

# SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY COALITION

JULY 20, 2022 2:00 PM HYBRID 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:	<ol> <li>Claudia Hernandez- Constructi</li> <li>Jessica Gallego – Constructii</li> <li>Officer Marina Duran – Noga</li> <li>Gina Parra – Superintendent</li> <li>Tony Vartola – Nogales Cust</li> <li>Alicia Delgado – Child Care F</li> <li>Yara Castro – Mariposa Com</li> <li>Suzette Campos – Communi</li> <li>Angelica de la Cruz – YADA</li> <li>Anna Coleman – Patagonia N</li> <li>Cassalyn David – Mariposa C</li> <li>Alessandra Hernandez – YAI</li> <li>Yara Castro – Mariposa Com</li> <li>Suzette Campos – Communi</li> <li>Gasalyn David – Mariposa C</li> <li>Alessandra Hernandez – YAI</li> <li>Yara Castro – Mariposa Com</li> <li>Chris Bachelier – U of A Coo</li> <li>Jose Hernandez – Communi</li> <li>Daniela Torres – MiKID</li> <li>Arely Zavala – Mariposa Con</li> <li>Melody Gastelum – Pinal His</li> </ol>	ng Circles of Peace les Police Department s Office Los Padres progra om Brokers Association / F Resource and Referral munity Health Center ty Health Associates Youth Enrichment Center Community Health Center DA munity Health Center perative Extension y Medical Services				
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	Pre	esenter: Chair Aissa Acuna			

## **Discussion:**

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

Agenda item:	DEAD ON ARRIVAL VIDEO AND DISCUSSION	Presenter:	Jessica Gallego
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# Discussion:

This video was presented to the coalition members for them to see, understand and be aware of the dangers of substance use, specifically fentanyl. The video shows how from it is seen from a parent perspective, as well as their pain and their efforts to raise awareness about this substance. The documentary is intended to show adolescents how taking high risk decisions and behaviors can affect their parents, their families, and the community. It is intended to reduce substance use and to create empathy for people that has struggled from this.

After the introduction of the video, people that have seen it had the opportunity to share their experiences and how it impacted their lives, as well as how it changed their perspective of substance use and life.

## Agenda item: SADD NATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Presenter: Angie de la Cruz and Alessandra Hernández

#### **Discussion:**

Angie and Alessandra had the opportunity to share with the coalition members their experience in the SADD National Conference in Orlando Florida. They spent several days learning about leadership, substance use prevention, social skills, teamwork, planning, and more important topics for them, and also had the opportunity to visit the parks and spend a god time together. They shared how exciting, new and refreshing it was for them to be in a place where they could meet new people and learn from them.

Agenda item:	SUBCOMMITTEES UPDATES	Presenter:	Claudia	Hernández,	Jessica
			Gallego		

#### Discussion:

- Youth-serving organizations subcommittee
  - Youth-serving events feedback

During the meeting we had a time to give feedback for the past events that we all have had this year and see how we can help each other to improve these areas. One of the events mentioned was the Youth On The Border Conference and some of the points addressed was to have better communication between agencies to know where to direct attendees to the right place and to train the youth to present in a professional way.

o Groundbreaking event Amado Community Alliance

On August 13 the Amado Youth Center will be ready to be inaugurated and they will host a groundbreaking event with information to the community. Youth-serving organizations are invited. For more information contact Tony at <u>TBruno@ppep.org</u>.

• Youth center education opening

Again, it was mentioned to the attendees that we are working to open the youth center soon and we are accepting programs, presentations, and workshops from our partners to provide to our youth. This invitation is open to all the youth-serving organizations. To register contact Jessica at jallego@circlesofpeace.us.

• Public speaking training for youth

In the meeting it was mentioned how the youth need training to get the skills to present to a group people since they want to do it but do not know how, so Tony Bruno offered to contact us with one of AYA partners who works with their youth to train them to do radio spots, interviews, presentations, etc.

• Amado AZ Chili Cook-Off

Tony also mentioned in the meeting and invited all of the organizations to their upcoming Annual Chili Cook-Off event on November 12 that hosts around 3 thousand people and organizations have the opportunity to promote and offer resources to the community of Pima and Santa Cruz County. For more information you can also contact Tony or Zuleyka at <a href="mailto:ztabarez@ppep.org">ztabarez@ppep.org</a>.

- Faith-based organizations subcommittee
  - Jasmin and the Police Department gave two amazing presentations to two of the Christian churches in Nogales and Rio Rico and gave information about the dangers of drugs, activities and materials to youth and adults.
  - We continue working with San Felipe de Jesus church to promote and be open to give the community weekly workshops about mental health, prevention, etc.

Agenda item: MEMBERS UPDATES

**Presenter:** Coalition members

### **Discussion:**

Patagonia Youth Center is working hard in their different activities, right now they are focusing on the garden that they are working on, with fruits, vegetables and herbs maintained by the youth and the goal is to distribute the produce to families in need in the community. They will also be holding a dinner and music fundraiser on October 8th. Dinner and desserts made by the youth through their cooking program. Anna also shared that some of their youth participated in the YEP! summer camp from the Superintendent's Office and she received really good feedback. Lastly, they

collaborated with Mariposa with the Diabetes Prevention Program and Love Notes. More information contact anna@pyec.org.

- Mariposa Community Health Center is looking forward to providing Behavioral Health services in their clinic starting October. For more information contact <a href="mailto:cdavid@mariposachc.net">cdavid@mariposachc.net</a>.
- U of A Cooperative Extension in their Nutrition program also participated in the YEP! Summer camp.
- Los Padres Program is hiring two part-time Parent Educators. They are expanding to provide services in Patagonia and Elgin, so they are looking for someone who speaks English. Resumes can be delivered at their office behind the Old Court House at Morley Ave.
- MiKID is interested on integrate one of their Specialists to be part of the youth activities and meetings. Also, Jessica and Officer Duran will be presenting to their kids at their office next week. Lastly, they are excited to receive new clients to their program from the summer camp that they organized.
- On July 26, Child Care Resource and Referral are going to be hosting the monthly information session for people that want to learn more about the processes of becoming a childcare provider from 6 to 8 pm. For more information contact adelgado@cfraz.org.
- Circles of Peace will be participating in the YEP! Summer Camp, Charm Summer Camp and at the Back-to-School event. They are also recruiting families to start a new program called Active Parenting. Lastly, they continue going to the local radios three times a month, so if anyone wants to participate you can reach out to COP.

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:

- August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 3:30 PM
- Hybrid
- Place TBD

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