



**Minutes**  
**February 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
Ryan Butcher	Yuma County Public Health Services District	STATE/LOCAL/TRIBAL/GOVERNMENT
Arisel Torres	Transitional Living Center Recovery	Substance Misuse Professionals
Beto Garcia	Charlie Health	Health Care Professional
Tim Collins	Crossroads Mission	Substance Misuse Professionals
Camryn Amrhein	YUHSD #70	Schools
David Reynoso	Yuma Union High School District- Vista High	Schools
Joanne Fiser	YCADC	Nonprofit
Jordin Aguilar	Onvida Behavioral Health Center	Health Care Professional
Oscar Morales	Customs Border Protection - Yuma Border Patrol	STATE/LOCAL/TRIBAL/GOVERNMENT
Stacey Moore	American Red Cross	Nonprofit
Miguel Burciaga	Crossroads Mission	Nonprofit
Henry Gonzalez	YUHSD #70	Schools
Ruben Ornelas	Crossroads Mission	Nonprofit
Berenice Ortiz	TLCR	Substance Misuse Professionals
Kathy Hoover	YUHSD/Gila Ridge HS	Schools
Courtney Starkey	Community Partners Integrated Healthcare	Health Care Professional
Josh Dahl	United States Border Patrol	STATE/LOCAL/TRIBAL/GOVERNMENT
Christian Hernandez RN	Onvida Health	Health Care Professional
Misha Kerekes	Vista high School	Schools
Raul Castillo	SMILE(Services Maximizing Independent Living and Empowerment)	Nonprofit
Vince Harman	Christ Lutheran	Religious Organizations
Martha Remenar	Kofa High School	Schools
Kelly Dale	Yuma Union High School District	Schools
Juanita Gomez	YUHSD Cibola	Schools
Francisco Arias	Cibola HOSA	Schools
Tristin Giang	Cibola HOSA	Schools
Chloe Bricker	Cibola HOSA	Schools

Matt Diamond	Cibola High School	Schools
Leif Erickson	Community Medical Services	Health Care Professional
Arisel Torres	Transitional Living Center Recovery	Substance Misuse Professionals
Virginia S. Legros	Yuma CARES	Nonprofit
Jillian Attaway	American Red Cross	Nonprofit
Margaret Rodriguez	SMILE	Nonprofit
Yescina Cuming	Cibola High School (YUHSD #70)	Schools
Steve Legros	Yuma Cares Coalition	Nonprofit
Beverly Cade	NAACP	Nonprofit
Dr. Nikki Hage	Arizona Western College	Schools
Jessica Valadez	Arizona Department of Liquor, Education & Prevention Unit	STATE / LOCAL / TRIBAL / GOVERNMENT
Jennifer Hulbert	Yuma County Public Health Services District	STATE / LOCAL / TRIBAL / GOVERNMENT
Reyes Moreno	Horizon Health and Wellness	Health Care Professional
Oswaldo Rodriguez	Yuma County Juvenile Justice Court	STATE / LOCAL / TRIBAL / GOVERNMENT
Marissela Hodges	National Community Health Partners	Health Care Professional
Ulises Torres	YUHSD - Gila Ridge High School	Schools
Victoria Gonzalez	Yuma County Sheriff's Office	STATE / LOCAL / TRIBAL / GOVERNMENT
David King	YUHSD70 - Vista High School	Schools
Robert Wright	Yuma Police Department	STATE / LOCAL / TRIBAL / GOVERNMENT
Jorge Flores	RAZE/RAZA	Nonprofit
Rudy Ortiz	First Things First	Nonprofit
Keith Francis Jr.	Arizona Complete Health	Nonprofit
Edgar Lizarraga	Ven Centers	Nonprofit
Morgan Bell	American Red Cross, Service to Armed Forces & International Services	Nonprofit
Dale Dumo	Travis Manion Foundation (TMF) Yuma Chapter	Nonprofit
Alma Herrera	Regional Center For Border Health	Health Care Professional

## Approval of Minutes -

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

## Welcome Champion Introductions & Community Updates

### Berenice Ortiz

Transitional Living Center Recovery (TLCR)

- We are having our Heart of Recovery Award ceremony on 2/14 at 1pm. We will be recognizing community members. Also we are beginning our planning for Recovery Palooza, calling all agencies to reserve your booth.
- 1st Week of the Month - Carnival (Saturday) 2nd Week of the Month - Pizza Party (Tuesday) 3rd Week of the Month - Ice Cream Social (Friday) 4th Week of the Month - Karaoke (Saturday)

**Beto Garcia**

*Charlie Health*

- Charlie Health has no waitlist and directly provides 12 hours of mental health therapy.  
Contact Beto at 928-508-6350

**Jordin Aguilar**

*Onvida Behavioral Health Center*

- Reminder: Voluntary inpatient unit is available 24/7 for adults and older adults. The intensive outpatient program has availability - allows for quicker turnaround to see a psychiatrist and group-based therapy.

