



**Minutes**  
**March 10, 2026**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Yuma Union High School District Office**  
**3150 S Avenue A, Yuma AZ 85364**

**Attendees:**

Name	Organization	Sector
Steve Legros	Retired	Healthcare Professional
Ruben Ornelas	Crossroads Mission	Substance Use Organization
Beverly Cade	NAACP	Civic/Volunteer Organization
Courtney Starkey	CPIH	Healthcare Professional
Christian Hernandez	Onvida Health	Healthcare Professional
Amie Zaja	MCCS Yuma SACC	Substance Use Organization
Berenice Ortiz	TLCR	Substance Use Organization
Leif Erickson	Community Medical Services	Substance Use Organization
Lauren Spurlock	YUHSD	School
Elvis Kost	LCEH /ACHIEVE	Healthcare Professional
Francisco Arias	Cibola	Student
Chloe Bricker	Cibola Hosa	Student
David Reynoso	Vista High School/ The Ark Foundation	School
Ale Mendoza	Advocate	Parent
Yescina Cuming	Cibola High School	School
Monique Slaughter	Vista High School	School
Jessica Hubbard	Castle Dome Middle School	School
Ana Camberos	Ron Watson MS	School
Kelly Dale	YUHSD - Cibola	School
Juanita Gomez	YUHSD CIBOLA	School
Camryn Amrhein	Yuma Union School District, Cibola High School	School
Henry Gonzalez	YUHSD	School
Victoria Gonzalez	Yuma County sheriff's office	Law Enforcement
Cassandra Reed	District One SRO	Law Enforcement
Crisanto Herrera	YUHSD - Somerton High School	School
Alani Miller	Community Partners	Healthcare Professional
Anthony Legros	Yuma Police Department	Law Enforcement
Oswaldo Rodriguez	Yuma County Juvenile Justice Court	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency

Vince Harman	Christ Lutheran	Religious or Fraternal Organization
Martha Remenar	Yuma Union High School District	School
Ernesto Prieto	San Luis police department	Law Enforcement
Karen Watts	City of Yuma, Amberly's, Family Nurse Practitioner	Healthcare Professional
Jen Hulbert	Yuma county public health services district	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Raul Castillo	SMILE	Youth Serving Organization
Beto Garcia	Charlie Health	Healthcare Professional
Matt Diamond	YUHSD 70	School
Kathy Hoover	YUHSD	School
Ginny Legros	Yuma Cares	Civic/Volunteer Organization
Marissela Hodges	National Community Health Partners	Healthcare Professional
Oscar Pena	Rural Arizona Engagement	Youth
Keith Francis Jr.	Arizona Complete Health	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Kellan Trammel	YPD Mental Health	Law Enforcement
Robert Wright	Yuma Police Department	Law Enforcement
Jeffrey Ross	Yuma Police Department	Law Enforcement
Jorge Herrera	Regional Center for Border Health	Healthcare Professional
Kim Seh	Somerton school district	School
Maria Chavoya	Arizona Complete Health	Healthcare Professional
Joanne Fiser	YCADC	Substance Use Organization
Ryan Butcher	Yuma County Health District	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Tim Collins	TLCR	Substance Use Organization
Shelley Jones Mellon	RL Jones	Business
Pepper Mellon	RL Jones	Business
Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County Board of Supervisors	Local Government
Mark Martinez	Yuma City Council	Local Government
Jordan Aguilar	Onvida Health Behavioral Health	Healthcare
Josh Dahl	US Border Patrol	Law Enforcement
Karen Watts	Yuma City Council	Local Government
Dale Dumo	Travis Manion Foundation	Youth Serving Organization
Margie Hiatt	Clarvida	Substance Use Organization
Arisel Torres	Colorado River Behavioral Health System	Substance Use Organization
Felipa Castellanos	Catholic Community Services	Civic/Volunteer Organization
Luis Vazquez	Community Health Partners	Healthcare Professional

## Approval of Minutes -

Pledge/January 2026 Meeting Minutes - Pepper Motions, Henry Seconds. Approved.

## Welcome Champion Introductions & Community Updates

### **Jennifer Hulbert - Yuma County Public Health Services District**

- The CDC's Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts Dashboard provides rolling 12-month estimates of overdose deaths using both reported and predicted data to account for investigation delays. The dashboard highlights trends nationally and by state and allows users to track changes over time.
- CDC Dashboard Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>

### **Berenice Ortiz – TLCR (Transitional Living Center Recovery)**

- *Recovery Palooza* will be held Saturday, May 2 at Carver Park.
- Organizations are invited to register a booth.
- Planning meeting: Wednesday the 11th at 11:00 a.m. (Zoom or in person at Turtle Bay Café).

### **Chloe Bricker - Cibola High School / Youth Coalition**

- Sharing flyer (attached) and resource information from Cibola HOSA class.

