



Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2024
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Yuma Main Library

Attendees:

Sector	Member Name/Title	Organization Name
YCADC	Joanne Fiser	Executive Director YCADC
Parent	Cori Rico- Secretary	Gowan Company
Federal Govt./Military	Macial Moreno	AZ CDTF
Business	Shelley Mellon- Chair	R.L. Jones Insurance
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	John Abarca	Community Bridges
Behavioral Health	Jordin Aguilar	YRMC Behavioral Health
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Berenice Ortiz	TLCR
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Timothy Collins	TLCR
School	Henry Gonzalez	Yuma Union HS District
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Annette Pappan	Victory Homes
Law Enforcement	Levi Jones	Yuma Police Dept
Federal Government/Military	Virgil Tapispisan	MCAS /DDRC
School	Oliva Porchas	South County School
Federal Government/Military	Amie Zaja	MCAS/DDRC
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Eden Argueta	Campesinos Sin Fronteras
Faith based Organization	Michael Odom	Journey Church
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Beverly Cade	NAACP
Health	Alma Herrera	Regional Center for Border Health
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Bruce Gwynn	Yuma Community Food Bank and Community Member
Parent	Darlene Firestone	
Law Enforcement	Brian Quigg	Homeland Security Investigations
Law Enforcement	Glen Dalin	Retired Law Enforcement
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Carlos	TLCR
Federal Government/Military	Joseph Badilla	AZ CDTF

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Welcome and Introductions:

- Shelley Mellon called the meeting to order at 11:42 AM.

Approval of November meeting minutes

- Bruce Gwynn moved to approve the minutes, Joann seconded. Minutes were passed.

Introductions/Agency Updates:

- All attendees introduced themselves as well as provided 2 minute agency update.

Henry Gonzalez- Yuma Union High School District:

- Statewide safety summit with AZ Dept. of Education focused on attendance, law enforcement, education, health, and safety.
- Emphasized community collaboration and collective efforts towards safety and discussed the Gilbert Goons case and highlighted the importance of community collaboration in addressing issues.
- Gave thanks to Shelley and school board as they were able to present the coalition and our efforts to the Yuma Union High School District Board.

Levi Jones: YPD/ SRO

- YPD-SRO at Cibola High School expressed gratitude for being present and attending the meeting. Will talk later about a recent partnership with coalition.

Michael Odom - Journey Church:

- Hosted a community cares presentation on vaping in January and had good response.
- Shared about a 12-week program starting at the church to help individuals kick habits.

Glen Dalin: Community Member and Retired Law Enforcement

- Shared passion for this work and his 31 years of experience working on the border, emphasized importance of parent involvement in drug prevention.

Brian Quigg- Department of Homeland Security Investigations:

- Brian new to position at the Department of Homeland Security.
- Talked about the amount of contraband that comes through port of entry and importance of this work that coalition is doing.

Jordin Aguilar - YRMC Behavioral Health Center:

- No updates at this time.

Carlos (TLCR treatment coordinator):

- Announced Yuma fair housing fair on April 23rd and shared booth setup details. Joanne sent this email out to coalition.

Berenice (Healthcare coordinator, TLCR):

- Shared various services provided by TLCR, including support groups and events. Open 7 days a week 8-7:30 pm no appointments required.
- Peer support training happen every couple weeks and last for 2 weeks.
- Narcan training is available should any partners need it.
- 11th Annual Recovery Palooza will be on Saturday, May 11th at Joe Henry. It will be from 9 am-1 pm. They are seeking collaboration from this coalition and agencies and it is open to having a booth and sharing resources.
- Also part of Grad Night Planning committee
- Can expedite approval of AHCCCS for community members
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Annette Pappan (Victory Outreach):

- Shared updates on housing for women's shelter (location fell through and still looking)
- one-year Christian-based program with activities, bible studies and family like environment.

Amie & Virgil (MCAS):

- Discussed national drug fact week and upcoming events, including National Take Back Day. They are partnering with YPD and will have a booth handing out resources.
- Were able to connect with 7,000 students between the various high schools and partnered with Joann for a couple of these events.
- National Alcohol awareness month this month and pushing resources, education and workshop for military.
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Olivia Porchas (School Social Worker):

- First-time attendee, no specific updates provided.

Jon Smith (County Attorney):

- Discussed legislative changes.

Axcel, Joseph, and Maciel:

- Introduced themselves and shared their roles related to drug task forces and community outreach.
- Scheduling coalitions for DA take back day
- Having good responses to trainings in the Yuma Community

Eden Argueta (Campesinos sin Frontera):

- Shared upcoming events and conferences focused on substance use disorder and health.
- Parents conference April 27th- Take back on same day as conference. Parents that attend get a stipend and will learn about resources and services they do.
- Youth conference on May 6th @ San Luis High School
- Health Care Fair on April 15th- Free health checks and vaccines as well as Prostate checks.

John Abarca-

- Will be presenting today about CBI, but reminder they have Narcan and if needed, they can distribute.

Shelley:

- Talked about membership contact information within this group and possibly creating separate log in for coalition members on YCADC website.

Joanne YCADC Updates:

- Shared upcoming events and thanked Virgil and Amie for their contributions to recent activities.
- Henry & Levi talked about their work and advocacy for youth sports and shared details about a partnership with a local football program where the almost 1,000 kids ranging from 5-14 got a YCADC bag to hold all of their gear and a practice jersey with coalition logo.
- Shared details about upcoming presentations and events hosted by YCADC and other organizations.

Community Bridges Presentation by John Abarca:

- Presented Community Bridges and its services, emphasizing its role in providing integrated medical and behavioral health care.
- If desired, he can send out power point of presentation.
- Contact information- yumaadmissions@cbridges.com, 928.373.6743

Announcements:**National Take Back Day: April 27th****Good of the Order:**

- Opportunity for volunteers for grad night committee and donations for raffles.
- There is a sign up list in the back for those interested in being a part of the committee as well.

Meeting Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2024 @ 11:30 am
Location: Yuma County Main Library

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