**Jorge Flores**

*Rural Arizona Engagement (RAZE)*

- We are getting ready for our second annual Mental Health Forum/AWC will be having a Heart & Healthy Relationships Fairs February 11th in Yuma main campus and February 18th in San Luis learning center.

**Linda Elliott-Nelson**

*Arizona Town Hall*

- Announced the 2026 statewide topic: Housing.

**Marisela Hodges**

*National Community Health Partners*

- Hosting a Veterans Engagement Resource Fair and QPR training at TCR to support veterans and strengthen community prevention efforts.

**David Reynoso**

*Vista High School / The Ark Foundation*

The First Annual Fairways for Freedom was a tremendous success with 32 teams and over \$20,000 raised to support military members and first responders' mental health.

**Jennifer Hulbert**

*Yuma County Public Health Services District*

- New location Somerton Community Resource Center now open. Free Naloxone is available to anyone at the locations listed on the flyer attached. No need to call ahead, simply stop by during normal business hours to pick up a box.

**David King**

*YUHSD70 – Vista High School*

- Hosting "Why Vista" Community Event on April 22, 2026. Community partners are invited to participate and share resources with students and families.

**Rudy Ortiz**

*First Things First*

- Released the 2025–2026 Yuma Resource Guide for families and providers.  
<https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/2025-Yuma-Resource-Guide.pdf>

**Keith Francis Jr.**

*Arizona Complete Health*

- First Quarterly Crisis System Meeting scheduled for March 3, 2026 at 10:30 AM. Available to provide crisis system overview, data dashboard, and resiliency trainings.  
Keith.Francis@azcompletehealth.com

**Morgan Bell**

*American Red Cross – Service to Armed Forces & International Services*

- Military: We are still looking for licensed mental health providers to help facilitate free resiliency workshops for military families, veterans, and civilians working on base. Volunteer involvement ensures these services are sustainably available to your local community. International: Please help spread the word about our Restoring Family Links program: a free tracing and messaging service for individuals displaced overseas after conflict or disaster. This program also provides Attestations of Detention for POWs and other resources. Please contact [Bushra.Ahmad@redcross.org](mailto:Bushra.Ahmad@redcross.org) for more info.

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Gag4X2YcTYy\\_ePUmwchS3YbWJD0wmjdw](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Gag4X2YcTYy_ePUmwchS3YbWJD0wmjdw)

## Dale Dumo

*Travis Manion Foundation – Yuma Chapter*

- Presented on youth mentorship through the Character Does Matter program and continued partnership opportunities with schools and community.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1w5Tn0-d52Xlrd9WaN>

\*Attached Exceptional Community Hospital - Heart Health Fair

## YCADC UPDATE:

- **Yuma County Anti-Drug Coalition (YCADC) Grad Night**  
2026 sponsorships 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)
- **Pueblo Elementary Career Day**  
Our coalition had the privilege of attending Pueblo Elementary's Career Day, and it was such a success! The students were incredibly engaged, loved visiting our table, and it was a joy hearing what they dream of becoming when they grow up. Investing in youth early truly matters—and this was a beautiful reminder of why we do what we do.
- **Yuma VA Outpatient Clinic Groundbreaking**  
At the invitation of Onvida, the coalition had the honor of attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Yuma VA Outpatient Clinic. This state-of-the-art facility will be a tremendous asset to our veterans and to the overall health of our community. We are truly excited about the lasting impact this space will have on expanding access to care and strengthening wellness across Yuma County.
- **Thank You to Allo Fiber – Monthly Lunch Sponsor**  
We want to extend a special thank you to **Allo Fiber** for being our consistent lunch sponsor. Without their generous support, Chile Pepper would not arrive each month! Your partnership fuels more than lunch—it supports our Champions and strengthens the work that reaches throughout our community. We are deeply grateful for your continued investment in prevention and collaboration.
- **Today's Presenters**  
We appreciate you sharing your time, expertise, and heart with our coalition.
  - Dale Demo – Travis Manion Foundation
  - Vince Harmon – Christ Lutheran Church

## Presentation

Dale Dumo, Travis Manion Foundation – Yuma Chapter

Presented on youth mentorship through the Character Does Matter program and continued partnership opportunities with schools and community.

## Presentation

Vince Harman, Christ Lutheran Church

Presented on the Sarah Harman Memorial Basketball Tournament

Good of the Order: Ginny Legros, Special Project Manager

(Please leave your badges at your seat.)

## Adjourned:

Meeting is Adjourned 1:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: March 10, 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.