



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY COALITION

JULY 8, 2021

2:00 pm

ZOOM

Meeting ID: 843 0616 2192

Meeting called by:	Circles of Peace	Type of meeting:	Monthly meeting
Facilitator:	Aissa Acuna, Jessica Gallego	Note taker:	Claudia Hernandez

Attendees:

1. Aissa Acuna- Boys & Girls Club
2. Jessica Gallego – Constructing Circles of Peace
3. Chief Morales – Sheriff’s office
4. Michelle Jacquez – Circles of Peace
5. Suzette Campos – Community Health Associates
6. Melody Gastelum – Pinal Hispanic Council
7. Claudia Hernandez – Circles of Peace
8. Tony Vartola – Port Devanning

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
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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:

- Sheriff’s office will be present for the July Take Back Day at Walmart. More information to come.
- Truck drivers have been vaccinated while crossing the border and some “maquiladora” workers have been vaccinated on the U.S. side as well.
- NCBA has donated \$5,000 dollars for the Nogales Bicycle Classic happening in October. Which completes \$89,000 dollars in donations from NCBA to the community.
- CHA is open to the public, with programs back in person.
- Boys and Girls club continue with the summer program and on August 9th they are starting with the after-school program with different activities.

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

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

Agenda item:	YOUTH ON THE BORDER CONFERENCE UPDATE	Presenter:	Jessica Gallego
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Discussion:

Jessica shared with the coalition members that for the Youth on the Border explained in the previous meeting, we had a total of 35 teens, and 31 adults attending at the different locations of the conference and 17 organizations from the community giving information about their programs with great response from the parents and teens who attended the conference.

Coalition members shared that they think it will be better if we break the conference into 2-day presentations since it was a little long for the kids who were present.

Agenda item: YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE UPDATE **Presenter:** Jessica Gallego

Discussion:

The YADA youth went to a Summer Youth Leadership Conference with the coalition Campesinos sin Fronteras of San Luis, Az. Where they learned how another border town works and what they do to help their community where they realized how it has different needs from ours. There were a lot of different activities and games in the conference and YADA also had the opportunity to share with them what we do in our county so we can help the San Luis community with ideas.

The two coalitions talked about having this conference here in Nogales maybe next year and even try to expand it throughout the state in a future.

The last day the YADA group took a day in Legoland to have fun and be rewarded for the hard work they have been doing in the community, especially with the youth of Santa Cruz County.

Agenda item: UPCOMING EVENTS **Presenter:** Jessica Gallego

Discussion:

- CADCA mid-year

Next week we will be attending to the CADCA mid-year conference, from July 9th – 15th. And the coalition members are invited to come to the office and watch any conference that they are interested in. For more information go to <https://www.cadca.org/midyear-sessions>

- Rio Rico Community Center Summer Camp

On July 20,22, 27 and 29 Rio Rico Community Center will have a summer camp and the Coalition is invited to collaborate. The plan is each day to give a presentation about prevention and after making an activity with one of our coalition members. So far, we are planning on having our motivational speaker and Soccer coach Juan Nuñez to do a soccer activity the first day and 0s3 movement with a bike activity on the second day after the presentation as well. For the last 2 days the invite is open to any coalition member who wants to share an activity for the youth.

- Take back Day

July 31st is the date of our next Take Back Day. Flyers with time and location will be sent later in the month.

Agenda item: CLOSING **Presenter:** Jessica Gallego

Discussion:

For the closing, Jessica thanked all the present coalition members for attending the meeting and encouraged them to keep the good work and the passion that they have for the community.

Next meeting:

August 12th, 2021 @ 2:00 PM THROUGH ZOOM

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