



Minutes
July 14, 2026
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Yuma Union High School District Office
3150 S Avenue A, Yuma AZ 85364

Attendees:

Alma Villalobos	Yuma County Juvenile Court	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Ana Camberos	Ron Watson Middle School	School
Ana Duarte	Yuma County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
Art Morales	National Bank of Arizona	Business
Barry Wise	YPG Fire	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Berenice Canada	S.M.I.L.E	Youth Serving Organization
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Beto Garcia	Charlie Health	Healthcare Professional
Beverly Cade	NAACP	Civic/Volunteer Organization
Bruce Gwynn	Retired	Parent
Carol Smith	City of Yuma/ Onvida	Healthcare Professional
Christian Hernandez	Onvida Health	Healthcare Professional
Courtney Starkey	Community Partners Integrated Healthcare	Healthcare Professional
Cristina Mcinnes	Child & Family service of yuma	Youth Serving Organization
Crystela Silva	Yuma County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
Daniel Perez	YCSO	Law Enforcement
Dennis Gasrow, Jr.	Yuma Fire Department	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Elena Cañez	Arizona Complete Health	Healthcare Professional
Ginny Legros	YCMHC	Youth Serving Organization
Hodges	NCHP-SSG Fox Suicide Prevention	Healthcare Professional
Jacob Weitzman	Homeland Security Investigations	Law Enforcement
Jaime Burnett	CDC Foundation	Healthcare Professional

Jennifer Hulbert	Yuma county public health services district	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Jordin Aguilar	Onvida Behavioral Health Center	Healthcare Professional
Kathy Hoover	Gila Ridge High School/YUHSD	School
Keith Francis Jr.	AzCH	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Kim Seh	Somerton school district	School
Laura Flores	Church For The City	Religious or Fraternal Organization
Leif Erickson	Community Medical Services	Substance Use Organization
Lesly Lizarraga	Achieve Human Services	Healthcare Professional
Lili Campa	Yuhsd	School
Linda Elliott-Nelson	FIRST THINGS FIRST	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Lindsay Pino	Holon Health	Business
Lisa Anderson	Anderson Connections LLC	Business
Luis veliz	Achieve human services	Healthcare Professional
Margie Hiatt	Clarvida	Healthcare Professional
Marlene Roman	Community Health Associates	Healthcare Professional
Martha Dominguez	Yuma County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
Matthew Wills	United States Border Patrol	Law Enforcement
Mazzy Andrade	Onvida Health	Healthcare Professional
Michelle Gutierrez	Yuma county Juvenile Justice Court	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Miguel Burciaga	Crossroads Mission	Substance Use Organization
Miriam Limon	Onvida Health	Business
Monica Cortez	United States Border Patrol	Law Enforcement
Monique Slaughter	YUHSD	School
Nathalia flores	AWC	School
Nidia Herrera	ARIZONA@WORK-Yuma County	Youth Serving Organization
Nidya Casas	First Things First	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Patricia Martinez	The Mind Body Counseling Center, PLLC	Healthcare Professional
Raul Castillo	S.M.I.L.E.	Youth Serving Organization
Roxanne Irra	Community Medical Services	Substance Use Organization
Ruben Ornelas	Crossroads Mission	Substance Use Organization
Sergio Bobadilla	Border Patrol	Law Enforcement

Shelley Mellon	RL Jones Insurance	Business
Steve Legros	Retired COY Fire Dept	Parent
Thomas Ruelle	Yuma County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
Tim Collins	TLCR	Substance Use Organization
Timothy Keller	YUHSD	School
Vanessa Pérez	Onvida Behavioral Health	Healthcare Professional
Victoria Gonzalez	Yuma County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
William Lloyd	YPG	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Cathy Nuetzi	State Farm Insurance	Business

Approval of Minutes -

Pledge/June 2026 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Bernice Ortiz and seconded by Beverly Cade. Minutes approved.

Welcome Champion Introductions & Community Updates -

Yuma County Public Health Services District – Jennifer Hulbert

 **Contact:** Jennifer.Hulbert@yumacountyaz.gov

Jennifer shared **Protect Your Brain**, a free, self-paced online prevention course developed by the Addiction Policy Forum and now available in both **English and Spanish**.

The evidence-informed course helps youth, families, educators, and community members better understand brain health, substance use prevention, and the protective skills that support healthy decision-making and lifelong wellness.

Flyer:

English: Protect Your Brain e-Course

[Protect Your Brain e-Course](#)

Spanish: *Protege tu Cerebro | Protect Your Brain*

[Protege tu Cerebro | Protect Your Brain](#)

Community partners are encouraged to share these free educational resources with youth, parents, schools, and community organizations.

TLCR – Berenice Ortiz

Contact: bortiz@crbhs.com

Ice Cream Social

Join TLCR for its monthly **Ice Cream Social**, a free, family-friendly event that brings the community together through fun, fellowship, and connection.

-  Free ice cream and family activities
-  Every 3rd Friday of the month
-  TLCR Campus, 1340 S. 4th Avenue, Yuma, AZ

Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HVEvdMPQIIfGN7VqCo6riqnm7DMis0N>

Charlie Health – Beto Garcia

Contact: jose.garcia@charliehealth.com

Charlie Health continues to provide **Virtual Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP)** for youth and adults experiencing mental health and substance use challenges.

- Virtual treatment available for individuals ages **8–64**
- Accepting AHCCCS and most commercial insurance plans
- Flexible scheduling with evidence-based care

Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1QK2y-JR7ivTMM5t4T6VmgSRP1UbOM1rZ>

Community Partners Integrated Healthcare (CPIH) – Courtney Starkey

Contact: Cstarkey@communitypartnersinc.org

Community Partners Integrated Healthcare is currently accepting new referrals for outpatient behavioral health services.

