



Area Coalition Meetings

Centennial School/Community Coalition Minutes

On October 14th, the Centennial School Community Coalition met at 10 a.m. in the Centennial Board Room. Represented agencies included San Luis Valley Mental Health Center, Boys' and Girls Club of San Luis Valley, Youth Guild, San Luis Police, Costilla County Nursing Service, County Commissioner's Office, and Centennial Schools.

Programs gave brief updates of interest to the coalition.

- Donna Briones reported on the goals of the At-Risk and Expelled Youth Grant.
- Dr. Romero presented CSAP and AYP data with information on achievement goals for various grade levels.
- The next meeting of the Centennial School and Community Coalition is November 16 at 1:45 p.m. in the Centennial Board Room. Snacks and beverages will be provided.
- Contact Walter Ruybal for more information at 672-3240 or wroybal@centurytel.net



ALAMOSA DRUG-FREE-COMMUNITY COALITION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 19, 2004

Priscilla Ortega called the meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday October 19.

Charlotte Ledonne noted that October is AIDS awareness month which will be recognized in a ceremony at Leon Memorial on Sunday.

Liz Tabling requested the coalition be more specific about the 30 second video/commercial. Nelda Curtiss noted that the Media committee had previously agreed that the video should be youth driven, youth written and note that "we're out here" for the community. A media committee (Nelda Curtiss, Cedar Stagner, Mike Maestas, Liz Tabling, Del Rae Mondragon, Cynthia Valerio and Mary Lou Rodriguez) was reformed to meet soon about more ideas for Liz and Bresnan Communications.

Paula Hendricks, Director of San Luis Valley Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership, offered an overview of the tobacco prevention program in the Valley which began from the Master Settlement Agreement monies in 1998. She noted that Get—RIEAL's train-the-trainer workshop addressed the fact that shock videos no longer work for youth but that educating youth on how they're being targeted by Big Tobacco does work. She mentioned collaborating with SLV-MHC on a conference about tobacco, alcohol, drug prevention. SLV-TEPP and Prevention at SLV Mental Health Center partnered to offer a cessation class running 4 consecutive weeks beginning Oct 7. Other resources available are 1) CDC program called Got a Minute; and 2) Scene Smoking. The new website for the valley program is: www.slvtepp.org (See story on page 2 about the Great American Smokeout.)

The Star Shine Festival was announced for Nov 5. Contact Sue Davis, Director of SLV Community Connections at 587-1081.

- The next coalition meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 a.m.
- Valarie Ruybal will be the guest speaker with updates on alcohol, tobacco, and drug use in the Valley.
- The meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

See complete meeting minutes on the web at www.slvprevention.org

Red Ribbon Week 2004



Mi Animo Prevention's RED RIBBON WEEK ACTIVITY

Oct. 29, Mi Animo Prevention's Red Ribbon Week Activity included a haunted house at ASC after a reality check with Community Corrections presenters, and tobacco prevention presentations for teens and elementary students.