

Navajo County Coalition Against Drug Abuse

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- EDUCATE the Community on the substance abuse crisis
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Steering Committee Meeting Minutes February 10, 2010—Show Low Library

1. In attendance: Brock Bevell, Greg Candita, Margie Brakefield, Diana Butler, Debe Campbell, Kirk Grugel, Arno Hall, Carolyn Holliday, Pat Hollins, Diana Lowell, Bud Miltenberger, Mary Jeanne Munroe, Elaine Sawyers, Jeff Smythe, Nancy Stidham.
2. Coordinator's Report
 - a. State Parent's Commission grant opportunity— \$120,000 for 15 months, renewable 2 years, should be advised in late Feb/early Mar
 - b. WMWC grant—\$2,500, earmarked for JLA and SDJLA
 - c. DFC—due in March
3. Programs
 - a. Jan 18: 2nd Annual Shredathon, raised \$386 for PLAAD
 - b. Jan 25: 6:30, Young Marines Rx Presentation, Show Low Armory, presented drug quilt that will be made into a traveling display
 - c. Feb. 9: Show Low Rotary, presentation to local businessmen
 - d. Feb 16: Grandparents raising grandchildren, Holbrook Headstart, 6 pm
 - e. Feb 25: Internet Safety with AzAG's Robin Stamp, parents & youth grades 5-12, Show Low High School 7-8:30 pm
 - f. March 6: Drug Take Back with NAA Taylor in recognition of Tyrell Sandefer, Silvercreek Pharmacy, in collaboration with NCSO and STPD
 - g. April 1: PLAAD Date Nite, BRHS
 - h. Sept 15: 4th annual regional drug prevention summit
4. Reports from subcommittee chairpersons
 - a. Show Low Mini Coalition —Jeff Smythe: elaborated on item 3e above. Also added that PLAAD and Community Coalition of Greater Show Low are collaborating on plans for a June 2011 youth soccer tournament/fund raiser. Both towns have shown great support for this and will be seeking date when fields in both towns are available and look to include Snowflake-Taylor if possible
 - b. PLAAD—Diana Butler: elaborated on item 3a above, noting about 40 attendees to shred materials for identity theft protection. PLAAD is planning a "Parent Maze" for next parent nite (item 3g above) and will need collaboration from other agencies in this event. Also, Harlem Knights basketball exhibition and prevention program is being considered for fall 2010.
5. Business from the floor
 - a. Brock Bevell/Greg Candita, NavCo Medical Examiner's Office: working on assembly toward end of year for Show Low and Snowflake schools on poor outcomes from poor mistakes...how you wind up in the morgue prematurely. Recent Snowflake death from the "choking game". Noted a spike in Rx morphine related deaths—3 since November, one involving meth, one with alcohol and one with other drug. Also noted spike in "economy related" suicides and domestic disputes. NCME office will begin providing the coalition with monthly drug and alcohol related death statistics.
 - b. Elaine Sawyer elaborated on case load for veterans: 75% being Viet Nam vets, many suffering PTSD late in life as retirement and medical issues begin to plague them; remainder from Iraq/Afghanistan with some from Korea. Expecting influx with the April return of Show Low unit of 180 National Guard who were deployed.
 - c. Diana Lowell noted an anomaly among her senior volunteers: the required physical has revealed a multitude of medications, some interactive, are being consumed. These volunteers are driving other seniors to appointments and shopping. She raised concern for how this might be handled.
 - d. Presiding NavCo Criminal Judge Carolyn Holliday: will be restructuring Drug Court with

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Judge Wing's retirement. Looks to work with the coalition as part of the rehabilitation process. Margie Brakefield added that Drug Court has an approximate 70% success rate during the first year but a high rate of recidivism.

- e. Mary Jeanne Munroe: JLA is regrouping for 4th academies this summer with potential academies at Blue Ridge, Show Low and Whiteriver. Funding remains available from last year's fundraising, from an earmarked donation from Mary Jeanne and will be sought from MCAT RICO funds, again. Kirk Grugel and Nancy Stidham asked for a focus on results post previous academies. Mary Jeanne will report next month.
- f. Debe: Colleen Pyra, the program coordinator from Partnership for a Drug Free America Arizona Affiliate will leave the Partnership Feb 12 to join Habitat for Humanity. Those who wish to bid her well or keep in touch may reach her at: (copyra@yahoo.com) or cell phone (602) 318-3111. Her position is open and the job announcement is attached.

6. Meeting dates for 2010:

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