



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
**DRUG FREE COMMUNITY
COALITION**

MAY 29, 2025

2:00 PM

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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: Galilea Olvera

Attendees:

1. Jessica Gallego – Constructing Circles of Peace
2. Claudia Hernandez- Constructing Circles of Peace
3. Susana Selig-SAMU First Response
4. Galilea Olvera- Child and Family Resource
5. Channing Velasquez- Circle of Peace
6. Bianca Acosta- Circle of Peace
7. Aissa Acuna- SEAHEC
8. Tony Vartola- Rotary Club
9. Paola Sainz- Soulistic Hospice
10. Renne Aguirre- Circle of Peace
11. Hector Puerta –SCCS0
12. Pablo Albeiais0 SEAHEC
13. Kanna Guerro-Az@Work
14. Zauda Bustamente-Az @ Work
15. Adrian Chamberlain AZ@ Work
16. Luis Carlos Davis- Board of Supervisor

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 empowering 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



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Agenda item: SAMU-Empowering and Saving Lives : Susana Selig

Discussion:

This organization focus in emergency situation; situation in people have to flee their countries. They welcome migrants to the facilities to have access to essential services and meeting their immediate needs. They have staff conducts an intake process to better understand their plans and next steps. They are disaster relief too as L.A Wildfires, Texan Panhandle 2024, Florida Disaster Relief Mission and Baltimore Bridge Collapsed. They have educational department of English as second language training, trade trainings, emergency deployment, active shooter training, know your rights and entrepreneurship. They distribute hygiene kits, food, clothing and information to individual and family experiencing hardship and housing instability.

Agenda item: SUBCOMMITTEES **Presenter:** Galilea Olvera

Discussion

Booklet Update: Booklet is almost done ready to print. A big thank you to Stephanie Zepeda for completing the booklet and gathering all the information.

YADA Leadership Trip: This year, the youth won't be going to Nashville conference because of the budget but they have budget for The California Leadership conference at Disneyland and they are planning to visit Universal Studios. They are planning on taking 19 YADA members.

Jump Back To School: Chair Tony volunteer for taking the information of organizations and the booklet to the annual Jump Back To School. They are expecting more than 800 families.

July 19 2025 will be for Nogales High School Back to School event

July 12 2025 will be Santa Cruz District Back to School event.

In the next meeting can you bring information that you would like for Tony to pass to families in the event.

We have \$4,000 of supplies that we need to use up by September 30, 2025

Agenda item: Subcommittees **Presenter:** Chair Tony Vartola

Discussion:

- June 11, 2025 Clinic Legal Mobil will be at Circle of Peace.
- Mental Health Alliance: Mental health First aid training will be held June 9,2025
- Circle of Peace created a flyer for Graduation and Prom for parents to have the talk with their kids and a video approve by Nogales Police Department.

Next meeting:

- June 25th , 2025 @ 2:00 PM Courtroom A
- Hybrid
 - Constructing Circles of Peace, 155 N Morley Ave, Nogales AZ 85621
 - Zoom ID: 815 4109 7295