

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DRUG FREE COMMUNITY COALITION

AUGUST 19, 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:	 Aissa Acuna- Boys & Girls Club Jessica Gallego – Constructing Circles of Peace Claudia Hernandez – Constructing Circles of Peace Daniela Torres – My Kid Edgardo Munoz – 0s3 Movement Lizzie Garcia – Mariposa Community Health Center Marely Nieto – Constructing Circles of Peace Melissa Gallegos – 0s3 Movement / Los Padres Program Stephanie Zepeda – Mariposa Community Health Center Teresa Romero – Constructing Circles of Peace Christina Cota – Constructing Circles of Peace Sonia Sanchez – Superintendent's Office Cassalyn David – Mariposa Community Health Center Blanca Acosta – Constructing Circles of Peace Manuel Romo – Counterdrug Task Force 					
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 I	JPDATES Pre	senter: Chair Aissa Acuna			

Agenda item: WELCOME-INTRODUCTIONS & AGENCY UPDATES

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:

- My kid is having family support services Mondays and Wednesdays, and a youth program for youth 13 and over.
- 0s3 movement had their Cycling Summer Camp with 45 kids. Also, they started the training for Arizona Cycling Association. First competition is in September. Enrollment is open.
- Mariposa Community Health Center finished their Summer Youth Institute, a program of 5 weeks where they had 24 kids. They are having the Mariposa Youth Coalition first meeting at the end of the month to plan for activities.
- Strengthening Families Program starts on September 14 with kids from 12-16 in Nuevo Amanecer.
- Entre amigas will have a Mexican Independence party on September 7.
- Future health leaders club started with 22 kids and is currently recruiting. They finished Medstart with 23 students.
- YADA is recruiting and starting with 15 students.
- SEAHEC is hiring in the Peer Educator position.
- The Thrive Program is being delivered to sophomore students in the county. Gear up is starting a new youth club. Also, a Math, English and Science mentorship program is available through Gear up as well.

- Ending the Silence is being delivered at Patagonia High School and Love notes will be delivered in the coming weeks.
- Farmer's Market is back
- Thrive diversion program is starting at Desert Shadows and Coatimundi schools. Also, Nogales Bicycle Classic started with registrations for October 16, so the Coalition members are encouraged to participate.
- Boys and Girls club is open to help students. Homework help and other activities during the day are offered. Enrollment is still open.

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.

- What is MAT?
 - Medication to treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD)
 - o Counseling and Behavioral Health services
 - o Suboxone
 - o Improve patient survival
 - o Decrease illicit opiate use and criminal activity
 - o Increase ability to gain and maintain employment and relationships
 - o Improve birth outcomes among women who have SUD and are pregnant
- Opioids and teens. What do teens use drugs?

Most youth use drugs to hide something. Whether it can be depression, anxiety, mental problems, bullying, abuse, etc.

and with time the addiction escalates with no good results of their problem. The problem is not the addiction itself, but it

is the root of the problem that is making them start using drugs. MAT is accepting youth 18 and over.

- Narcan
 - Education and prevention

After using Narcan, most patients need help, and HOPE is partnering Mariposa to help those patients.

• Stigma

Most teens do not seek for help for the stigma that exists in every community, and this helps this problem to get bigger.

• International Overdose Awareness Day.

Tuesday, August 31, from 4:30 to 7 an International Overdose Awareness Day will be held at Pierson Field. Everyone is invited.

Agenda item: UPCOMING EVENTS

Presenter: Jessica Gallego

Discussion:

- Training "beyond behavior"

The Coalition members were invited to this training taking place Thursday, August 26, 2021, via Zoom.

- Mural at Circles of Peace

It was mentioned to the team that we Circles of Peace will be having an artist making a mural in the exterior wall of the office. This mural represents what Circles of Peace, and all the agencies do to help the community.

- YADA fundraising car wash

On Saturday, August 28, 2021, the YADA youth group will be hosting a fundraising car wash at Nuevo Amanecer church from 8 am to 12 pm. Tickets are still available.

Agenda item:	SUBCOMMITTEES UPDATES	Presenter:	Christina	Cota,	Claudia
			Hernandez		

Discussion:

- Faith-based subcommittee

On August 16, a meeting with the Celebrating Recovery group was held with a lot of interest and participation from the community members. Anyone interested can contact Christina Cota for more information. Also, Teresa Romero from Circles of Peace and Maria Dolores Lozoya from U of A went to the Spanish Christian radio station KNOG and talked about overdose, fentanyl, resources and information for the faith-based community.

Youth-serving subcommittee

An update of the last meeting was shared to the Coalition members. The upcoming events with the youth are:

- Having mental health activities for the youth in September where they can explore more on this topic.
- Making a Facebook live with youth where, in collaboration with We 🎔 Nogales, youth from different agencies can discuss a specific subject and teach other youth.
- Trunk or treat event at Halloween so youth can learn about drug and alcohol use prevention and at the same time be in a safe place.
- Do a community circle where youth can express their feelings.
- Make a thanksgiving dinner where families in need can be provided with this dinner.
- Agenda item: CLOSING

Presenter: Co-chair Melissa Gallegos

Discussion:

For the closing, Co-chair Melissa said thank you to all the Coalition members that were present in the meeting and invited them to continue joining us for the next meetings.

Next meeting:

September 9, 2021 @ 2:00 PM THROUGH ZOOM

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