



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
**DRUG FREE COMMUNITY
 COALITION**

AUGUST 17, 2022

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518 N GRAND 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. Claudia Hernández- Constructing Circles of Peace
2. Jessica Gallego – Constructing Circles of Peace
3. Gina Parra – Superintendent’s Office Los Padres program
4. Tony Vartola – Nogales Custom Brokers Association / Port Devanning
5. Suzette Campos – Community Health Associates
6. Chris Bachelier – U of A Cooperative Extension
7. Valeria Arballo – MiKID
8. Vanessa Niebla – MIKID
9. Arely Zavala – Mariposa Community Health Center
10. Melody Gastélum – Pinal Hispanic Council
11. Rosa López Merino – HOPE inc.
12. Ricardo Morales – Chicanos por la Causa
13. Indhira Curlango – Holy Cross Hospital
14. Kerri Muñoz – Superintendent’s Office Gear Up program
15. Verónica Corella – Circles of Peace
16. Diana Villalobos – Superintendent’s Office Los Padres program
17. Patty Molina – Mariposa Community Health Center
18. Cassandra Figueroa – HOPE inc.
19. Erin Sol – SEAHEC
20. Karla de la Cruz – U of A Cooperative Extension
21. Martin Medina – M & M Cleaning Supplies
22. Jasmín Ayala – Circles of Peace
23. Ssgt Maciel Moreno – Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce DDRO
24. Ssgt Christopher Valencia - Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce DDRO
25. Denisse Ortega – Nogales Public Library
26. Aissa Acuña – Boys and Girls Club

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: “COUNTERFEIT COLORED PILLS CIRCULATING IN ARIZONA COMMUNITIES” PRESENTATION

Presenter: Ssgt Maciel Moreno

Discussion:

Ssgt Moreno shared with the group about the new colored Fentanyl presentation that has arrived at the state of Arizona, talked about the risks of taking it and the coalition members asked questions like what can we do and what are other coalitions doing.

The following information has been posted for immediate public release, so we aim people to raise awareness and spread the word to the community.

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OPIOID MONITORING INITIATIVE
****ALERT****

Counterfeit Colored Pills Circulating in Arizona Communities
****FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE****

TYPE: Public Bulletin Alert / Situational Awareness **DATE:** August 15, 2022
SOURCES: Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AZ HIDTA) **ATTN:** Public
 Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)
 Phoenix Police Department (PPD)
 U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

This information is being shared with the public for situational awareness and safety purposes.

In early August, the Phoenix Police Department seized 39,000 counterfeit M-30 pills containing fentanyl. Among the counterfeit pills seized were pastel colored counterfeit M-30 pills. While the counterfeit blue M-30 is still the most frequently seized fentanyl pill in Arizona, law enforcement officials are seeing more of the pastel or bright multi-colored pills in communities. According to law enforcement, these counterfeit pills are being referred to as "rainbows" and "Skittles" like the candy. In Arizona, young adults and teenagers are overdosing on counterfeit pills disguised as M-30 Oxycodone. According to the DEA, fentanyl is a potent synthetic opioid approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin as an analgesic.






Photo Credit: Phoenix Police Department
 For more information, please contact the AZ Opioid Monitoring Initiative at omi@azhidta.org.
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The urgent message law enforcement wants to share with communities is the importance of parents talking to their kids about the dangers of drugs, including counterfeit pills. To learn more about the dangerous effects of drug abuse and how to talk to your kids, please go to AZ_HIDTA_-_Resources_Center_TalkNowAZ.com is another educational resource for parents and community members to learn more about fentanyl, counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl, naloxone, and the Good Samaritan Law.

Arizona communities have access to free materials to help educate the public:

- **Arizona Community Toolkit: The Rise of Fentanyl – Saving Lives by Moving Communities from Understanding to Action.** Based on a public health/public safety approach, this toolkit offers well-accepted prevention approaches practitioners can use to reduce youth fentanyl and counterfeit pill use.

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- The toolkit is divided into three main sections that address counterfeit pills, fentanyl, naloxone, and the Good Samaritan Law.
- The toolkit is available in English/Spanish and can be reproduced and customized to fit the local needs of a community. Educational materials for youth and parents can be downloaded. To access the toolkit, go to saciaz.org (Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of Arizona) and click on Toolkit.

