



Date Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Time 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location International Rescue Committee
Address 5348 University Avenue, #205 San Diego, CA 92115

Minutes

Attendance: Mental Health America of San Diego (MHA); United Nations Association of San Diego (UNA SD); Native Interpreting, County of San Diego HHSA/BHS; SISU Academy; Access SD, PCG; San Diego Community College District (SCCD); Refugee Net; County of San Diego OES; Jewish Family Service S.D.(JFS), Alliance for African Assistance, CASA Cornelia Law Center, Catholica Charities, East Region adult Education, Center for Community Solutions, International Rescue Committee (IRC); New Comers Support and Development (NSD); Women's Empowerment; SAY san Diego; Somali Youth Family Services (SYFS); EC Collaborative; Home start; License to Freedom; Planned Parenthood of Pacific South West; Molina Healthcare; National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC); Blue Shield CA Promise; San Diego Welcome Back center; San Ysidro Health; Walsh Bob;

Topic		Time
• Welcome & Introductions:	Mohammed Tuama, Chair	10:30
• Membership & Financials:	Ross Fackrell, Treasurer	

Task Force Updates: 10:50

Advocacy Task Force:

The Advocacy task force will be working on updating the task force for anyone who is seeking services in the community. The task force will be creating a user friendly directory of services accessible in multiple languages and would like to put it directly on the refugee website. It will be updated regularly. The task force hopes to identify gaps in services. Will be sending out a questionnaire to the forum in the coming weeks, please look out for that.

Asylee/Asylum Seeker Task Force:

The task force has two initiatives, one to develop new policies and procedures, if one has any topics of interest let them know. Task force is also working closely with IRC to achieve this objective. The next meeting is on 3/26 @ Pana at 2.PM. Part of the meeting will be watching a webinar.

The task Force will be having their next meeting on monthly meeting tomorrow March 26th 2:00-4:00pm at 4089 Fairmount Ave. San Diego Ca 92105. Please email Rebecca Miranda at Rebecca.miranda@panasd.org for more information and to get more involved.

Domestic Violence Task Force: The Domestic Task Force we had a meeting town hall in collaboration with Huda and nasa and LTD. It was a great meeting to address DV. The DV task force is working with SD police to see how they can collaborate in assisting the DV victims. There is opening for vice chair for this task force, so please feel free to reach out to Dilkhwaz@licensetofreedom.org. We have done crisis intervention, mental health seminars. Next meeting is on March 25th at 10:30 at IRC in El Cajon City.

Employment Task Force: The employment task force is looking for host for the upcoming our meeting on April 15th. They are working with Grossmont College for future collaboration. Please email Ilena Gudino@ilenag@jfsd.org

Health Task Force: This task force met last week and currently has surveys for providers that will help them determine how to better support SDRF partners. Next month, the task force will be presenting on new research on how to get cash. Next Meeting is on April 9th 2019, from 1:-2:00 PM at Alliance .for African Assistance



World Refugee Day: In order to participate in the World refugee Day celebrations, you have to pay. The task force is working with Copley Price YMCA – still working to finalize. We need sources for food and performers. For more information, please email Melgoza, Monica Monica.Melgoza@sdcounty.ca.gov

Resettlement, County, and State Updates

10:55

• **Reception and Placement: VOLAGs:**

Alliance for African Assistance: 11 arrival- Feb 8 to March

Catholic Charities: February- Feb 5 DRC I Afghan April.1 Iraq

International Rescue Committee: March 19 ref. 3 assy. April 12 SIV/ (Iraq or Afghan) Iraq, Afghan SIV.

Jewish Family Services: march 7 arrivals. April 4 cases 28 people..

State Advisory Committee (Mohammed Tuama and Kathi Anderson):

Deferred.

Treasurer's report (Ross Fackrell): - January to March, we have one individual and 5 organizations registered.

- 2 ways to make your membership dues- check; and regular PayPal payment and PayPal gives a receipt.
- WRD is coming up fast;

County of San Diego:

- Abdi Abdillahi, County Refugee Coordinator
- 80 feb.55 family 309-2019-oct-feb 224 family 22. Families, singles

- **State Advisory Committee:** There will be a meeting on April 11th 2019 from 10-2:00 pm at Overload center. We encourage all communities to attend. One of the agenda item will be asylum seeker. Christi...Afghan, Haiti, and refugee health will also be discussed.

• **Spotlight Presentation:**

11:10

Topic: License to Freedom

Presenter: Dilkhwaz Ahamed, Director

• **Focus Presentation:**

11:30

Topic: Sisu Academy

Presenter: Jabez LeBret, Founder

• **Community Announcements: All**

- Dilkhwaz Ahamed: I brought wrist bands
- KPBS- will be organizing a community forum at City Heights law day better connect residents with local youth from local two high school on May 5th. There will be competitions where high school students can enter
- Shelly; We will meet at the Alliance for Africa Relief
- Alliance for Africa- Will host a small business education
- Hiring Arabic speaking family support workers.

- **Approval of Nov. 2018 Meeting Minutes:** SDRF is looking for an intern, please share the information. Motion to approve minutes by Jackline Mola, Secretary. Motion seconded by Silvia of JFS.

- **Adjournment:** Mohammed Tuama, Chair

12:00



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