



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
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	Campesinos 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
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.

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