### **Elvis Kost – Yuma Coalition to End Homelessness / ACHIEVE**

- Hosting the 2026 Community Resource Fair
- Heritage Library – 350 S. 3rd Ave., Yuma
- April 8 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### **Beto Garcia – Charlie Health**

- Offering Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) support for children and adults.
- Accepting AHCCCS and commercial insurance plans.

### **Jodi Wight - Catholic Community Services**

- Update attached.

### **Marissela Hodges – National Community Health Partners**

- Supporting the Cocopah Tribal Veterans Stand Down, providing resources and support for local veterans.

### **Oscar Peña – Rural Arizona Engagement / AWC RAZA Advocates**

- Hosting the Annual Mental Health Forum
- Saturday, April 18 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Arizona Western College – Yuma Campus
- Includes workshops and a community resource fair.

Registration: <https://ruralarizona.us/YumaYouth>

Resource Fair Tabling: <https://ruralarizona.us/ResourceFair>

### **Keith Francis Jr. – Arizona Complete Health**

- Hosted the first quarterly Crisis Systems Meeting for Yuma County.
- Agencies interested in attending future meetings can request to be added to the invitation list.
- Also available locally to provide Crisis System and Crisis System Dashboard training.
- Crisis Line: 844-534-4673

## YCADC UPDATE:

- BACIC Award: YCADC was awarded \$800 from BACIC to support alcohol awareness efforts with local high schools during April, the month of prom. Special thanks to our champion Jessica Valadez for spearheading this opportunity for coalitions across the state.
- Coalition Impact Presentation: We have created a presentation highlighting our coalition's impact throughout Yuma County. As we continue expanding our reach throughout the community and surrounding areas, sustained funding and broader support are essential for the coalition to continue its important work.  
If your organization would like to view the presentation or discuss ways to partner with and support the coalition, we would welcome the opportunity to connect.
- Sarah Harmon Memorial 3-on-3 Tournament: We are excited for this weekend's Sarah Harmon Memorial 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and grateful to Vince Harmon for selecting YCADC as a donation recipient from this event.
- Grad Night  
2026 sponsorships and raffle prize donations/collection are in full swing. Community partners are invited to support this vital prevention event. Grad Night 2026 for sponsorship opportunities visit our website at [www.ycadc.org](http://www.ycadc.org)
- **Today's Presenters**  
We appreciate you sharing your time, expertise, and heart with our coalition.
  - Henry Gonzalez, Health & Safety Director, Yuma Union High School District
  - Courtney Starkey, Community Partners Inc.

## Champion Thank You's

- Allo Fiber – Monthly Lunch Sponsor  
Thank you to Allo Fiber for generously sponsoring our monthly lunches. Your support helps fuel our Champions and strengthens the prevention work happening throughout our community.
- Dale Dumo, Travis Manion Foundation – CONNECTION Podcast Guest  
Thank you to Dale Dumo for joining us as a guest on the CONNECTION Podcast and sharing insights that inspire collaboration and strengthen prevention efforts across our community.

## Presentation

Henry Gonzalez, Health & Safety Director, Yuma Union High School District  
Presented on the services that the YUHSD has available for students and staff.

## Presentation

Courtney Starkey, Community Partners Inc.  
Presented on school-based mental health services, Community Partners, Inc. provides to multiple districts across Yuma County.

## Good of the Order: Ginny Legros, Special Project Manager

We kindly ask that within 48 hrs prior to this meeting, please click ACCEPT or DECLINE to the calendar invite.  
(Please leave your badges at your seat.)

## Adjourned:

Meeting is Adjourned 1:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: April 14, 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.



**C - Compassion:**

Compassion is the foundation of everything we do. We believe in meeting individuals and families where they are, without judgment or stigma. Whether someone is navigating mental health challenges, substance use concerns, or both, compassion creates safety, trust, and hope. By leading with empathy, we foster a community where asking for help is seen as a strength, not weakness. Use Disorder (AUD) with understanding and empathy. By showing compassion, we create an environment where people feel safe to seek help and support.

**A - Advocacy:**

Advocacy drives awareness and change. Yuma CARES amplifies conversations around substance misuse, mental health, and prevention through outreach, education, and community engagement. We advocate for early intervention, accessible services, and policies that support prevention, treatment, and mental wellness—ensuring every voice matters, and every story counts.

**R - Resources:**

Access matters. We work to connect individuals, families, and professionals with trusted prevention tools, mental health services, treatment options, and community supports. By strengthening partnerships and building a robust referral network, Yuma CARES ensures no one has to navigate challenges alone—and help is always within reach.

**E - Education:**

Education empowers prevention. We provide evidence-based education to youth, families, educators, and the broader community on substance use prevention, mental health awareness, coping skills, and resilience. By increasing understanding and reducing stigma, we equip our community to recognize warning signs early, make informed choices, and support one another proactively.

**S - Support:**

Support sustains recovery and wellness. From prevention to intervention to long-term well-being, Yuma CARES champions ongoing support for individuals and families. Through collaborative partnerships, peer connections, and community programs, we reinforce that recovery, healing, and mental wellness are possible—and no one has to walk the journey alone.