



Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2025
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Yuma Union High School District Office
3150 S Avenue A, Yuma AZ 85364

Attendees:

Sector	Member Name/Title	Organization Name
YCADC	Joanne Fiser	Executive Director YCADC
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Ryan Butcher	Yuma County Health District
Business Community	Pepper Mellon	RL Jones Insurance
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Berenice Ortiz	TLCR
Law Enforcement	Cesar Pino	Yuma Police Department
Federal/Military Govt.	Amie Zaja	MCAS Yuma
Business Community	Eric Jones	Rio Colorado Fueling Systmes
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Jonathan Duarte	Yuma County Adult Probation
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Elexia Reyes	Yuma County Health District
Healthcare Professionals	Sylvia Romero	Easterseals Blake Foundation
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Rene Sonoqui	Crossroads Mission
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Jose Vidal	Crossroads Mission
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Erika Walton	Horizon Health & Wellness
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Reyes Moreno	Horizon Health & Wellness
Law Enforcement	Chris Bouzanquet	Yuma County Drug Court
Healthcare Professionals	Rick Diaz	Onvida Health
Schools	Jessica Hubbard	Yuma Education School District 1
Law Enforcement	Elizabeth Camargo	Yuma County Juvenile Justice Court
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Elvis Kost	ACHIEVE
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Lucia Wilson	ACHIEVE
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Oswaldo Rodriguez	Yuma County

Healthcare Professionals	Kim Alexander	Onvida Health Behavioral Health Dept
Healthcare Professionals	Sam Suhail	Onvida Health Behavioral Health Dept
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Mario Estrada	HOPE Inc.
YCADC & YCMHC	Shelley Mellon	Chair/RL Jones Insurance
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Cameron Curtis	Yuma County Attorney's Office
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Daniel Espino	Yuma Fire Department
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Dusty Fields	Yuma Fire Department
Schools	Kelly Dale	YUHSD
Law Enforcement	Ziria Aguilar	Yuma County Adult Probation
Schools	Martha Remenar	YUHSD
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Leif Erickson	Community Medical Services
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Marissela Sanchez	Community Medical Services
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Ruben Ornales	Crossroads Mission
Federal/Military Govt.	Carlos Sosa	AZ Drug Task Force
Federal/Military Govt.	Joseline Leal	AZ Drug Task Force
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Tim Collins	TLCR
YCMHC	Ginny Legros	Executive Director YCMHC
Youth	Isa Tydingco	Youth Leader - Cibola High School
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Karen Watts	Yuma City Council
Schools	Henry Gonzalez	YUHSD
Schools	Kim Seh	Somerton School District
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Jen Hulbert	Yuma County Health District
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Jamie Burnett	AZHIDTA
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Lizabeth Camargo	Yuma County Juvenile Justice Center
Youth	Natalia Rosas	Youth Leader – Gila Ridge High School
Schools	Olivia Porchas	YUHSD
Schools	Ulises Torres	YUHSD
Schools	Yescina Cuming	YUHSD
Healthcare Professionals	Jordin Aguilar	Onvida Health, Behavioral Health Dept

Welcome and Introductions

- Shelley opened the meeting.

Agency Updates

Attendees shared updates and announcements:

- Ryan Butcher – Yuma County Health Department - Naloxone distribution site update - Overdose Action Grant: SL Fire Dept, YFD, and YPD compiling data for grant reporting
- Keith Francis – Arizona Complete Health - Crisis Quarterly Meeting scheduled for March 18 (Virtual) SMI (Seriously Mentally Ill) Determination to be presented
- Gila Ridge High School Students – Attending for topics and help with Gun Violence, Child Abuse, Law & Public Safety, Drug Use & Trafficking. Requesting help with information and resources for state-level efforts
- Elvis Kost - Homeless Coalition – Community Resource Fair see him for flyers
- Ericka Walton – Horizon Health Wellness – Services Integrated Syc Facility choice and voice is how they get their clients. Helping veterans to make it easy for them. Flyers and card.
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 - Berenice Ortiz – TLCR – Has on going events you can find online at their facebook page.
 - Eric Jones – South County Anti-Drug Coalition - Reported on recent senior event in South County
 - Marcela S. – Veterans Affairs - Upcoming Events:
 - Veterans Benefit Expo – March 19
 - VFW Event – March 20
 - Quechan Stand Down – March 29
 - Military Appreciation Day – upcoming Saturday
 - Karen Watts – Council Member - Provided council meeting updates
 - Amie Zija – Shared that next week is High School Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week
 - Mr. Torres – Reflected on Danny Maron’s community impact
- Highlighted tools taught around breathwork and emotional awareness
- Jennifer H. – PEPTC - Youth Mental Health First Aid training courses and Naloxone education presentations available
- Rick Diaz – Announced new location for Tuscany at 7200 E 31st Place
- Natalia Rosas – Yellow Ribbon Program - Certification underway to start a chapter at Gila Ridge
- Oswaldo Rodriguez – Juvenile Justice Center – New Center and Discussed a simplified, family-centered approach for youth
- Beau G. – YUHSD - Thanked attendees for strong turnout and the Coalition Podcast and closed his comments with a lighthearted joke
- Cesar Pino – Shared update on SRO vehicles and their new community message wraps donated by YCADC.

Coalition Updates

- Nonprofit Update: YCADC AND YCMHC are now officially a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and tax-exempt organization
- YPG Presentations: Summary shared of recent sessions
- AHCCCS Focus Group: Substance Use Prevention Needs Assessment
- Yuma County Health District Invitation: Invited to participate in YUMA CHIP planning
- Presentations: Drug Task Force shared highlights and upcoming opportunities
- Grad Night: Volunteer info circulated and sign-up encouraged
- Jennifer Hulbert: Presented briefly; promised to email out materials and Link to be posted on the coalition website for enhanced community access

Presentation

Onvida Behavioral Health

- Provided program details and resource availability

Wrap-Up – Ginny Legros

- Encouraged attendees to “Be kind to ourselves”
- Shared a poem by Dr. Terreffe
- Noted that CTE students were waiting in the hallway for networking – asked for support and engagement

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Vision: The victimization caused by the misuse and abuse of alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, prescription and other drugs will be eliminated from Yuma County by the community members.

Mission: To eradicate the misuse and abuse of alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, prescription and other drugs in Yuma County

