



Minutes
June 9, 2026
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Yuma Union High School District Office
3150 S Avenue A, Yuma AZ 85364

Attendees:

Alfredo Prieto	Border. Patrol	Law Enforcement
Alondra Prieto	U.S. Border Patrol	Law Enforcement
Argentina Meza	Abrio Home Care	Business
Barry Wise	YPG Fire Department	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Bethany Gonzalez	The Salvation Army Yuma Corps	Civic/Volunteer Organization
Dennis Gasrow, Jr.	Yuma Fire Department	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
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Laura Flores	Church For The City	Religious or Fraternal Organization
Miriam Limon	Onvida Health	Business
Patricia Martinez	The Mind Body Counseling Center, PLLC	Healthcare Professional
Pedro Sanchez	Abrio Home Care	Business
Roxanne Morales	Psychotherapy private practice	Healthcare Professional
Yvonne Powell	YUMA PD Mental Health Unit	Law Enforcement
Alma Villalobos	Yuma County Juvenile Court	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Ana Camberos	Ron Watson MS	School
Berenice Ortiz	Tlcr	Healthcare Professional
Beto Garcia	Charlie Health	Substance Use Organization
Beverly Cade	NAACP	Civic/Volunteer Organization
Bruce Gwynn	Retired	Parent
Carol Smith	Onvida and City of Yuma	Healthcare Professional
Ginny Legros	YCMHC	Youth Serving Organization
Henry Gonzalez	YUHSD	School
Ignacio Galindo	Juvenile Court	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Isabela Martinez Breto	CPIH	Youth Serving Organization

Jen Hulbert	Yuma County Public Health Services District	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Jeremy Heith Daniels	Yuma PD	Law Enforcement
Joanne Fiser	YCADC	Substance Use Organization
Jorge Flores	RAZE	Youth Serving Organization
Jose Arguelles	Yuma police Deu	Law Enforcement
Keith Francis Jr.	AzCH	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Leif Erickson	Community Medical Services	Substance Use Organization
Lilian Campa	YUHSD	School
Lynne Pancrazi	Yuma County	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Marissela Hodges	NCHP-SSG Fox	Healthcare Professional
Matthew Wills	United States Border Patrol	Law Enforcement
Michael Odom	Journey Church	Religious or Fraternal Organization
Michaela Kerekes	VHS	School
Monique Slaughter	Vista HS	School
Oscar Morales	CBP/Yuma Border Patrol	Law Enforcement
Oscar Pena	Rural Arizona Engagement (RAZE)	Youth Serving Organization
Pepper mellon	RL Jones insurance	Business
Raul Castillo	S.M.I.L.E.	Youth Serving Organization
Reyes Moreno	Horizon Health and Wellness	Healthcare Professional
Robert Wright	Yuma Police Department	State, Local or Tribal Governmental Agency
Rocio Meza	The Healing Journey	Youth Serving Organization
Sergio Bobadilla	Yima Sector Border Patrol	Law Enforcement
Shelley Mellon	RL Jones Insurance	Business
Tim Hariper	Yuma Police Department	Law Enforcement
Vanessa Pérez	Onvida Behavioral Health	Healthcare Professional
Victoria Gonzalez	Yuma County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
Vince Harman	Christ Lutheran Church	Religious or Fraternal Organization
Jacob Weitzman	Homeland Security Investigations	Law Enforcement
Steve Legros	YFD (Retired)	Parent
Tim Keller	YUHSD	School

Approval of Minutes -

Pledge/May 2026 Meeting Minutes – Berenice Ortiz motions. Bruce Gwynn seconds. Approved.

Welcome Champion Introductions & Community Updates

TLCR – Berenice Ortiz Carnival Day

Join TLCR for Carnival Day, held on the first Saturday of every month! This free, family-friendly event is a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together for fun, connection, and fellowship.