In addition, **Intermountain Foster Care** is actively recruiting compassionate families interested in becoming licensed foster parents throughout Yuma County.

Resources:

- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1mF36CWPeRxgaMMaVuBGYrmFrXPxdMg5s>
 - https://drive.google.com/open?id=1xW9A2JF6QN8SkZl0TwRAOLyjPe-v_JVr
 - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1XbQeMiNHteHT9GhqcOIN6-51n77aLIMW>
 - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WN40oQEOBJqRC2htTliTJLSnb6Su5Ej>
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Onvida Behavioral Health Center – Jordin Aguilar

Contact: jaguilar5@yumaregional.org

Onvida Behavioral Health Center shared that a new **Evening Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)** for working professionals is expected to launch within the next couple of months.

The organization also welcomes feedback from community partners regarding its behavioral health services and encourages collaboration to better meet community needs.

For additional information regarding the program, contact **Mazzy Andrade** at mandrade3@onvidahealth.org.

Arizona Complete Health – Keith Francis Jr.

Contact: Keith.francis@azcompletehealth.com

Arizona Complete Health invites community partners to attend the next **Quarterly Crisis Meeting**.

August 17

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

These meetings provide valuable updates and opportunities for collaboration among behavioral health providers and community organizations.

Community Medical Services (CMS) – Leif Erickson

Contact: Leif.Erickson@cmsgiveshope.com

Community Medical Services is planning a **Community Care Fair** this September to connect residents with valuable health, behavioral health, and community resources.

September 26

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Additional event details will be shared as they become available.

Clarvida – Margie Hiatt

Contact: Margie.hiatt@clarvida.com

Clarvida is currently hiring a **High Needs Children Case Manager**.

The organization also has immediate openings for:

- Psychiatric Services
- Individual Therapy Services

Services are available both **in person** and through **telehealth**, helping improve access to behavioral health care throughout Yuma County.

Yuma Union High School District – Monique Slaughter

Contact: mslaughter@yumaunion.org

Yuma Union High School District shared important back-to-school registration information. Students interested in attending **Vista High School** must first withdraw from their current school before scheduling an enrollment appointment.

Families are encouraged to contact the district with any enrollment questions.

The Mind Body Counseling Center – Patricia Martinez

Contact: patricia@themindbodycc.com

The Mind Body Counseling Center has relocated to a new office location. Community partners are encouraged to update their records and continue referring individuals seeking behavioral health and counseling services.

S.M.I.L.E. – Raul Castillo

Contact: Outreachcoordinator@smile-az.org

S.M.I.L.E. continues offering its **Youth Transitioning Program**, providing young adults with life skills, education, and support as they prepare for adulthood.

Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Lv4muluVOALsppx-YHBUHxgT0MvZcB42>

YCADC UPDATE: Joanne Fiser, Executive Director of YCADC

- **Juneteenth Celebration:** YCADC proudly sponsored and participated in the NAACP Yuma Chapter Juneteenth Celebration. Thank you to Beverly Cade and the NAACP team for an outstanding community event. We connected with 500+ attendees by sharing prevention resources and education.
- **Back to School Nuestros Niños Health Fair:** YCADC participated in the Back-to-School Nuestros Niños Health Fair, hosted by the Regional Center for Border Health, where we reached students and families with prevention information and community resources.
- **City of Yuma Back-to-School Rodeo:** YCADC participated in the City's annual Back-to-School Rodeo, providing prevention resources, coloring pages, and crayons. We were also proud to sponsor 2,000 Yuma CARES folders included in every student backpack distributed.
- To date YCADC has received a total of **998 naloxone kits** from the Yuma County Public Health District to distribute throughout our community. Since officially becoming a Naloxone distribution site in January, we have distributed **528 naloxone kits** to community members across Yuma County. Thank you to our Yuma CARES champions for helping connect these life-saving resources with those who need them most. Every kit distributed has the potential to save a life, and we encourage everyone to keep naloxone in their first aid kit, vehicle, or another easily accessible location.

Presentation

Joanne Fiser, Executive Director, *Yuma County Anti-Drug Coalition*

Presentation

Victoria Gonzalez, Health Services Manager, *Yuma County Sheriff's Office*

Champion Thank You's

- **Cathy Nuetzi, State Farm:** A huge thank you to Cathy Nuetzi for becoming our lunch sponsor beginning in August! Cathy has been a tremendous supporter of YCADC through Grad Night, Red Ribbon Week, and now our coalition meetings. We are grateful for your continued investment in building a healthier and safer Yuma County.
- **Victoria Gonzalez:** Thank you to Victoria Gonzalez, our next CONNECTION Podcast guest, for sharing your time, knowledge, and expertise. We appreciate your partnership and your dedication to our community.

- Berenice Ortiz: Thank you to our new Prevention Specialist, Berenice Ortiz, for your outstanding outreach. Your dedication at community events and commitment to prevention continue to make a positive impact across Yuma County.

Good of the Order: Ginny Legros, Executive Director of YCMHC

– (Friendly Reminders: Please double check that you signed in with the QR code. *Please leave your badges at your seat.

Adjourned:

Meeting is Adjourned 1:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 11, 2026

Yuma CARES unites community partners, prevention leaders, and mental health professionals to promote wellness, resilience, and recovery across Yuma County. By addressing substance use prevention and mental health awareness together, we take a whole-person, whole-community approach—because healthy minds and healthy choices go hand in hand.

