

Navajo County Coalition Against Drug Abuse

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- REHABILITATE those who have fallen into the addiction
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Steering Committee Meeting Minutes—March 12, 2009—Show Low Library

1. Attending: Arno Hall, Linda Morrow, Kirstin Senske (PLAAD), Mary Jeanne Munroe, Brad Solomon, Pat Hollins, Jeff Smythe, Kirk Grugel, Ted Heine (guest, Arizona Rangers), Michelle Denton, Elaine Sawyers, Woody Eldredge (Guest PLAAD), Sandy Brimhall, Kurt Rieck.
2. Guests: Kurt Rieck, Implementation Manager, Children's System of Care Planning and Development, Arizona Department of Behavioral Health Services, RE: Residential Treatment Trends and Best Practices
 - 3,500 youth served in Northern Arizona
 - Currently constructing policy for children in Arizona
 - US therapeutic trends are moving to the system of community care model & away from residential treatment centers (RTC) as best practice; RTC has 10% success rate with youth, only 7% are sober after 15 months
 - Lack of acute inpatient services for children in NAZ
 - Matrix system was designed for adults, not youth, although it is being beta tested in Show Low for youth (!)
 - Funding not being cut to RTCs n Arizona
 - State is budgeting more funding for youth behavioral health services, community based programs for kids in NAZ
 - Behavioral Health Authority needs to know what's happening here and Coalition needs to advocate for what's working here and what's not
 - Promise to stay in touch and bring some relevant officials back for a community meeting about lack of services here
 - Note from Arno: After our meeting on March 12th, I returned to my office to inquire of our Treatment Coordinator and our Accountant about the amount of Treatment funding our department had paid to Community Counseling Center for inducting juveniles into the Matrix program. To my chagrin, I was informed that we have only had one request from CCC to pay for one juvenile who had been placed into the Matrix program. I recalled our department denied payment of that invoice because proper procedures for billing were not followed. So, I am offering my apology to those present in that meeting for raising a concern that I learned has no grounds. I would ask you not to cast any aspersions against CCC based on my comments concerning the Matrix program. Thank you. Now, I will return to my kitchen to eat some humble pie!
3. Programs
 - April 1: Jefferson Academy Rx presentation to staff
 - April 4: Early Childhood Fair, Rx Abuse presentation, display, NPC Snowflake, 8-5
 - April 9: The Partnership for a Drug Free America Rx Drug Presentation for health care professionals, 6-7 pm, Summit Regional Healthcare
 - May 9, 11 am-2 pm, Drug Drop & booth at Sequoia Village School. Need LEO commitment to stand by at this time.
 - Jun 6-7: Invitation to display at Hon-dah Pow Wow
 - Saturday: June 6**
 - 9 am-noon PLAAD Members
 - noon-3 Pat Hollins
 - 3-6 pm Sandy & Steve
 - Sunday: June 7**
 - 9 am-noon Brad Solomon
 - noon-3 Linda & Mary Jeanne

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3-6 pm Extreme K9 Solutions

- Sept. 16: Summit III—Show Low coalition to host
4. Reports from subcommittee chairpersons
 - Town Halls—Linda Morrow, Mary Jeanne Munroe: committee agreed to defer Town Hall meetings, originally to be scheduled in March. Instead, committee will work with individual mini coalitions to plan and prepare a launch in their community, backed with break out data from 2008 Comprehensive Community Survey.
 - Show Low Mini Coalition & parent night—Sandy Brimhall: 2 sessions for parents, some even from Winslow, Snowflake, Whiteriver; student council sponsored & served BBQ dinner
 - PLAAD & parent night—Kirstin Senske: Parent Date Nite with Internet Safety (MySpace) by Robin Stamp from Az Attorney General's office. Dinner sponsored by Red Devil.
 - From Elaine Sawyers: The Department of Veterans Affairs will re-open enrollment in its health care system by July 2009 to about 265,000 veterans whose incomes exceed current limits. VA originally suspended enrollment for Priority 8 veterans because it was unable to provide all enrolled veterans with timely access to its health care due to a tremendous growth in the number of veterans then seeking enrollment. VA plans to reopen enrollment for a portion of veterans without compromising the Department's ability to provide high quality health care services to all enrolled veterans who are eligible for care.
 5. Coordinator's Report
 - WeTip goes live March 15. Anonymous, 24/7, bilingual crime line for central Navajo County citizens, paid for one year by Friends of the Coalition. Chief Jeff Smythe instrumental in getting 5 police chiefs, sheriff and county attorney on board. Brochures, posters and pocket cards distributed to schools, PDs, courts, chambers, other public locations. Radio interviews on Majik, DrugNet & PSAs running on Winslow radio & City 4 TV.
 - State funding expires March 31; Juvenile Justice funding thru June 30 funds coordinator 40/hr/wk.
 - Washington DC CADCA Conference—Debe attended 4 day conference and visited McCain, Kyl and Kirkpatrick on Capitol Hill (only saw Kyl's aid). Have put up many new materials on website and distributed some relevant materials to committee members. Still more to digest.
 - Junior Leadership Academy—\$10,000 donation from MCAT from RICO funds to support Junior Leadership Academy III for 30 at risk youth from across county.
 - Drug Free Communities grant application submitted March 16 for \$125,000 annual federal funding x 5 years.
 6. April meeting: **Thursday** April 9, 9:30-11:30 am, Show Low Public Library

Judge Michela Reuchel, Chair.
Margarie Brakefield
Sandy Brimhall
Barbara Bruce
Michelle Denton
Kirk Grugel
Arno Hall

Pat Hollins
Nora Isaacs
Diana Lowell
Bud Miltenberger
Linda Morrow
Mary Jeanne Munroe
Ed Rodrigues

Elaine Sawyers
Jeff Smythe
Brad Solomon
Nancy Stidham
Chris Rodencal
Kristi Tausinga

Steering Committee

Sub Committees

Communications, Brad Solomon
Community Agencies at Large, Diana Lowell
Education, Linda Morrow, Mary Jeanne Munroe, Michelle Denton
Grants, Mary Jeanne Munroe, Debe Campbell
Faith-based Community, Nancy Stidham
Fund Raising, Friends of the Coalition, Inc.
JLA, Gil Alvidrez & Mary Jeanne Munroe

Law Enforcement, Jeff Smythe, Nora Isaacs, Bud Miltenberger, Kristi Tausinga
Prevention, & Treatment: Arno Hall, Ed Gonzales
Speaker's Bureau, Barbara Bruce
Support Groups, June Foard, Sandy Brimhall
Tribal Liaison, Margarie Barton, Daniel Hawkins
Volunteers, OPEN
Youth Advisor, OPEN