

# Navajo County Drug Project



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## Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2009—Show Low Library

1. In attendance: Anika, Margie Brakefield, Debe Campbell, Dave Clark, Megan Glen, Kirk Grugel, Arno Hall, Vicki Helland, Pat Hollins, Nora Isaacs, Amy Lackey, Diana Lowell, Linda Morrow, Mary Jeanne Munroe, Alicia Phillips, Chris Rodencal, Jeff Smythe, Brad Solomon
2. Thanks to everyone who brought cereal boxes for JLA craft project
3. Junior Leadership Academy III report: Mary Jeanne Munroe  
Academy runs 7/13-16 & 7/20-23 with about 24 youth ages 10-14 from Show Low, Whiteriver, McNary, Pinetop-Lakeside, Taylor and further inquiries pending. Maximum participants 30. Three professional/previous program teachers, 3 outside teachers paying \$200 OJT tuition to participate and observe. Numerous activities planned, highlighted by NAU ropes course, trip to adult & juvenile county jail, courtroom; personal growth, academic and life skills development. Fully funded by donations, scholarships and grants (budget attached). Steering committee invited to drop by during Academy to show community support.  
Location: Blue Ridge High School Yellow Jacket Learning Center (between football field & district office)
4. Guest Speaker: Vicki Helland, Bridges, Holbrook  
Contact: [VHelland@cbridges.com](mailto:VHelland@cbridges.com), cell (928) 587-6532. Took over NCI detox centers. Winslow Stabilization Recovery Unit, 105 N Cottonwood Ave., next to La Posada; Holbrook Stabilization Recovery Unit, next to old NPC Campus, 995 Hermosa Dr. Community Bridges is PHX based, offering crisis, detox, opiate dependence and substance dependent pregnancy programs in the valley. Other stabilization units were recently added in Payson & Globe. NARBHA asked them to take over Holbrook & Winslow (16 beds each). They have been on the ground 90 days. Not a residential site. Clients are evaluated for use within past 7 days, remain in triage for 23 hours to determine withdrawal. If symptomatic, they are transported; if not moved into 7-10 day continuing care for evaluation and planning. This includes ASAM Survey, MATRIX and AA activities for up to 15 days (due to lack of availability of resources to put them into outside the units). Mobile Crisis Teams do outreach; units take hospital and intervention calls from across northern Arizona. They will be opening outpatient facility and in Jan/Feb a Level I Detox center. If clients are not on AHCCCS, Bridges works to make that happen. Those with private insurance are referred to Bridges programs in PHX.
5. Guest Speaker: Amy Lackey, BBVA Compass Bank, Compass for Your Cause  
Friends of the Coalition Inc has always maintained its accounts at Compass Bank in Pinetop. Compass has a new "Compass For Your Cause" donation program for non-profits, whereby our account is coded to receive donations. Anyone who has a Compass account and chooses to be a supporter of Friends simply adds the Friends' code to their account. Every time the supporter uses their Debit card for a purchase or transaction and uses the CREDIT mode (must sign invoice, not enter PIN) Compass donates 0.25% of the total transaction to the Friends. This does not cost the supporter one cent....Compass makes the donation. For anyone who opens a NEW Compass account and designates to support Friends, we get an outright \$20 donation from Compass. For those who have Compass accounts or want to open an account, our Organization Code is 73253 and more info is available at:  
<http://www.bbvacompass.com/personal/affinity/>  
You also will be eligible for a new ATM/Debit card that has Friends logo on it
6. Coordinator's Report
  - a. Summit III: report Sept 16, NPC PAC Snowflake  
Flyer attached to minutes. Registration now open on [navajocountydrugproject.com](http://navajocountydrugproject.com) website. National speaker contracted and secondary speaker from state. Cash contributions from Pinetop-Lakeside, MCAT, Board of Supervisors, Hon-Dah; in kind from Sparkletts, Majik

