



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
**DRUG FREE COMMUNITY
 COALITION**

APRIL 13, 2022

2:00 PM

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155 N. MORLEY AVE. NOGALES AZ, 85621

MEETING ID: 843 0616 2192

Meeting called by: Jessica Gallego

Type of meeting: Monthly meeting

Facilitator: Jessica Gallego

Note taker: Claudia Hernandez

Attendees:

1. Aissa Acuna – Boys & Girls Club
2. Claudia Hernandez- Constructing Circles of Peace
3. Jessica Gallego – Constructing Circles of Peace
4. Cassalyn David – Mariposa Community Health Center
5. Chris Bachelier – U. of A. Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension
6. Rosie Stewart – U. of A. Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension
7. Stephanie Zepeda – Mariposa Community Health Center
8. Jasmin Ayala – Constructing Circles of Peace
9. Suzette Campos – Community Health Associates
10. Kerri Munoz - SCC Superintendent's Office Gear Up Program
11. Karla de la Cruz – U. of A. Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension
12. Melody Gastelum – Pinal Hispanic Council
13. Indhira Curlango – Carondelet Holy Cross Hospital
14. Officer Marina Duran – Nogales Police Department
15. Corporal Gerardo Batriz – Nogales Police Department
16. Emilio Farias – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
17. Luis Romero – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
18. Juan Carlos – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
19. Samantha Sanchez – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
20. Sebasthian Aguilera – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
21. Rex Martinez – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
22. Bruno – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
23. Angie de la Cruz – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
24. Darlene Burruel – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
25. Kiara Gutierrez – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
26. Nicole Felix – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
27. Bryan Cervantes – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
28. Devan Peraza – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol

MISSION

To empower Santa Cruz County's communities to live a drug-free lifestyle by providing substance abuse prevention, education, establishing support to local government agencies, and empower parents and youth for success!

VISION

To reduce drug abuse in the community, strengthen community partnerships, and maintain healthy and drug-free lifestyles by establishing community values.

PURPOSE

Coalition seeks to increase perception of harm related to substance abuse and underage drinking in Santa Cruz County.

Minutes

Agenda item: WELCOME-INTRODUCTIONS

Presenter: Chair Aissa Acuna

Discussion:

To start meeting, Aissa gave a welcome to the members and encouraged everyone to introduce themselves.

Agenda item: SADD DISTRACTED DRIVING PRESENTATION

Presenter: Michelle Klima

Discussion:

Michelle Klima gave an amazing presentation where she explained what Students Against Destructive Decisions is and how it helps the community. As well as how SADD started and the different programs that they have for young people

and the society in general. Michelle focused on the history of SADD and one of their programs that they are promoting which is "Text Less, Live More".

Agenda item: SUBCOMMITTEES UPDATES

Presenter: Claudia Hernandez, Jasmin Ayala, Angie de la Cruz.

Discussion:

- Youth-serving organizations subcommittee
 - o Youth Podcast

Some ideas were shared about the YOUth podcast to improve teens participation and quality in the podcast. Some ideas were:

- To pause the podcast for a period of time and train the youth that are going to be participating.
 - Do a mobile podcast, where youth can go out and have special guests in the different episodes.
 - To give the opportunity for the youth to choose to be part of a topic or managing the media.
- o Family engagement strategies

Ideas to have more family engagement were shared during the meeting to get more people from the community involved in our programs and presentations. Ideas like going to the baseball games to recruit people and participate in upcoming events in the community.

- Faith-based organizations subcommittee

Jasmin shared that a letter of invitation has been sent to different faith-leaders from the community and they are waiting for a response to start meeting and make strategies to prevent substance use in their groups. Anyone interested in participating and be part of this subcommittee contact Jasmin at jayala@circlesofpeace.us.

- Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol

Angelica talked about different activities that are happening in the YADA group and how they have been working to build a better community. Updates are:

- o YADA fundraising events: The YADA group continues to do fundraising events to collect money for their leadership trip to the SADD conference in Orlando, Florida. Flyers and promotions are being held through social media.
- o Community Center: We are glad to announce that we got the amazing opportunity of having a youth and family Center thanks to the City of Nogales, which is letting us host different programs and community events there to benefit the area and the county.

Agenda item: MEMBERS UPDATES

Presenter: Coalition members

Discussion:

- Mental health awareness month is in May, so Mariposa is available for collaboration with anyone interested. Contact Cassalyn at cdavid@mariposachc.net.
- Arizona complete health has funds to help organizations with prizes, giveaways, and things that they need. Contact them for more information.
- Gear up is getting ready to do summer camps and they will give more information soon.
- On April 30 we will be having the National Take Back Day, but at any other time or day the community can go to the Police station where they have a drop box and dispose of their medications.
- Nutrition, Snap-ed, diabetes prevention, child care provider and more programs are available through the Santa Cruz County U of A Cooperative Extension, as well as positive discipline and financial literacy programs. For more information go to [Cooperative Extension | The University of Arizona](#) or email rosies@arizona.edu, kdelaacruz@arizona.edu, acruz32@arizona.edu, or CBach@cals.arizona.edu.
- On April 29, Boys and Girls Club will be having a Carne Asada fundraiser event for the produces. Invitation will be sent via email. Also, B&G club will be open on summer, so they are going to be hiring for different seasonal positions. More information will come soon.

Agenda item: UPCOMING EVENTS

Presenter: Jessica Gallego

Discussion:

- YADA presentations April 12, 19, 21

The Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol are going to be giving presentations in A.J. Mitchell, Lincoln & Sacred Heart in collaboration with the Nogales Police Department DARE officer Marina Duran.

- Radio show April 14, 21 & 28

We are having radio shows at Maxima and KNOG three times a month. Any coalition member interested on participating contact Jessica at jgallego@circlesofpeace.us.

- RX360 presentation April 18

Claudia is giving a RX360 presentation for parents via Facebook live at 5 pm. Flyer is available.

- Trauma-Informed Care training for law enforcement April 27 & 28, and June 4 & 5.

Ted Huntington and Victor Escoto will be present in the Old Court House to give a trauma-informed care training to the Nogales Police Department and Sheriff's Department.

- Trauma-Informed Care training April 21

This month's training will be "Bullying and Trauma" and everyone is invited to attend. Flyer will be posted on social media.

- Panda Express fundraiser April 29

Every month the YADA group organizes this fundraising event at Panda Express and everyone can help by ordering food and showing the flyer at the window.

- Nogales ¼ Marathon & Take Back Day April 30

The YADA group and Circles of Peace will be present at the Nogales ¼ Marathon giving out information, hosting the Take Back Day and a fundraising hot dog sale.

Agenda item: CLOSING

Presenter: Chair Aissa Acuna

Discussion:

Thanks for attending the meeting and for the great work that you all do. We hope to continue working together in this amazing team effort that we have been doing. We hope to see you all next meeting.

Next meeting:

May 11th, 2022 @ 2:00 PM

Join Hybrid Meeting

Place TBD

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