Minutes
October 13, 2026
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Yuma Union High School District Office
3150 S Avenue A, Yuma AZ 85364

Attendees:

Acxel Corrales	DDRO	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Adriana Martinez	Arizona Western College	School
Amandelyn Taylor	Tranquility Wellness Studio	Business
Alma Barcena	Juvenile Probation	Youth Serving Organization
Barry Wise	YPG Fire	Healthcare Professional
Berenice Ortiz	YumaCares	Substance Use Organization
Bethany Gonzalez	The Salvation Army Yuma Corps	Religious or Fraternal Organization
Beto Garcia	Charlie Health	Substance Use Organization
Brenda Smith	Yuma Union High School	School
Camryn Amrhein	YUHSD	School
Carlos Sosa	CDTF/DDRO	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Casey Wilson	American Made Recovery Inc	Substance Use Organization
Christian Hernandez	Onvida Health	Healthcare Professional
Collin Cuming	AFGE/NBPC Union Local 2595	Law Enforcement
Dennis Gasrow, Jr.	Yuma Fire Department	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Dusty Fields	Arizona Western College	School
Estrella Fitch	The Healing Journey	Healthcare Professional
Evelyn Jasso	TLCR	Substance Use Organization
Francisco Arias	Cibola High School HOSA	School
George Owens	Arizona Complete Health	Healthcare Professional
Gina Olivas	Yuma Cares	Healthcare Professional

Ginny Legros	YCMHC	Substance Use Organization
Haydee Pardee	Crane Schools	School
Henry Gonzalez	YUHSD	School
Ivan Ramirez	NBPC Local 2595	Law Enforcement
Jaelynn Diaz	Dept. Of Liquor License and Control	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Jaime Burnett	CDC Foundation	Substance Use Organization
Jen Hulbert	Yuma County Public Health Services District	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Jeremy Daniels	Yuma Police Department	Law Enforcement
Jessica Hubbard	Castle Dome	School
Jessica Valadez	Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Joanne Fiser	Yuma County Anti-Drug Coalition	Substance Use Organization
Jodi Courter	Exceptional Community Hospital-Yuma	Healthcare Professional
Jonathan Haines	Cibola High School HOSA	School
JUANITA M GOMEZ	Cibola High School HOSA	School
Kacie Baker	YUHSD	School
Karen Laguillo	DDRO	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Kassandra Llamas	Sunset Health	Healthcare Professional
Keith Francis Jr	AzCh	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Kelly Dale	YUHSD	School
Kim Seh	Somerton School District	School
Kimberly Castro	Yuma County Sheriff's Office	Healthcare Professional
Laura Fores	Church for the City	Religious or Fraternal Organization
Leif Erickson	Community Medical Services	Substance Use Organization
Lilian Campa	YUHSD	School
Linnette Espinoza	Yuma County Sheriff’s Department	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
William Lloyd	YPG	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Luz Castellanos	Offroad4autism	Healthcare Professional

Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Mazzy Andrade	Onvida Health	Healthcare Professional
Michael Odom	Journey Church	Religious or Fraternal Organization
Michelle Gutierrez	Yuma County Juvenile Justice Center	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Miriam Limon	Onvida Health	Business
Monica Cortez	USBP	Law Enforcement
Nancy Rivera	Cactus Heart Counseling	Business
Nidia Herrera	Arizona@Work-Yuma	Youth Serving Organization
Nikki Moore	Kofa High School	Healthcare Professional
Paulina Sanchez	Building Steps Behavioral Health	Healthcare Professional
Pepper Mellon	RL Jones Insurance	Business
Renata Martinez	Tranquility Wellness Studio	Business
Marlene Roman	Community Health Associates	Healthcare Professional
Ruben Ornelas	Crossroads Mission	Substance Use Organization
Ruby Wilson	American Made Recovery, Inc.	Substance Use Organization
Ruth Gonzales	Yuma County Juvenile Justice Center	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Sabina Koretz	Catholic Community Services Safe House	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Sarah Chavez	Private Practice	Healthcare Professional
Shelley Mellon	RL Jones Insurance	Business
Sol Estrada	Telecare Corporation	Substance Use Organization
Sonia Salcido	Amberly's Place	Civic/Volunteer Organization
Stephanie Dressler	Easterseals Blake Foundation	Healthcare Professional
Tim Hariper	Yuma Police Department	Law Enforcement
Timothy Keller	YUHSD	School
Valeria Reyes	DDRO Counter Drug	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Victoria Gonzalez	Yuma County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
Vince Harman	Christ Lutheran Church	Religious or Fraternal Organization
Virgil Tapispisan	USMC	Substance Use Organization

Yescina Cuming	YUHSD Cibola HS	School
Yisselle Sanchez	Cibola High School HOSA	School
Yvonne powell	YUMA PD	Law Enforcement
Steve Legros	Retired YFD	Advocate
Marissela Hodges	NCHP	Healthcare Professional
Kellan Trammel	YFD Mental Health Co Responder Unit	Healthcare Professional
Jacob Weitzman	Homeland Security Investigations	Government
Beverly Cade	NAACP	Civic/Volunteer Organization
Danny Koolick	Horizon Health & Wellness	Treatment Provider
Jorge Flores	RAZE	Youth Serving Organization
	Fort Yuma Health Care Center	Healthcare Professional

Approval of Minutes -

Pledge/September 2026 Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Ginny Legros and seconded by Berenice Ortiz. Minutes approved.

