



**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
DRUG FREE COMMUNITY
COALITION**

JANUARY 29, 2025

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155 N. MORLEY AVE. NOGALES AZ 85621

MEETING ID: 843 0616 2192

Meeting called by: Executive Committee

Type of meeting: Monthly meeting

Facilitator: Tony Vartola

Note taker: Claudia Hernandez

Attendees:

1. Tony Vartola – Rio Rico Rotary Club
2. Claudia Hernández – Constructing Circles of Peace
3. Patty Molina – Mariposa Community Health Center
4. Corporal Duran – Nogales Police Department
5. Suzette Campos – Constructing Circles of Peace
6. Channing Velasquez – Constructing Circles of Peace
7. Ruben Rodriguez – SCC Justice Court
8. Eva Zúniga – Constructing Circles of Peace
9. Specialist Axcel Corrales – National Guard DDRO
10. Kerri Munoz – SCC Superintendent's Office Gear Up
11. Natalie Ruiz – Community Medical Services
12. Alexa Lopez – Mariposa CHC
13. Lieutenant Bermudez – Nogales Police Department
14. Officer Castillo – SCC Sheriff's Office
15. Sandra Moraga – South32
16. Pablo Albelais – SEAHEC
17. Aissa Acuna – SEAHEC
18. Javier Ojeda - YADA
19. Emiliano Jimenez – YADA
20. Keyla Navarro de la Cruz – SCC Health Department
21. Jessica Gallego – Circles of Peace
22. Indhira Curlango – Holy Cross Hospital
23. Renne Aguirre – Circles of Peace
24. Blanca Acosta – Circles of Peace
25. Cassalyn David – Mariposa CHC
26. 520-987-0017

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.



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Minutes

Agenda item: Coalition updates

Presenter: Claudia Hernandez

Discussion:

- SCC Community Resource Guide Booklet

We continue to work on the booklet, new agencies and services can still be added. It is scheduled to be ready by mid-March.

- SCCDFCC website

The website has been updated with the new executive committee membership, members, and the new STOP ACT grant.

- CADCA

Members of the coalition are attending the annual conference CADCA in Washington DC.

Agenda item: SPF-PFS Updates

Presenter: Eva Zuniga

Discussion:

Eva shared about this new grant, purpose, objectives, what it entails, what it is about, partnerships and upcoming activities.

Agenda item: Coalition Members Updates

Presenter: Tony Vartola

Discussion:

- Corporal Duran will no longer serve as DARE officer.
- Aissa is the new addition to the SEAHEC team with Proyecto Juntos.
- SCC Health Department continues working with the OFR. Members will hear more information.
- The Justice Court is starting with the new judge. Circles of Peace is applying to get the Recovery Court grant this year again.
- Mariposa continues working on the behavioral health groups. They received new funds for the community.
- DDRO has a training course on April 14-17 for Prevention Specialists and Law Enforcement, with limited seats available. For more information contact Specialist Corrales at acxelcorrales99@gmail.com.
- Gear Up Family resource night at NHS on February 20, and March 6 for RRHS, they are applying for a new Gear Up grant.
- CMS is working to open their 4th clinic in Pima County, having 12000 patients in Arizona, 2000 in rural communities, connecting with Santa Cruz County and collaborating with other organizations with presentations, training on MOUD, and material dissemination.
- South32 is at still working with the Groundbreaking for Centro located in Mariposa. On the 7th with The City of Nogales and other organizations will be having a senior event at the Rec Center. Seniors from the community are invited to attend. Contact Sandra for more information and transportation at Sandra.Moraga@south32.net



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- Circles of Peace is giving mental health services for seniors at the Restorative Center. For more information contact scampos@circlesofpeace.us
- Summer Youth Institute applications are open for students grades 9-11. Applications can be picked up at their counselors' offices or in Mariposa CHC. Intergenerational activities are being organized with youth and seniors. They are offering Youth Mental Health First Aid.
- Health fair at Mariposa CHC on Saturday February 1st at the Garrets' Supermarket from 1-4.

Next meeting:

- **February 26, 2025 @ 2:00 PM**
- **Hybrid**
 - **Constructing Circles of Peace, 155 N Morley Ave, Nogales AZ 85621**
 - **Zoom ID: 815 4109 7295**