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Radio, White Mountain Radio, Independent, Four Seasons Printing/Embellish, National Bank, NPC and The Works (Debe's marketing LLC). Taylor & Snowflake town managers won't respond yes or no. Anyone with juice in that department pls just get them to respond. Brad Solomon offered to set up a lunch with them and Debe to at least get cards on table. Perhaps they can contribute something in kind that we need. Also outstanding is catering decision and sponsor. Summit Healthcare initially expressed interest in sponsoring cost but they are on crunch. Cellular One is a back up and Eddie's Country Store might be able to help. Debe to follow up. Budget also attached.

b. Shredathon request

Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District has asked if we will do another Shredathon this summer. Consensus is to help with announcements and media and let them staff such an activity.

7. Programs

a. May 26: Northern Arizona Academy Rx presentation— 35 staff

b. June 1: Youth Volunteer training—4 youth trained

c. June 6-7: Display at Pow Wow, Hon-dah—95

d. June 6: Summit Healthcare Community Health Fair—45

e. June 13: BRUSD Fundraiser—150

f. June 15: Hon-dah staff presentation Rx & Meth (2 times in day) total 45 staff

g. June 20: WMAT Housing Authority display—90

h. June 24: Tall Pines Seniors—5

i. July 1: American Indian Christian Mission School—40

j. **July 21: Snowflake Senior Center—11:30am-2 pm, Snowflake Senior Center, all welcome to stop by for \$3 lunch, presentation & socialization!!!**

8. Reports from subcommittee chairpersons

a. Book grant: Mary Jeanne Munroe

Grant application for \$3,000 of selected books and publications for incarcerated youth. Award pending. PL Library Friends wants to help fund books for them anyway.

b. Community Support coalition of the Greater Show Low Area: Jeff Smythe

Last year held 2 school events, first poorly attended, second attached to parent teacher night and highly successful. Plan to hold similar fall & spring events next school year.

c. PLAAD

Dave Clark

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Monday monthly, 3:30 pm, PL Council Chambers. Additional board members sought. Plans quarterly, student-parent oriented programs next school year. September-assemblies; January-Date nites; technology nite on Rx abuse. Developing a master calendar with PL Town Manager.

d. Snowflake-Taylor mini coalition

no representation

e. Friends: Chris Rodencal—Friends funds are covering Coordinator's 20 hr/wk salary & expenses thru September, at which time Drug Free Community grant award should be known and situation can be reevaluated. Concern about funding sustainability and fundraising remains and should be focus of next meeting. Chris noted that ANY fund raising event by Friends will require support (physical) of steering committee.

9. Business from the floor

- Dave Clark reiterated strong interest in planning a regional soccer tourney/fund raiser for next fall
- Nora Isaacs is seeking donation of ATV from Hatch Motors for raffle
- Nora Isaacs also suggested rodeo, roping and barrel event sponsorship as fundraising opportunities
- Pat Hollins suggested focus of August meeting be FUND RAISING and each Steering Committee member bring well-thought-out ideas with legs to share for decisions and direction—so we are not at this same point one year down the track (as we are now)

10. August meeting: **Wednesday** Aug 12, 9:30-11 am, Show Low Public Library

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ATTENDEES SHOULD BRING ANY FUND RAISING IDEAS WITH ENOUGH BACKGROUND/RESEARCH/LEGS TO MAKE IT A CONSIDERATION FOR FURTHER EFFORTS

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

**Steering Committee**  
Vicki Helland  
Pat Hollins  
Nora Isaacs  
Diana Lowell  
Bud Miltenberger  
Linda Morrow  
Mary Jeanne Munroe

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

## 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, Vicki Helland  
Speaker's Bureau, Barbara Bruce  
Support Groups, June Foard, Sandy Brimhall  
Tribal Liaison, Margie Barton, Daniel Hawkins  
Volunteers, OPEN  
Youth Advisor, OPEN