Youth in Foster Care
* Youth in Juvenile Justice System (dependent on crimes committed)
* Up to 21 years old

What Makes a CASA Different?

* Appointed by Juvenile Court Judge, giving full access to all case information
* Able to collaborate between all parties
* Long term commitment on each case
* Typically focusing on one case at a time versus dozens or hundreds
* Consistent presence during vulnerable time

Questions Asked:

* Can you share a little bit of foster care and why? Youth enter into foster care due to abuse/neglect – foster parent, kin, boarding school, juvenile justice program; any child who enters the system no matter what legal status (the youth qualifies); Caregivers can request CASA services.
* How does the volunteer process work? Based on the needs of youth, the volunteer will be matched; we do background checks, interviewing, training, meet the staff and start. 10-15 hours a month volunteers must be 21 years of age or older and minimum 18 months of service commitment.

Voices for Children

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**ST. PAUL’S PACE**

Presenter – Veronica Meza

PACE – full coverage program for the elderly; all-inclusive senior services.

4 Locations:

* San Diego
* Chula Vista
* El Cajon
* Encinitas

Who we serve:

* 55 and older
* Medi-Cal/Medicare
* Medi-Cal only
* Medi-Cal eligible
* Lives in San Diego County
* Lives safely at home

Who is PACE for:

* May have trouble with transportation
* May need more support managing appoints/medication
* Health is declining due to lack of follow through/difficulty
* May not have support system/may need or want more support
* Adult’s children are needing support

How can PACE help?

* Physical & Occupational Therapy
* Rehabilitation Stays
* Medical Equipment/Medical Care
* In-Home Assistance
* Transportation
* Day Center

Highlights:

* Home care and Caregivers are provided medical and non-medical services
* Dietary and Diabetes support group provided including family members
* Telehealth and 24/7 hotline
* Social workers & Behavioral Health services
* Recreational therapy/ aquatic therapy/ spiritual counseling
* Transferring will require to leave original/current doctors, etc
* Retired Veterans will not lose their VA insurances, they will receive extra services
* If new medical member is in the process of applying/selecting new provider, PACE is an option

Upcoming Events:

June 1st, 2024 – from 9am to noon Senior & Family Resource Fair, St. Paul’s Conference Center, 2557 3rd Ave, San Diego, CA 92103

Workshops – 06/25/24 Senior living & Care Options, La Mesa

Workshops – 09/24/24 Healthy Aging, Chula Vista

Workshops – 11/12/24 Life Planning & Physical Health, San Diego

Contact/RSVP – [rsvp@stpaulsseniors.org](mailto:rsvp@stpaulsseniors.org)

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**JOB CORPS CENTER**

Presenter – Sandra Aponte

Location: 1325 Iris Avenue, Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Live in Campus, Live benefits, and age and eligibility requirements

Who Qualifies?

* Low-income
* Age 16-24 years old
* U.S. citizen (or lawfully admitted permanent resident alien, refugee, asylee, or other immigrant who has been authorized to work in the US.)
* Homeless/Foster Youth – may qualify

Eligibility Requirements:

* Parents/Legal Guardian Consent
* Need for Vocational training
* No probation status
* No court fees over $499.99

Documents Needed for Interview:

* Birth Certificate
* Social Security Card
* Proof of Income
* 3 Emergency contacts
* Immunization Records (if you do not have, immunizations will be given)
* High School diploma/transcripts

Career Pathways, San Diego campus offers over 17+ programs and in Clearfield, Utah they offer additional programs that SD may not offer.

What is MyPACE?

* Online career planning
* First 60 days at job corps
* Determine what steps need to be taken to achieve your career goal

Education Opportunities are offered that include the following:

* Academics
* English Language Learners
* Required Tutoring
* Trade Foundation Courses
* Drivers Education (all fees included)
* ASVAB Testing Available
* TABE Basic Adult testing in Math & Reading

Highlights:

* If student decided to attend South West College housing is provided an additional 1 year on campus
* Minimum restrictions with electronics/ students are provided a locker that fits majority of their personal/valuable items to bring
* Drug Free & No Violence campus

Upcoming Events:

Live in person tours every Wednesday’s at 8:30am (Imperial Beach)

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**FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS of SAN DIEGO**

Presenter – Erika Hernandez

LeadToc (lol like TedTalk) – mission/goal is to get all children tested for lead, reduce the number of children poisoned by Lead in San Diego County, and increase the number of lead test. Affected ages are 1-2 years old.

Highlights:

* Developmental issues
* Health effects
* Lead mimics
* Old homes increase risk
* Lead can decrease child’s ability

How to increase:

* Calcium intake
* Iron intake
* Vitamin C intake

**Quick Announcement:**

Jovita Arellano: DOTC Day of the Child event, April 20th , if you haven’t signed up, please do so. CVCC Closet, grand opening April 23rd @12:30pm, everyone is invited to attend. Acknowledged the CV Woman’s Club for their amazing work with transforming the closet. Closet is in desperate need of infant & toddler clothing, and hangers. DOTC highlights were shared!

**Roundtable**

* Brain Balance – 5 year anniversary party and resource fair, Sunday May 5th from 2pm – 4pm, Coastal Roots Farm, Encinitas.
* Serene – Health Fair/Feria de Salud, May 18th, from 11am-3pm, Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park
* Every Wednesday, @7pm, workshops only in Spanish, Emotional & Spiritual, more info on [www.amigaspuntocom.org](http://www.amigaspuntocom.org) or social medias
* Vivir mejor con Parkinson, Saturday April 27th, from 9am – 1pm, Refinery Church, Chula Vista.

**End of meeting:** 10:55am