



Meeting Minutes
January 14, 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 | ORGANIZATION NAME |
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| 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 |
| Healthcare Professionals | Alma Herrera | Regional Center for Boarder Health |
| Law Enforcement | Brian Quigg | Homeland Security Investigations |
| Business Community | Gel Lemmon | Four Points Hotels |
| Schools | David Reynoso | YUHSD |
| Schools | Christine Martin | YUHSD |
| Civic Volunteer Group | Jenni Crowley | CASA of Yuma County |
| Business Community | Jose Gallardo | Campeños sin Fronteras |
| Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use | Leif Erickson | Community Medical Services |
| Religious/Fraternal organizations | Micheal Odom | Journey Church |
| State, local, and/or tribal government agencies | Jonathan Duarte | Yuma County Adult Probation |
| Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use | Tim Collins | TLCR |
| Religious/Fraternal organizations | Vince Harman | Yuma Lutheran Church |
| Law Enforcement/SRO | Levi Jones | Yuma Police Dept |
| YCADC & YCMHC | Shelley Mellon | Chair/RL Jones Insurance |
| Law Enforcement | Oscar Morales | USBP Yuma Sector Chaplain |
| Law Enforcement | Kyle Spruell | Homeland Security Investigations |
| Healthcare Professionals | Lisa Brazeel | Exceptional Health Hospital |
| Schools | Kelly Dale | YUHSD |
| Schools | Olivia Porchas | YUHSD |
| Schools | Martha Remenar | YUHSD |
| Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use | Marissela Sanchez | Community Medial Services |
| Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use | Mathew Pappan | Victory Homes |
| Youth Serving Organizations | Natallia Rosa-Marquez | GRHS/Youth Coalition Leaders |
| Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use | Ruben Ornelas | Crossroads Mission |
| YCMHC | Ginny Legros | Executive Director YCMHC |
| Schools | Ulises Torres | YUHSD |
| Federal Govt/military | William Lloyd | YPG |
| Schools | Henry Gonzalez | YUHSD |

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| Schools | Monique Slaughter | YUHSD |
| Schools | Lauren Spurlock | YUHSD |
| Schools | Chris Reese | YUHSD |
| Community Advocate | Steve Legros | Retired COY Firefighter |
| Healthcare Professionals | Carol Smith | Onvida Health |
| Law Enforcement | Raul Fiveash | Yuma Police Dept |
| State, local, and/or tribal government agencies | Jen Hulbert | Yuma County Health District |
| State, local, and/or tribal government agencies | Jamie Velazquez | Yuma County Adult Probation |
| Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use | Juanita Vega | TLCR |
| Healthcare Professionals | Alonda Brown | Community Health Associates AZ |
| State, local, and/or tribal government agencies | Raycheal Jesser | Yuma County Courts |
| Law Enforcement | Victoria Gonzalez | Yuma County Sheriff's Office |
| Law Enforcement | Roberto Arriola | Yuma County Sheriff's Office |
| Healthcare Professionals | Eyuel Terefe | Onvida Health |
| Healthcare Professionals | Keith Francis Jr. | AZCH |
| Schools | Yescina Cuming | YUHSD |
| Healthcare Professionals | Jordin Aguilar | Onvida Behavioral Health |

Welcome and Introductions

- Ginny called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Approval for minutes will be forwarded.

Coalition Member Updates (1-Minute Updates)

- Keith Francis, AZCH: Thanked everyone for sending information on crisis protocols. Encouraged those interested in receiving the protocols or upcoming training to email him. Next meeting: February 19 (in-person).
 - Eyuel Terefe, Onvida: Runs the operations of behavioral health at Onvida.
 - Steve Legros: Retired firefighter, now volunteering in a new position with YCADC & YCMHC.
 - Berenice Ortiz, TLCR: Announced a hiring event; flyers are posted on the website.
 - Mathew Pappan, Victory Outreach: Scheduled to give a presentation at Journey Church.
 - Micheal Odum: Women's Outreach Director, offering housing and beds for women battling addiction.
 - Raycheal Jesser, Yuma Juvenile Court: Hosting a symposium on May 8, seeking keynote speakers for a forum-style event.
 - Jenni Crowley, CASA: Attending to learn and explore collaborative opportunities.
 - Alonda Brown: Introduced assist training for suicide crisis awareness, a two-day, eight-hour-per-day program. Expanding licensed clinician availability.
 - Carol Smith, Onvida Nurse: Attending to learn and explore community initiatives.
 - Oscar Morales US Border Patrol, Champlin: Promoting peer support and encouraging attendance for Title 6-related behavioral health initiatives.
 - Victoria Gonzales, YCSO Representative: Highlighted a focus on mental health in Title 6 initiatives and collaboration with other agencies.
 - William Lyod: Offering free counseling services for Army siblings.
 - Mr. Torres, Gila Ridge High School: Highlighted barriers to resources, including housing challenges. Encouraged support with transportation, housing, and utility assistance.
 - Lisa Brazeel, ECH: Updates and event details are available on the ECH website.
 - Joe Daily, Kofa High School: Noted the importance of care closets and collaboration to bless students with resources.
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Executive Director Updates

- At Cibola High School, we hosted a full-day event featuring Fentanyl Awareness with DDRO and partnered with the Yuma County Health District to bring a Naloxone presentation to Kofa High School students.
- We attended the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control open house in Phoenix, showcasing our agency's strengths in capacity building to statewide agencies. Congratulations to our coalition for driving growth and making a difference in our community!

Appreciation

- Shout out to all our Champions who volunteered at Christmas at the Crossing event. It was such a successful community event.

Presentation

- Ryan Butcher, Yuma County Public Health Services District: Overdose Fatality Review; Program Overview
- Henry Gonzalez, YUHSD: Congratulated the coalition on networking, partnerships, and progress. Recognized research highlighting the impact of protective factors on minimizing substance use.

Good of the Order

- **Ginny Legros (Executive Director, YCMHC) & Shelley Mellon (Coalition Chair):**
 - Shared the impact of collaboration, community connection, and the power of established relationships.
 - Discussed bringing the founders of the Yellow Ribbon Program to Yuma, training 60 local members, and implementing the program in high schools.
 - Recognized the collective efforts of coalition members and the importance of moving forward together in 2025.
 - Good of the Order shared graphic 😊
 - Reminder that we need to be easy on ourselves.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

- YCADC: February 11, 2025, at 1130am at Yuma Union High School District

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

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

