

Navajo County Drug Project

Engage the community to respond to substance abuse issues by implementing strategies that transform community attitudes, perceptions and policies.

A Drug Free Communities Support Program Grantee



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes February 17, 2015

1. In Attendance: Gilbert Alvidrez, Theresa Callaway, Debe Campbell, Steve Campbell, John Jarchow, Michelle Kennedy, Linda Morrow, Tonya Reed, Beth Schimmel, Kiaya Zimmerman, Rosalva Zimmerman.
2. VISTA presentation: Kiaya Zimmerman, NCDP VISTA Development Officer - position is a Volunteer one following the AmeriCorps Vista aim of poverty eradication. The one-year term of service helps NCDP in capacity building for volunteers, membership and sustainability. Since joining the program in late November, Kiaya has launched the Teen Addiction Anonymous program for Blue Ridge 15-18 year olds, formalized infrastructure for NCDP volunteer program and assisted with reopening of White Mountain Youth Center.
3. Agency Reports:
 - a. Navajo County Teen Pregnancy: Rosalva Zimmerman—teen pregnancy rates in Holbrook are half that of Winslow, due to program success and access to HUSD. Commitment urgently needed for Teen Maze this spring. Preference to BRUSD and SLUSD but will consider others. Counterpart mazes available in Navajo Nation and WMAT. Contact Rosalva for details or to book the maze.
 - b. Drug Court: Tonya Reed—program is short one officer but hope to hire by 3/13. Participant and graduate numbers remain stable. Wants participants to have volunteer opportunities to speak to youth in testimonials, particularly one late 20s man who began drinking alcohol at age 9. Possible speaker for Junior Leadership Academy or other spring prevention programs
 - c. Community Bridges: Michelle Kennedy—noted drug drop boxes not at all other police stations, and being added in Pinon, Whiteriver Fire Dept. and Kayenta. Seeking locations for Rx360 training for smaller schools and Northland Pioneer College. Conducting training Rx Monitoring programs
4. Program report
 - a. National Academy graduation: Theresa Callaway attended first of three weeks of National Academy; attended CADCA National Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, and received the NCDP academy graduation “diploma” for Debe Campbell’s completion of the academy program
 - b. Teen Addiction Anonymous—Kiaya Zimmerman—discussion of expanding program due to interest from junior high youth and low age of experimentation, especially with alcohol. Juvenile Probation Diversion Officer Lynda Wilson offered possible programs for junior high or younger, which follow core curriculum. These are effective for incorrigible offenders as well. Youth in probation or officer referral may be mandated to attend available free programs. Linda Morrow supported trying to do

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programs in all junior high schools before yearend. She will bring up at Superintendent's meeting Fe. 19. Lynda and Kiaya to continue to explore partnership with TAA and probation.

- c. Annual Shredathon results—50 vehicles brought material to shred. Participants were reminded of permanent drug drop locations at police stations.
- d. Art contest —flier and full application attached, Pls propagate to youth in both counties.
- e. WMYC update
- f. Shoe Drive: Beth Schimmel and David Butterfield wrangling project. Assistance being sought from student councils. Plan to launch in May.
- g. Fundraisers—Arizona Gives Day April 7. Opportunity for all Arizonans to give on line to all registered non-profits. Friends of the Coalition is registered. White Mountain Youth Center is registering. Details and promotion on how to donate will be forthcoming. For further info go to: azgives.givebig.org

2015 Meeting Calendar, 4:30 pm
White Mountain Youth Center, 1593 Johnson, Lakeside

March 10

April 14

May 12 (followed by board meeting at 5:30)

August 11 (followed by board meeting at 5:30)

September 8

October 13

November 10 (annual joint board/ committee meeting 4:30-8 pm with dinner)

December 8

Minutes prepared & submitted by Debe Campbell

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