



**Drug Free  
Community Coalition**

**Steering Committee Meeting September 12, 2016 at 4 pm  
White Mountain Youth Center, Lakeside**

1593 W Johnson DR, Lakeside, Arizona

**Present:** , Emilia Banuelos, Raphael Banuelos, William Brown (via phone) Sarah Elgin, Brian McCabe, Linda Morrow, Mary Jan Munroe Michele Sgambelluri, Vicky Solomon, , Matt Williams

**Vicky Solomon:** Called Meeting to Order at 4:10 pm

**Vicky Solomon opened:** Thank all who are in attendance. Please excuse Executive Director, Debe Campbell and Gil Alvidrez for not being here, family emergency to deal with.

**Introductions:**

**Vicky Solomon** – Thank you for welcoming me into NCDP. It has been about a month since I have been here and I love it. Very Busy!

**Brian McCabe** – Have been with NCDP for about 3 months. Former City Council PL, P & Z Rainbow treatment center for 1 ½ years more on recovery side but I am getting up to speed on the prevention and enjoying it.

**Matthew Williams** – City of Pinetop/Lakeside

**Emila Banuelos** – Junior Student, SADD, Mpowrd, CADCA, OTC Medicine Safety for BR

**Sarah Elgin** – Student, SADD, soon to be Mpowrd

**Raphael Banuelos** – Senior Student at Blue Ridge, SADD, Mpowrd, CADCA, OTC Medicine Safety with Blue Ridge 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Michele Sgambelluri** – Navajo County Public Health, Educating Physicians on soon to be mandatory RX program. (Oct 2017)

**Fundraiser Breakfast, Sept 10**

Breakfast was served; series of educational speakers (youth and adults), 5 national volunteer service awards given; about 30 plaques in recognition of community contribution. Entertainment by Blue Ridge Junior High Choir and pianist Nate Campbell. 11 exhibit booths with alternate activities for youth. Pre and post survey to be crunched by Brian.

**William Brown:** Seemed to be a very successful event. Those who he spoke with made very positive comments. Youth seemed to be very engaged.

**Vicky Solomon:** There were about 250 people in attendance at the event. The people seemed to enjoy themselves. One of the favorite portions of the event was probably the Crawfish tournament. We are hoping the SADD group will partner with the Nature Center and make the Crawfish Tournament an annual event.

**Emilia Banuelos:** We had 9 children participating in Crawfish tournament. They all seemed to really enjoy it. The night before, Norris Dodd went to see how many crawfish he could catch and he got about 50. The day of the tournament, the kids got about 150 crawfish. It was a fun, successful event. There are many great photos from the event.

**FUNDS2Org Shoe Fundraising:**

Because Gil is not here to talk about shoes, I will talk on his behalf and let you know he needs HELP sorting and getting the shoes ready for pick up. These shoes need to be paired, tied together & 25 pair put bags. My son Kolton is going to plan a "volunteer shoe date" and invite another couple to meet Gil at the Storage unit next to the HUB. The couples will work for 2 hours and then go get hamburger & ice cream. Volunteer hours will recorded. It helps with resume and college applications to have volunteer hours documented. Anyone who would like to get a group together and work a few hours, please contact Gil Alvidrez [gmalvidrez1950@gmail.com](mailto:gmalvidrez1950@gmail.com) to make arrangements. ANY help is greatly appreciated.

**Aluminum Can fundraising:**

Aluminum cans are now another avenue for funding, so remember to save and bring your cans to us. We usually get about 25 cents per pound for the cans but we found another supplier that has doubled our money and has agreed to give us 50 cents per pound. They have come to office for the first successful pick up.

**Amazon donations:**

Many people shop on Amazon. You can go to: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose "Friends of Navajo County Anti-Drug Project" as your non-profit. Then shop away and it is automatic. It costs you nothing as a shopper, it comes from Amazon and the retailers.

**Halloween Spook House Donation:** Timber Mesa/Kirk Webb

Spooky Fun House for 10-yr-old and under Oct 29<sup>th</sup> here at White Mountain Youth Center. We will be decorating Tues-Fri that week if anyone wants to come help. We are in need of volunteers to run the fun booths. Sign up sheet for at least 9. SADD will take see if any of them are available to help. They meet Thurs. Next year we will reinstitute the community haunted house (formerly run by Timber Mesa) for our big fundraiser. We need to partner will many organizations and will need lots of youth volunteers. We would like it to be run by youth. **Matthew Williams** said to get with him to see if we can partner with his trunk or treat event. There are usually around 2,000 people come through, held at Mountain Meadow.

**Whiteriver Meth Committee:**

Brian and Debe have been working with Sheila Pope at White Mountain Apache Housing Authority to organize some preventative measures for their drug problems in public housing. They will continue to work on a strategic plan to help Whiteriver as much as they can. Brian will be attending Whiteriver Town Hall meeting Oct 20<sup>th</sup> in hopes to set up some preventative education on drugs.

**Program Report:**

- Back to school calendars have been taken to 15 schools in our area to be handed out to students and parents. Please take some for your office and for anyone you think would like one. Local "artists" & many school schedules are in calendar.
- National DEA RX Drug Takeback Day is Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am-1pm. We are looking for 3 volunteers for Show Low PD, Pinetop/Lakeside PD & Summit Healthcare. Please see sign up sheet to volunteer or contact us at [ncdpncdp@gmail.com](mailto:ncdpncdp@gmail.com)
- Safety Village is organized and getting ready to start Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and will run on different days at different schools throughout the entire month of October. Please find attached the schedule and if anyone would like to help educate youth on any of the days listed, contact Vicky at [vsncdp@gmail.com](mailto:vsncdp@gmail.com)

- Valerie Pickett from McNary school has requested some help in their area. Kirk Webb said we can offer a mini version of the Safety Village for them. We have a meeting this Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm to discuss plans.
- **SADD: Rafael & Emilia Banuelos:** OTC Medicine Safety will be offered at the BRMS for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. They are hoping to provide their class education to the 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Fridays: Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 4, 11 & 18<sup>th</sup>. Rafael & Emilia are starting an online training course for this project. They will be meeting Tues & Thurs at the WMYC to work on the training and project. We went to a RX Workshop, we will receive a \$1,000.00 stipend upon project completion. This is a prototype of a national peer to peer program being organized by SAMHSA. NCDP was selected as a pilot participant.
- Mpowrd is being offered in the BRHS, BRJHS, SLHS & soon the SLJHS. The best student participation has been when NCDP can offer Mpowrd during school hours. We will continue to offer the classes as needed.

#### **For Good of the Cause:**

**Brian & Raphael** shared a story of a girl who has been participating at the BRHS Mpowrd program and she is very grateful for the knowledge that was shared in the group and it has helped her in her personal life with family relationships getting better.

**Matthew Williams:** Big events in the White Mountains this weekend. There will be car shows, parade and many other activities. Wild West parade floats. For more info:  
<http://www.pinetoplakesidechamber.com/events/details/fall-festival-parade-09-24-2016-1179>

**Michelle S.:** Shared her knowledge on drugs and addiction. She explained how the doctors are not required to participate in the reporting of RX until Oct 2017. Her job is to try to get as many as the physicians on board now.

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:05pm**

#### **Dates for Steering Committee Meetings**

**Note:** meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 4-5 pm, unless otherwise notified

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**November 8<sup>th</sup> (Annual Board Mtg.)**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**