- The Arizona Opioid Assistance and Referral (OAR) Line offers opioid information, resources, and referrals for providers and the public. Local medical professionals are available 24/7 to provide free, confidential services, including information about opioid dependence, withdrawal, and where to get help in Arizona by calling the hotline at **1-888-688-4222**. For more information, please go to OAR Line website.
- 24/7 treatment is also available for those struggling with opioid use disorder. Arizona has four Opioid Treatment Centers of Excellence. The 24/7 centers serve Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) members, individuals with no insurance, and individuals with insurance that may not cover some services like Medication Assisted Treatment or Peer Support Services. For more information, go to AHCCCS Opioid Use Disorder Services.

Please help spread the word by sharing these resources and information. Together we can make a difference and save lives!

Opioid Monitoring Initiative Partners

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Agenda item: SUBCOMMITTEES UPDATES

Presenter: Gina Parra, Jasmin Ayala

Discussion:

- Youth-serving organizations subcommittee
 - New meeting dates

In the meeting we proposed to adjust the setting of the YSO meetings so the members could have better attendance and interest in meeting, and we agreed to have them quarterly to plan for each season and to

communicate through emails if we have more short-notice events that we want to collaborate in. An email with a survey will be sent to determine the best time, virtual or in-person format and language that works best for the members of the subcommittee.

- Youth-Serving representative at Coalition meetings

It was mentioned in the meeting the importance to have a representative to share the updates and events that we have been working on in the monthly coalition meeting, and it was agreed in the group for members to be rotating every month to have the chance to share to the coalition the amazing things that the YSO subcommittee is doing.

- Gear up Summer Camp Finale (August 12)

The Gear Up program is celebrating their summer camp finale at the old Court House with a mural and a documentary film that the students have been doing. It will be held from 5 pm - 7 pm and everyone is invited.

- Santa Cruz County 4-H fair

The Santa Cruz County fair is back and this year they are inviting the organizations to set up a table and share their information and resources to the community. More information is to come.

- Faith-based organizations subcommittee

- Padres Prudentes program

This is a 6-week program designed for the faith-based community ideally to be made in the churches. Topics such as substances, addictions and social media are part of the program. Enrollment is open. For more information contact Jasmin to jayala@circlesofpeace.us.

- Radio station

Jasmin has been attending the Christian radio station Manantial and has talked about the different programs that we are offering including Padres Prudentes.

Agenda item: MEMBERS UPDATES

Presenter: Coalition members

Discussion:

- Boys and Girls club has partnered with the Ross store with a fundraiser, so anyone can go and donate any amount to help the club. Also, the B&G club is open for enrollments, kids from 5 to 17 years old are welcome to join the club.
- Mariposa will host a Naloxone community education event and an International Overdose Awareness Day event on August 31st at Fire Station number 2 in Rio Rico from 3 to 6 pm. They are also hosting a health fair on August 19 at the Mariposa clinic from 9 am to 12 pm.
- MIKID is starting a community support group for teens 13 to 18 years old, and they will be supporting them in substance abuse, depression, anxiety, peer pressure, etc. The group will start on September 8 from 4:30 to 6 pm at the MIKID office. To enroll teens can just show up at the event. Flyer is available. Also, MIKID is getting ready to do their annual Fall Festival. Agencies interested in participating can sign up by paper or contact Vanessa to valeriaa@mikid.org.
- The DEA take back day is October 29 in collaboration with the Nogales Police Department, AZ National Guard and the Sheriffs Office, we will also have a station set up at the Nogales Bicycle Classic in collaboration with the COBINAS.
- The County Attorney George Silva is organizing an event for Red Ribbon Week, which will be held October 23 to 31st. More information is to come.
- The YADA group is having their monthly Panda express fundraising on August 29, flyer is available.
- The Center for Youth and Community Restorative Programs is almost ready to open, we will give more information soon.
- Over 40 law enforcement officers were trained about using a Trauma-Informed approach while serving the community. Thanks to SEAHEC for providing the credits.
- We are still having the radio show three times a month in Maxima and KNOG. If you want to participate with us and promote your business feel free to contact us.

Agenda item: CLOSING

Presenter: Jessica Gallego

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:

- **September 15th, 2022 @ 12:00 PM**
- **Hybrid**
 - **Place TBD**
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84306162192>

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