

# Navajo County Drug Project

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## Steering Committee Meeting Minutes January 13, 2010—Show Low Library

1. In Attendance: Brock Bevell, Barbara Bruce, Debe Campbell, Dave Clark, Kirk Grugel, Arno Hall, An Hendricks, Pat Hollins, Nora Isaacs, Janet Lasonder Diana Lowell, Linda Morrow, Mary Jeanne Munroe, Harvey Pelovsky, Alicia Phillips, Marla Randall, Chris Rodencal, Jef Smythe, Nancy Stidham,
2. Guests:
  - a. Janet Lasonder, Kangen Water, [janetlasonder@yahoo.com](mailto:janetlasonder@yahoo.com); invitation to water education, Jan 16, 10 am, Rainbow Lake Lodge Meeting Center, 1638 W White Mountain Blvd, Lakeside.
  - b. Harvey Pelovsky, Sierra Blanca Rehabilitation, [hpelovsky@rimcountryhealth.com](mailto:hpelovsky@rimcountryhealth.com), overview of 114-bed, \$9 million treatment center plan & request for input/stats on potential for adult/juvenile treatment, court orders to treatment, probation referrals, etc. Forward any numbers to Debe.
  - c. Ann Hendricks, [ann.hendricks2@gmail.com](mailto:ann.hendricks2@gmail.com), update on social situation in WMAT, looking for social work position
  - d. Brock Bevell, [brock.bevell@navajocountyaz.gov](mailto:brock.bevell@navajocountyaz.gov), Navajo County Medical Examiner
  - e. Marla Randall, NC Court Administrator, representing Judge Reuchel, [mrandall@courts.az.gov](mailto:mrandall@courts.az.gov)
3. Coordinator's Report
  - a. Give a Day. Get a Day at Disney: Coalition can certify community volunteer activities so participants earn a day at Disney. 5 events are listed at [handsonnetwork.org](http://handsonnetwork.org) for MLK Day. Any agency can work with us for certification. Coalition link is encouraging volunteerism and community service is "something to do" when kids are bored and better choice than "hanging out" and behaviours it breeds.
  - b. State grant application: due Jan 22, team writing Sue Bingham (ADOT), Debe & Mary Jeanne; up to \$350,000 for UAD. Funded by Arizona Parents Commission via Governor's Office for Children, Youth & Families division for Substance Abuse Policy
  - c. WMWC grant opportunity: grant request due February
4. Programs
  - a. Jan 18: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shredathon, PLSD (PLAAD)—identity theft protection
  - b. Jan 25: 6:30, Young Marines Rx Presentation, Show Low Armory
  - c. March 6: Drug Take Back with NAA Taylor in recognition of Tyrell Sandefer
5. Reports from subcommittee chairpersons
  - a. PLAAD: Dave Clark—elaborated on Shredathon Jan 18; planning Parent Date Nite Program for BRUSD April 1. PLAAD needs additional board members if anyone interested in participating.
  - b. Friends: Barbara Bruce, Prez—group to meet after February 10 Steering Meeting
6. Fund raising for 2010
  - a. Radio sponsorship program—brief description attached
  - b. Soccer tournament—Dave Clark to meet in February with PL & SL town managers, parks & rec for initial planning
  - c. Contest for new "Alcohol is also a drug" t-shirts and 2010-11 school calendar Aug-June
7. Business from the floor
  - a. Chris Rodencal: significant rise in meth induced psychosis admissions in Summit ER; increase in substance exposed newborns.
  - b. Chris Rodencal & Kirk Grugel: Family Advocacy Center (Interagency Council) is planning a facility for Holbrook and hoping for a facility donation for Show Low. Next meeting Feb x (contact Kirk). Fundraiser planned and April 26 conference focused on Victims Rights, Child Abuse and the Center.

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- c. Barbara Bruce: DrugNet now taking questions by email during the Tuesday evening show, most are from parents. [drugnetlive@mail.com](mailto:drugnetlive@mail.com)
- d. Nancy Stidham: found assistance for referring a woman in crisis via our website. The site also has many, many downloads for reference, teaching units, videos, etc. Nancy suggested an inservice for teachers to see a live demo of what resources are on the site.
- e. Nora Issacs: County Library has a new stock of materials, CD, DVDs etc on substance abuse and domestic violence that can be ordered from any county library for check-out. Contact Geneva Durkee: <http://navajocountylibraries.org>
- f. Brock Bevell: increase in overdoses, mostly accidental but also mostly polysubstance. “It has skyrocketed in the last couple of months”. Water based methadone has been prominent among the ODs. Anyone who needs stats & numbers on death in county can contact Brock or Greg Cardida in the MEs office.
- g. Linda Morrow: Push on encouraging people to complete & return census forms. Census numbers translate to funding for towns, county and state. Also, Rainbow Accommodation School status has changed and Linda is looking to create a Last Chance High School

## 8. Meeting dates for 2010:

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| • Feb 10 | • June 9  | • Oct 13 |
| • Mar 10 | • July 14 | • Nov 10 |
| • Apr 14 | • Aug 11  | • Dec 8  |
| • May 12 | • Sept 8  |          |

Judge Michela Ruechel, Chair.  
Margie Brakefield  
Sandy Brimhall  
Barbara Bruce  
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  
Nancy Stidham

Communications, Open  
Community Agencies at Large, Diana Lowell  
Business Community, OPEN  
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

### Sub Committees

Law Enforcement, Jeff Smythe, Nora Isaacs, Bud Miltenberger  
Prevention, & Treatment: Arno Hall, Vicki Helland  
Speaker's Bureau, Barbara Bruce  
Support Groups, June Foard, Sandy Brimhall  
Tribal Liaison, Open  
Volunteers, OPEN  
Youth Advisor, OPEN