Welcome Champion Introductions & Community Updates -

Charlie Health – Beto Garcia
Charlie Health offers a virtual Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) for children, teens, and adults, providing accessible support for individuals who may benefit from intensive outpatient services.

TLCR – Evelyn Jasso
TLCR is seeking agencies and community organizations to participate in its **5th Annual Halloween Event** on Friday, October 30, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Carver Park. Community partners are encouraged to get involved and help make this a fun event for local youth and families.

View the Halloween Event Flyer

Exceptional Community Hospital-Yuma – Jodi Courter
Exceptional Community Hospital is hosting a **Trunk or Treat** on October 28 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM in its parking lot. The hospital is also organizing a food drive from November 1 through November 23.

View Trunk or Treat Flyer
View Food Drive Flyer

Yuma Union High School District (YUHSD) – Kacie Baker
Kacie shared a community resource flyer for coalition members to review and share with their networks.

View Shared Flyer

Arizona Complete Health – Keith Francis Jr.
Arizona Complete Health is currently reviewing and revising protocols, with updates being accepted through close of business on **October 23**. The organization continues to offer Crisis System Overview trainings for community partners.

Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) – William Lloyd
YPG is planning a **Veterans Day Ruck, Run, and Walk 5K**. Additional information is available in the event flyer.

View Veterans Day 5K Flyer

Onvida Health – Mazzy Andrade
Onvida Health welcomes agencies interested in touring its Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) or presenting to the Onvida Behavioral Health clinical team. Please contact Mazzy to explore opportunities for connection and collaboration.

Yuma County Juvenile Justice Center – Michelle Gutierrez
The Juvenile Justice Center is preparing for **National Adoption Day**, scheduled for November 21, and is still seeking vendors interested in participating. The next planning meeting is October 22, 2026, at 12:00 PM in Courtroom 1 at the Yuma County Juvenile Justice Center. Attendees should bring their own lunch.

The center is also developing a new shared parenting initiative. A training is planned for later this year for foster placements, parents, and behavioral health agencies working with the Department of Child Safety (DCS). Contact Michelle for additional details.

View National Adoption Day Flyer

United States Marine Corps (USMC) – Virgil Tapispisan
Virgil shared an update regarding an RRW event.

Fort Yuma Health Care Center
The Fort Yuma Health Care Center shared information about an upcoming **Health & Wellness Fair** on Saturday, November 7.

View Health & Wellness Fair Flyer

City of Yuma - Jenn Reichelt, Deputy City Administrator
Contact: Jennifer.Reichelt@yumaaz.gov.
The City of Yuma is connecting with community organizations and key stakeholders to provide educational presentations and important information about Proposition 436.
Resource: yumaaz.gov/Prop436

Yuma CARES Coalition – Berenice Ortiz, Prevention Specialist

As part of our ongoing prevention and awareness efforts, we are sharing important information about the emerging dangers of Kratom and 7-OH. These substances are becoming increasingly accessible and can pose serious health risks, including addiction and overdose. In Arizona, kratom-related overdose deaths increased by 157% from 2024 to 2025. We encourage everyone to review the attached flyer, stay informed, and help spread awareness throughout our communities.

📎 View Kratom & 7-OH Awareness Flier

YCADC UPDATE: Joanne Fiser, Executive Director of YCADC

- QTR 3 Naloxone Distribution Update: 191 Naloxone kits were distributed by the Yuma County Anti-Drug Coalition (YCADC) to community members throughout Yuma County from July–September 2026, helping increase access to this lifesaving resource.

- YCADC attended the 2026 AZ Drug Summit, gaining valuable, up-to-date information, resources, and best practices related to substance use prevention and community education. The summit provided opportunities to learn from experts, connect with prevention professionals, and strengthen partnerships. We look forward to sharing these new insights and resources that will benefit our Yuma County community.

- YCADC connected with members of the Yavapai County Re-Entry Program to learn from their experiences, gather ideas, and explore best practices for developing and sustaining a successful Yuma County Re-Entry Program. These conversations provided valuable guidance as we move forward with building a strong foundation for our local program.

- **Coalition Collaboration:** A coalition collaboration success story highlighted the connection established through Onvida Health's presentation at the police station, serving as a reminder of the value of building partnerships across agencies and community services.

Presentations:

Carlos Sosa & Team- Arizona Counter Drug Task Force/Arizona Drug Demand Reduction

Jacob Weitzman- Homeland Security Investigations

Champion Thank-Yous

- A special thank you to Dale Dumo for coordinating the TMF 9/11 Heroes 5K Run in recognition of the 25th anniversary of 9/11. Thank you for your dedication to honoring the heroes, remembering those we

lost, and bringing our community together to recognize such an important moment in our nation's history. Your efforts help ensure that we never forget. Thank you for allowing us to be part as well.

- A Huge Thank You to Victoria Gonzalez and Martha Dominguez from the Yuma County Sheriff's Office for traveling to Prescott and collaborating with us on the initial development and launch of the Yuma CARES Re-Entry Program. We truly value your partnership and commitment to this important initiative.

Introduce New Champions

We are excited to welcome our newest Coalition Champions attending their first meeting! Through referrals and community outreach, we continue to grow our network of champions committed to prevention, mental health awareness, and a healthier Yuma County. Welcome—we are grateful to have you join our coalition.

Good of the Order: Ginny Legros, Executive Director of YCMHC

Please take the Wilder Survey by October 20th.

Adjourned:

NEXT MEETING: November 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.

Yuma CARES COALITION