



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY COALITION

OCTOBER 13, 2021

2:00 pm

ZOOM

Meeting ID: 843 0616 2192

Meeting called by: Constructing Circles of Peace **Type of meeting:** Monthly meeting
Facilitator: Aissa Acuna **Note taker:** Claudia Hernandez

Attendees:

1. Ruben Lugo – Circles of Peace
2. Kerri Munoz – Santa Cruz County Superintendent's Office Gear up Program
3. Michelle Jacquez – Circles of Peace
4. Georgina Parra – Santa Cruz County Superintendent's Office
5. Maciel Moreno – Arizona National Counterdrug Task Force
6. Jessica Gallego – Circles of Peace
7. Aissa Acuna – Boys and Girls Club
8. Angie de la Cruz – Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol
9. Lupita Gonzalez – SEAHEC
10. Daniela Torres – MIKID
11. Alma Gamez – Circles of Peace
12. Arely Zavala – Mariposa Community health Center
13. Rosie Stewarts – U. of A. Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension
14. Alexa Lopez – Mariposa Community Health Center
15. Stephanie Zepeda – Mariposa Community Health Center
16. Blanca Acosta – Circles of Peace
17. Chris Bachelier – U. of A. Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension
18. Claudia Hernandez – Circles of Peace
19. Karla de la Cruz – U. of A. Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension
20. Aileen Cruz – U. of A. Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension
21. Marelly Nieto – Circles of Peace

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 & AGENCY UPDATES **Presenter:** Chair Aissa Acuna

Discussion:

To start the meeting, Aissa gave a welcome to the members, encouraged everyone to introduce themselves and give a quick update of their agency.

Updates:

- Santa Cruz County Superintendent's Office is celebrating the Arts Month with different activities throughout the month and an award ceremony at the Old Court House on October 23. More information contact KMunoz@santacruzcountyaz.gov.
- A Haunted House will be done for Halloween with YADA and Future Health Leaders on October 29. Everybody is welcome to help and collaborate. The flyer is going to be available at the SCCDFCC social media.
- SEAHEC will be doing a Toy giveaway to kids, and a basket with gifts and food to the elderly. More information will be shared on SEAHEC social media by November 1st.

- MIKID is providing services to kids for fall break and they are getting ready for the Fall Festival on October 29 from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Pierson Field. Every agency is invited to participate and be part of this event. The flyer will be available on social media.
- From November 8 to 30 the program Love Notes will be delivered from 4:30 to 5:30 every Monday and Tuesday through Zoom. More information contact azavala@mariposachc.net.
- Financial Literacy in Spanish and Positive Discipline classes started is available to the community from the U. of A. Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension. For more information contact anaprado@email.arizona.edu. Also, the Family Resource Centers is now offering services in-person in Nogales and Rio Rico.
- More programs like the Nutrition are available for adults, youth or schools from the U. of A. Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension, and the Quality First Services is expanding their services to childcare providers. For more information contact kdelacruz@arizona.edu.
- A full-time position at Los Padres Program is available for Parent Educator. For more information call Georgina Parra 520-375-7812 or to the email gparra@santacruzcountyaz.gov.
- Boys and Girls Club is open to the public serving kids from 5 to 17 years old.

Agenda item: APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Presenter:** Claudia Hernandez

Discussion:

For this item, a review of last month's minutes were presented by Claudia and the Coalition members were asked to approve it or tell us if we need to modify something. Minutes were approved by the present Coalition members.

Agenda item: AZ DRUG SUMMIT UPDATE **Presenter:** Michelle Jacquez

Discussion:

The AZ Drug Summit were held at Tempe, AZ. On September 27, and the staff from Circles of Peace, Aissa Acuna and Melissa Gallegos attended this event where we learned about how drugs are affecting our community and how we can educate people about it. Presentations and recognition awards were given.

Agenda item: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY C. A. R. E. (Community Access Resource for Everyone) ONLINE WEBSITE **Presenter:** Alma Gamez

Discussion:

For this item, Alma explained this trauma-informed website that was created for the community so they can get the resources they need on time. When someone enters the webpage, they can find the agency according to their needs. The website will be published shortly. For more information contact agamez@circlesofpeace.us.

Agenda item: SUBCOMMITTEES UPDATE **Presenter:** Lupita Gonzalez, Angie de la Cruz

Discussion:

- Youth-serving organizations subcommittee

The Youth-serving subcommittee is organizing a Halloween Haunted House on October 29, focused on the different targets each agency has. Also, on October 20 after school, they are starting with the live and the plan is to have a couple youth from each agency to discuss different topics, promote each agency and offer the different services available to the community. It will be at We ❤️ Nogales studio at 2 pm. More information will be posted on social media.

- Youth Against Drugs and Alcohol

As of right now, YADA group has fifteen members and are having meetings every week. The group will be helping at the Nogales Bicycle Classic and at the press conference and they will be selling donuts to get funds for the club. On October 23rd the club is going to be presenting about drugs at the Patagonia Youth Enrichment Center. Lastly, for this year's Red Ribbon Week, the YADA youth decided to have a topic each day and the youth-serving agencies are invited to participate by taking pictures or videos with the topics "Don't be afraid to shine", "Say no to drugs, say yes to tacos", "Don't be afraid to show who you are" and "The importance of being drug free" and the drug free pledge from Monday to Thursday respectively and closing with the haunted house on Friday.

Agenda item: UPCOMING EVENTS

Presenter: Coalition members

- Nogales Bicycle Classic 2021 – October 16

The Nogales Bicycle Classic will be this next October 16, 2021, from 7:20 am to 2:00 pm and we will be having around two hundred cyclists competing for the different categories: 90, 60, 40, 22 and 11 miles. On Friday, October 15, a press conference will be held at the Circles of Peace office from 5 pm to 6 pm. Registrations and packet pick up are still open until the last day.

- Binational Caravan – October 19

This caravan for breast cancer awareness will start at SEAHEC and attendees are invited to wear pink. COBINAS will be waiting at the border to join the caravan.

- De-stressing Holiday Edition – October 28

On October 28, Angie Burleson will be delivering a trauma-informed training called “De-stressing: Holiday Edition” via Zoom from 12 pm to 2 pm. Flyer will be posted on SCCDFCC social media.

- Take Back Day – October 23

The Drug Take Back Day will be held on October 23rd at Garrett’s IGA Rio Rico in collaboration with the Sheriff’s department from 10 am to 2 pm. All unused, expired or unwanted medication and vape pens will be accepted with no questions asked.

Agenda item: CLOSING

Presenter: Co-chair Melissa Gallegos

Discussion:

Thank you for attending the meeting this month. Keep up the great work and we will see each other next month.

Next meeting:

November 10, 2021 @ 2:00 PM THROUGH ZOOM

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