



Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2025
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Yuma Main Library
Yuma AZ

Attendees:

Sector	Member Name/Title	Organization Name
YCADC	Joanne Fiser	Executive Director YCADC
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Ryan Butcher	Yuma County Public Health Services District
Religious/Fraternal organizations	Michael Odom	Journey Church
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Berenice Ortiz	TLCR
Schools	Jessica Hubbard	Yuma Elementary District #1
Business Community	Josh Gonzalez	Barrio Prints
Healthcare Professionals	Amy Rivera	Easter Seals Blake
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Eric Jones	South County Anti-Drug Coalition
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Felipa Castellanos	Catholic Community Services
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	William Lloyd	YPG
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Ruben Ornelas	Crossroads Mission
Community Advocate	Lizbeth Valenzuela	Parent
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Raycheal Jesser	Yuma County Juvenile Court
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Juanita Vega	TLCR
Law Enforcement	Nidya Casas	Yuma County Juvenile Court
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Carlos Flores	TLCR
Civic Volunteer Group	Beverly Cade	NAACP
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Jessica Valadez	AZ Dept of Liquor License & Control
Healthcare Professionals	Margie Hiatt	Clarvida
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Lucia Wilson	ACHIEVE
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Oswaldo Rodriguez	Yuma County
Schools	Martha Remenar	YUHSD

State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Sofia Camacho	S.M.I.L.E
Healthcare Professionals	Rick Diaz	Onvida Health, Behavioral Health Dept
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Sonia Salcido	Amberly's Place
Healthcare Professionals	Estrella Fitch	The Healing Journey
Schools	Moises Pimentel	Center for the Future of AZ
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Linda Nelson	Arizona Town Hall
Schools	Kelly Dale	YUHSD
Business Community	Michelle Britton	Greater Yuma Economic Development
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Beto Garcia	Charlie Health
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Leif Erickson	Community Medical Services
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Andrea Beltran	Community Bridges Inc.
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Nidia Herrera	Arizona@Work
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Noelly Cisneros	Yuma County Public Health Services District
Schools	Kristin Little	YUHSD
Other Organization with Expertise in Substance Use	Tim Collins	TLCR
YCMHC	Ginny Legros	Executive Director YCMHC
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Jorge Flores	RAZE
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Karen Watts	Yuma City Council
Schools	Henry Gonzalez	YUHSD
Community Advocate	Allonso Merlin	Parent
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Jen Hulbert	Yuma County Public Health Services District
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Jamie Burnett	AZHIDTA
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Cameron Curtis	Yuma County Attorneys Office
Youth	Natalia Rosas	Youth Leader – Gila Ridge High School
Law Enforcement	Brian Quigg	Homeland Security Investigations
Schools	Isa Tydingco	Youth Leader – Cibola High School
Schools	Yescina Cuming	YUHSD
Healthcare Professionals	Jordin Aguilar	Onvida Health, Behavioral Health Dept
State, local, and/or tribal government agencies	Yolana Ceballos	AZ Dept of Liquor License & Control

Welcome and Introductions

- Joanne Fiser, Executive Director YCADC opened the meeting.

Agency Updates

- Ryan Butcher, Yuma County Public Health District – Shared Naloxone information. Distribution center local availability: contact him if you would like to be a location. Referenced HIDTA coalition email about fentanyl.
- Natalia Rosas, Youth Leader/GRHS – Shared Mental Health Fair information and flyer.
- Berenice Ortiz, TLCR – Palooza was a success with over 3,200 in attendance. Sun Splash event.
- Eric Jones, South County Anti-Drug Coalition – Donated Gift baskets for Grad Night. Announcement for South County's meeting tomorrow.
- Veronica Gonzalez, YSCO – Addressing mental health needs with collaborative meeting between law enforcement and first responders.
- Jen Hulbert, Yuma County Public Health District – Shared Vaping prevention and Naloxone presentations from the Health Department; contact her for more information.
- Nidia Herrera, Arizona@Work – Serving youth and adults with support services for employment. Hosting movie nights from June 3 to July 8 with free popcorn and drinks at MLK Center.
- Mike Odom, Journey Church – Hosting small group meetings for 10 weeks, providing BBQs and manpower assistance.
- Estrella Fitch, The Healing Journey – Celebrate the Child Event was a success; also attended the Mental Health Event. Hosting art and fun summer programs in Yuma and Somerton.
- Jorge Flores, RAZE – Teaching students how to advocate. Hosted a Mental Health Fair at AWC (successful). Addiction Prevention Fair in San Luis; program is taking enrollments.
- William Lloyd, YPG – Soldiers hosted Alcohol Awareness event using drunk carts and fatal vision goggles to demonstrate motor skill impairment.
- Cameron Curtis, Yuma County Attorney's Office – Continuing prevention efforts with law enforcement; managing two drug courts.
- Linda Nelson, AZ Town Hall – Thank you to YCADC for sharing our virtual event. We have amazing panelist for Mental Health Virtual Event.
- Karen Watts, City of Yuma Council – Juneteenth Event on June 14th with NAACP. Contact Beverly Cade to sign up.

Coalition Updates

-Healing Journey - Mental Health Event: Youth Coalition Leaders Isa Tydingco and Natalia Rosas attended this event. They passed out resources and staffed YCADC & YCMHC tables with an amazing display.

-Recovery Palooza TLCR Event: Youth Coalition Leader Isa Tydingco from Cibola High School staffed this event with over 3,000 attendees. Thank you for your hard work.

-Mental Health Awareness Fair: Youth Coalition Leader Natalia Rosas from Gila Ridge High School coordinated over 10 agencies to participate during school lunches. Thank you to our champions that participated!

Upcoming

- May 23rd-Grad Night the countdown is on! We are excited to share that the community support is over \$34,000 raised and numerous raffle prizes are being counted, thank you for making this another memorable celebration for our seniors!

Presentation

Moises Pimental – AWC presentation.

Good of the Order

Ryan Butcher shared that for two years in a row, there have been zero fatalities from drug overdose. The work does matter.

Wrap-Up

Ginny Legros quote – Life's too short, so dance in the kitchen.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:43 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

