



**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 14, 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
Business	Shelley Mellon- Chair	R.L. Jones Insurance
Health	Ryan Butcher	Yuma County Health District
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
Federal Government/Military	Virgil Tapispisan	MCAS /DDRC
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- Treasure	Yuma Community Food Bank and Community Member
Law Enforcement	Brian Quigg	Homeland Security Investigations
Parent	Darlene Firestone	
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Kyron Eldridge	HOPE Inc.
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Reyes Moreno	HOPE Inc.
Business	Pepper Mellon	R.L. Jones Insurance
School	Ulises Torres	Yuma Union HS District
Other Org Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse	Leif Erickson	Community Medical Services
Federal Government/Military	Joseph Mulholland	MCAS Yuma
Federal Government/Military	Jonathan Rodgers	MCAS Yuma
Federal Government/Military	Bill Lloyd	YPG
School	Shara Skinner	AWC

**Welcome and Introductions:**

- Shelley Mellon called the meeting to order at 11:50 AM.

**Approval of November meeting minutes**

- Bruce Gwynn moved to approve the minutes; Pepper Mellon seconded. Minutes passed.

**Introductions/Agency Updates:**

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

**Ryan Butcher: Yuma County Health District**

- Shared information and handouts about Free Naloxone and its distribution locations in Yuma. It was a significant milestone to see various agencies collaborate to provide this vital resource for our community. If you are interested in having Naloxone at your place of business, please reach out to him. Additionally, he discussed the collaboration with YRMC and YCADC in distributing emergency kits containing Naloxone and related resources to patients and families leaving the ER. He emphasized that families are most vulnerable at this time and are open to receiving these critical resources if needed.

He also mentioned Ophee as another option currently being studied for opioid overdoses. Given that carfentanil is 100 times stronger than fentanyl, and Ophee is even more potent, research is ongoing to understand its effects and potential applications.

**Henry Gonzalez- Yuma Union High School District:**

- Welcomed social workers to our meeting.
- Emphasized that safety and security is the underlining cause with substance misuse. Thank you to Ryan Butcher for free Narcan to all schools. It really takes knowledge and a village to tackle drug prevention. Thank you to everyone here who provides that for our community.
- Shared the impact on the Yuma Catch and Go Flag Football League support from YCADC for sponsoring the leagues shirts for 1,000 kids in our community.

**Ulises Torres – YUHSD Social Worker:**

- From Gila Ridge High School.

**Darlene Firestone: Parent**

- Thank you YCADC for all you do.

**Brian Quigg- Department of Homeland Security Investigations:**

- Thank you YCADC for helping us with this fight.

**Jordin Aguilar - YRMC Behavioral Health Center:**

- No updates at this time.

**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.
- The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Recovery Palooza was a great event at Joe Henry. Shared lots of resources.
- Staying busy with AHCCCS for community members.

**Tim Collins- TLCR:**

- No updates currently.

**Beverly Cade- NAACP**

- Invited everyone to Juneteenth event on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 10:30pm at Carver Park. There will be food, drinks, music, games and giveaways.

**Virgil Tapispisan- MCAS Yuma**

- Gearing up for the 101 days of summer and providing training and prevention.

**Leif Erickson- Community Medical Services**

- No updates currently.

**Joseph Mulholland- MCAS Yuma**

- Shared that he is a substance abuse counselor. New and well versed in the community.

**Bill Lloyd- YPG**

- Shared he would like to be more involved and help YCADC.

**Jonathan Rodgers- MCAS Yuma**

- Shared that he does drug testing and gives drug prevention presentations.

**Joseph Mulholland- MCAS Yuma**

- Shared that he is a substance abuse counselor. New and well versed in the community.

**Alma Herrera- Regional Center for Border Health**

- Provides San Luis and Somerton with youth substance abuse counseling.

**Kyron Eldrige- HOPE**

- No updates currently.

**Reyes Moreno- HOPE**

- Shared they have resources for mental health and substance abuse.

**Bruce Gwynn- Parent**

- He is a concerned grandparent and citizen that likes to support YCADC.

**Pepper Mellon- RL Jones Insurance**

- Glad to be part.

**Joanne Fiser- YCADC Executive Director**

- So happy to be here and will share updates.

**Shara Skinner- AWC**

- AWC is looking at spots on campus to place Narcan. To be easier accessible to the students. They had a presentation given at the college on how to administer Naloxone.
- Also mentioned working on ideas for the new school year on sponsoring some community things like Grad Night and supporting
- AWC looking at ways for students who are reentering to help equip them for the new year.

**Shelley Mellon- YCADC Chair:**

- RL Jones Insurance could have four locations for Naloxone.
- Expressed gratitude to everyone for their dedication and contributions to our community and coalition.

**Joanne YCADC Updates:**

- YCADC hosted a table at National Bank of AZ.
- Shared Grad Night to the YUHSD Board at May's Meeting
- YCADC gave synch bags to FOP Lodge 24 Foundation's Golf Tournament
- Shared Grad Night Committee Achievements
- Shared upcoming presentations in the area.

**MCAS Yuma Presentation by Virgil Tapispisan:**

- Presented on marijuana awareness and drug prevention, highlighting the latest research and knowledge of the substance to educate and inform participants about its effects and risks.

**Announcements:****Good of the Order:**

**Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.**

**Next Meeting: June 11, 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.