



Alamosa Community Coalition Minutes for Nov 16, 2004 7:30 a.m.

Attendance: Ann Gile, Valarie Ruybal, Nancy Molina, Shirley Atencio, Martina Zink, Angie Mestas, Carla Garcia, Adam Vasquez, Nelda Curtiss, Priscilla Ortega, Clarissa Woodworth, Tom Vigil, Kathy Van Gieson, Mary Lou Rodríguez, Ian Feyto, OMS Health Teacher?, Paula Hendricks, Rick Esquebel

Priscilla Ortega was the facilitator.

Valarie Ruybal presented the new ADAD cd with regional information and demonstrated how to use the interactive features. She found most astounding how many Valley youth arrests and fatalities related to drinking and driving. She is available for feedback and assistance on using the interactive cd.

Nancy Molina and her students from Valley Community Fund promoted youth service learning and shared success stories with the coalition.

Marylou Rodriguez discussed what the suicide prevention youth had been doing.

Paula Hendricks, Director of San Luis Valley Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership, announced results of the Nov. election and offered resources the program has available for the coalition and the public and announced that Nov. 18 is the Great American Smokeout Day and quit kits are available through Rio Grande Public Health by calling 657-3352. She believes that some smokers will want to quit because the cost of cigarettes goes up in January.

Julie Geiser said that the Alamosa County Nursing Service was only able to get some vaccines for children 6 months to 23 months year old, chronic long term, asthma and diabetes patients and for babies under 6 months.

Adam Vasquez announced that parenting classes are available to parents in the prevention program for free and that he also needs mentors for students in the drug free community program.

Bill Brooks suggested that his students who were trained under the Get R!EAL train-the-trainer workshop could be available to help present to students. Yellow Ribbon and Assist trainings are planned, as well.

Priscilla Ortega summarized activities in Costilla County.

The next Alamosa Drug-Free Community Coalition meets Tuesday, January 18 at 7:30 a.m. at the SLV Mental Health Center. Breakfast will be provided.

The meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.