

# Navajo County Drug Project

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## Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2014, [9:30 am](#)

1. In attendance: Debe Campbell, Cory Fechfelkotter, Kylie Krejmas, Mary Jeanne Munroe
2. Program Report
  - a. DFC Update: SAMHSA says release of Year 1 funds are “eminent” which is great since Year 2 begins Oct 1!!!
  - b. Juvenile Crime Reduction Fund: Potential for funding cycle, July 2014- June 2015, pending
  - c. Refer to Event log for July-Aug (attached)
  - d. Family Back to School Mini Golf Tourney July 23: netted \$630 as a fundraiser (additional +\$250 sponsorship pending payment). 30 participants, 11 sponsors, good print coverage, fun time. Worth repeating or even doing bi-annually.
  - e. Shoe Drive continues through Oct. 31. Goal 7500 pair of shoes. Currently collected about 2,500. Locations across Show Low, Snowflake, White Mountain Lakes, Pinetop-Lakeside and one each in Holbrook and Winslow. BRHS Soccer Team, BRJrHi/MidSchool and SLJHS assisting with collection.
  - f. Website upgrade and long-term cost savings: Switched server and maintenance to GoDaddy for \$1,662 one year contract. This added several items including a Secure Certificate and the ability to self-maintain (no more web master fees monthly). Thus, for the first year, the fees will average out about the same for maintenance. For year 2 of a 5 year contract, cost will reduce by 40-45% for significant savings.
  - g. VISTA worker Nov 1: VISTA position grant approved and now in hiring phase. Job posting is open nationally but would love a local person!! Position listing attached.
  - h. Upcoming events: Lunch & Learn yesterday (15 in attendance), Aug 26 Alcohol 360 (attached)
  - i. Turkey fundraiser 2014-price changes but should have flier available for distribution soon.
  - j. State Farm Grant: meeting with Robert Pico today to discuss State Farm Good Neighbor and Youth Advisory Board grants.
3. Subcommittee reports
  - a. Medical Examiner—report attached

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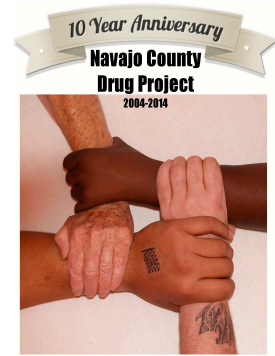
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- b. Community Bridges—Yesterday hosted Lunch n Learn for 15 participants. Alcohol 360 program Aug. 26 (flier attached)
  - c. BRHS SADD: Pres. Kylie Krejmas—SADD very successful last year but looks to “make more impact” this year. 20 new members signed up. Nicole Bratch is VP. This year focus on Bullying & Suicide Prevention. First meeting Aug 14. Plans monthly activities. Look to work closely with SADD & NCDP. As Chair of the Make A Difference Day (Oct 26) for Arizona Youth Commission, Kylie looks to expand activities this year to volunteers outside BRUSD and is looking toward a book drive or food drive. She will accompany Mary Jeanne or Debe to Chamber Perk Up Breakfast Aug. 29 to speak.
  - d. Show Low SR/Teen Court/Student report: SRO Cory Fechelkotter—works as SRO for SJHS and tries to cover elementary schools, too. JR HI School consequences are very high, with most issues simple assault and bullying. Most issues handled within school but few escalate to teen court. SRO attended Teen Court to observe. Participated with Show Low Junior Leadership Academy this summer, which went well. SLUSD renewed Az Dept of Education Safe Schools Grant for three years. Discussion ensued with group to pursue Safe School Grant for BRUSD with assistance from PLPD, SADD, NCDP and BRUS District Office. SRO requested pointers to school infrastructure safety grants to improve district safety
  - e. Further group discussion ensued regarding vapor pens and their banning from schools as a drug (tobacco); smoking meth in a bong with soda, then drinking soda later for another buzz; complications from medical and recreational marijuana legalization. Recommendation of *Reefer Sanity*, by Kevin Sabet. [http://www.amazon.com/Reefer-Sanity-Seven-Great-Marijuana/dp/0825306981/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1407970168&sr=8-1&keywords=reefer+sanity](http://www.amazon.com/Reefer-Sanity-Seven-Great-Marijuana/dp/0825306981/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1407970168&sr=8-1&keywords=reefer+sanity) as a great foundation resource about current marijuana issues.
4. Post Meeting:
- a. Attached is the revised core instrument survey. It has been chopped from 11 to 3 core pages and 1 demographic page. PLEASE download, complete, scan and return by email, drop it in our office at LFD or post it to me at PO Box 1596, Pinetop, 85935. It will be emailed shortly to other coalition members. If you can encourage other friends, family and concerned citizens to complete a form, it is greatly appreciated (take a handful to church, office, etc?)
  - b. Attached is the dreaded *Volunteer Tracking Hours* sheet. Sorry to nag. I know you all hate this. Perhaps if you know **WHY** it is so important, you will agree to participate in this most valuable function.
    - i. You may track ANY and ALL volunteer hours on this form. This should in itself give you a feeling of success in contributing to your community!!!! Many organizations offer incentives to their staff for completing community service hours. Some companies use accumulated staff service hours to receive corporate rewards or donations to community organizations! Have you checked that out with your employer? If they don't have such a program, would they start one?????
    - ii. Your total hours tally toward a national Volunteer Service Award that we may submit for you just for completing this form on a regular basis. This is a NATIONAL award from the White House.

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- Doesn't look too shabby on ANYONE's resume. Youth or adult.
- iii. For the Drug Free Communities Grant, every volunteer hour to our organization translates as a \$17.50/hr matching contribution to our non-federal match. In other words, your hours of service are valued in monetary terms to offset the \$125,000 annual federal grant! That's 7,143 volunteer hours.....or we have to make it up with other stuff. So your hours ARE important!!!!
  - iv. The form is conveniently attached for your completion and submission!!!

#### **Coalition meeting schedule 2014—Location: Lakeside Fire Department**

- September 17, 10:30 start
- October 15—TBC
- November 12 —Annual Planning Meet

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