- Free food, entertainment, and family fun
- First Saturday of each month
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Tortuga Park (next to TLCR)
1340 S. 4th Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364

Charlie Health – Beto Garcia

Charlie Health is now accepting AHCCCS clients seeking intensive outpatient treatment for substance use and mental health services.

- Virtual treatment available for individuals ages 8–64
- Accepting AHCCCS and most commercial insurance plans

Yuma County Public Health Services District – Jennifer Hulbert

Jennifer shared valuable resources from the Heat and Medications Taskforce, which explains how certain medications and substance use can affect the body's ability to regulate temperature during Arizona's extreme heat. These educational resources help community members and providers better understand heat-related risks and simple ways to stay safe throughout the summer.

Resource:

Heat and Medications Taskforce | SCORCH – Southwest Center on Resilience for Climate Change and Health

<https://www.scorch.arizona.edu/heat-and-medications-taskforce>

NAACP – Beverly Cade

Thank you to Beverly and the NAACP for another successful Juneteenth Celebration, bringing our community together through education, culture, and partnership.

RAZE – Jorge Flores

RAZE is currently hosting a Youth Sticker Contest, encouraging youth to creatively promote prevention messages.

Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1y624HdMdzM09YWNPAmxrsydY6LT8ayju>

Arizona Complete Health – Keith Francis Jr.

Arizona Complete Health is available to provide presentations and trainings on:

- Arizona Crisis System Overview
- Arizona Resiliency & Crisis Dashboard

Community Medical Services (CMS) – Leif Erickson

A Community Resource Fair is being planned for September. Additional details will be shared as they become available.

The Mind Body Counseling Center – Patricia Martinez

Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1yZWxow3XaqmjEg1sdMWGg1KRTrf1QBZS>

S.M.I.L.E. – Raul Castillo

Youth Transitioning Classes are held every Monday at 12:00 p.m. and are offered in person.

Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1LnRZFn8bwd3cWOMr2W8xRwwU1qIp3FHD>

Horizon Health and Wellness – Reyes Moreno

Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1FqJv9jvk5qcAq9uxfFhP9aJFaO6htqOj>

The Healing Journey – Rocio Meza

The Healing Journey continues its Youth Summer Program, providing opportunities for youth engagement, growth, and wellness.

Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zhaJl9jM7vdSkTfm7or2Q5fbXirRwY4k>

YCADC UPDATE:

- We were excited to participate in the inaugural **Mental Health Professionals Network Collaboration Meeting**. It was inspiring to see mental health professionals from across our community come together, build connections, and share resources, all with the common goal of strengthening mental health support and improving outcomes for those we serve. The strong collaboration and commitment demonstrated at this first meeting highlight the collective dedication to advancing mental wellness throughout our community.
- **GRAD Night 2026** was a tremendous success, providing local graduates with a safe, substance-free, and memorable celebration following graduation. The event brought together students, volunteers, community partners, and sponsors for an evening filled with entertainment, activities, prizes, and opportunities to celebrate this important milestone in a positive environment.

Presentation

Bruce Gwynn, Alcoholics Anonymous

Presentation

Jorge Flores, Rural Arizona Engagement (RAZE), Education Manager

Champion Thank You's

- We extend our sincere gratitude to Vince Harman and Christ Lutheran Church for their generous donation of **\$11,500**, made possible through the proceeds of the **Sarah Harman 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**. Their steadfast commitment to and belief in the mission of our coalition are truly appreciated. This meaningful contribution will help advance our efforts to create a safer, healthier, and more connected community. We are grateful for their ongoing partnership and support.

- We would like to recognize and extend a special thank you to all of our **GRAD Night 2026 volunteers** for their dedication, time, and support. Thanks to their efforts, graduates enjoyed a safe, fun, and memorable celebration. We are grateful for everyone who helped make the event such a success and are already looking forward to planning another outstanding GRAD Night next year.

Good of the Order: Ginny Legros, Special Project Manager

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Adjourned:

Meeting is Adjourned 1:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: July 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.

