



SLV Prevention Coalition Minutes  
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7:30 a.m. SLV MHC – Upstairs Conference Rm  
2 hours

“Working together to make our communities strong”

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**Welcome & Intros w/ continental breakfast**

Co-Chairs Paula & Mavi called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. with brief introductions around the room.

**Tu Casa Fundraiser and events for October**

Teri Ebel thanked the coalition for letting her present first up because she has to go on a rafting trip. She discussed October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month and distributed flyers on events: 4-Person Scramble Sat Oct 1, Rio Grande Club in South Fork; a calendar of events, Luminaria Memorial on Oct. 27 – downtown Alamosa. She included information about a petition to reduce domestic violence. Discussion followed.

**What's happening in OMS Health Class**

Cynthia Valerio, Health Educator at OMS, updated the coalition on curriculum at OMS which includes Kick Butts Day, drug and alcohol awareness and education. She collaborates with Adam on environmental strategies— involving students in the community with letters of request to city council and the county board of commissioners whenever she can. Discussion followed.

**Drug Free Dances sponsored by Family Rec Ctr.**

Richard Simmons, Director of Alamosa Family Recreation Center, talked about the collaboration that's begun between Priscilla Ortega's effort through Mi Animo Prevention (SLV Mental Health Center) and the monthly drug-free-alcohol free and tobacco free dances for the middle school and high school. He noted that he would like to grow the collaboration between him and the community. He also asked the coalition to help come up with ideas. He welcomed calls at the Alamosa Family Recreation Center; he recommended contacting Monica Miller at 589-2105; Priscilla Ortega is also available to take questions at 587-6973 or [priscillao@slvmhc.org](mailto:priscillao@slvmhc.org) Discussion followed.

**Working with City Council concerning alcohol prevention and environmental policies/strategies**

Josef Lucero, City Councilman & mayoral candidate, addressed the coalition by introducing an article from the September 6<sup>th</sup> issue of the Pueblo Chieftain titled: Booze for Barbie. The article, published in the September Issue of the *Archives of Pediatric Medicine*, discussed a study that found that preschoolers and other children exposed to alcohol, tobacco and drugs are impacted by their parents, guardians or society's behavior around ATOD – whether boys or girls. The article showed that through play little girls expressed that they had to have “Barbie size tobacco” for their Barbie-Dolls. Josef noted that children “are little learning machines.”

“Alcohol is a big issue,” he said and encouraged the coalition to form a alcohol task force, to attend the public hearings when liquor licenses are requested of the City Council. He added, “come to be heard, not many people attend these public hearings.” He suggested that the task force would be composed of enforcement and local citizenry. He discussed the local ordinances and the new laws about sale of alcohol to a minor and providing alcohol to a minor. Anyone can get information about the City Council agendas through the Valley Courier or by calling Judy Egbert at the City, 589-2272. Discussion followed and included consideration of involving youth in these city council meetings.

**Membership & Networking Tools**

Adam Vasquez passed around a membership networking notebook that will be assembled for existing and new

members. Included in the networking tool so far are membership rosters with contact information, mission, goals, logic model. Adam asked for input from the coalition on what they would like to see in such a book.

### Reports from Media Committee & Data Committee

Nelda Curtiss shared information about [www.slvprevention.org](http://www.slvprevention.org), the newsletter Que Pasa and asked that coalition members submit articles updating the coalition about their programs and businesses for the next coalition newsletter. (Deadline September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 30, Nov 15 ). Clarissa Woodworth discussed some data committee work including the Colorado KIT System that the ADAD grant will be using and plans to share with coalition members next meeting a number of sites including OMNI's web data site & KIDSCOUNT online census site.

### Community Round Table

Priscilla Ortega introduced the round table.

- Bill Baros and Ronnie Gray, Wal-Mart, encouraged the coalition members to ask for them anytime they are at Wal-Mart. Feedback was asked for. They reiterated Wal-Mart's commitment to the community and to ATOD prevention. Besides funneling all tobacco purchases through one checker, Wal-Mart also has a fool-proof system to keep customers from buying more than two boxes of over the counter pharmaceuticals that are commonly used to produce meth or other home-made drugs. They also said that they are "committed to improving the store and to getting the lines down."
- Joyce Housden briefly discussed a video on underage drinking that she agreed to share with the coalition on October 11.
- Sue Davis of the Rocky Mountain Research and Prevention Center noted that her team is working to "strengthen" their "presence in the community." She distributed a few newsletters and took requests for her newsletter to be mailed to members.
- Kris Daniel, FIG Coordinator at Adams State College, talked about ASC Cares, community service and encouraged the coalition to call her with ideas for projects. She also introduced a new coalition on campus called SWAT – Students Working Against Tobacco.
- Rick Esquibel, Priscilla Ortega, Shoshanna Montoya gave updates regarding Reaching All Children Equally (R.A.C.E.) which is now a full-fledged and funded program, CASASTART, and Mi Animo activities.
- Otto J. Espinoza, Jr. said that SSAVE would like to provide more prevention programming and noted that there are ASSIST trainings in the works and that he and others are available for presentations to large and small groups. He can be reached at 588-3911.
- Paula Hendricks, Coordinator of SLV Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (SLVTEPP), distributed Train-the-Trainer brochures (also available online at [www.slvtepp.org](http://www.slvtepp.org)), the last and latest editions of the Anti-Carton Chronicles (also available online at [www.slvtepp.org/newsletter.htm](http://www.slvtepp.org/newsletter.htm)); she updated the coalition on the growth of the regional and local prevention programs as a result of Amendment 35. She is also looking for a part-time prevention specialist for Rio Grande County.
- Henry Herrera and Carla Garcia, shared that 2006 school year had begun. Henry said, "We share the coalition's concerns about tobacco and alcohol and youth accessibility." He said the district will continue to educate by sending strong messages. He noted that if he can't attend the coalition, Carla will on behalf of the district. Carla announced that Alamosa High School has received the NOT grant and they will get 15 students to quit. She also noted that she has received the Colorado Data and has noticed that the report shows that inhalant use is up. Mr. Zaragosa received the 9 Who Cares Teacher of the Year Award but will be retiring. The district also received a "recovery" grant at the high school.

**ADJOURNED:** Mavi adjourned the coalition meeting at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting is set for October 11 at 7:30 a.m. at the SLV Mental Health Center. Call Nelda at 587-6964 for agenda items or email her at [neldac@slvmhc.org](mailto:neldac@slvmhc.org).

### Other Information

In order to keep the 1 ½ hour maximum time frame, members having agency updates over 1 minute need to preschedule for the agenda. To add your agency to the agenda, please contact [paula@slvtepp.org](mailto:paula@slvtepp.org), or [mavia@montevista.k12.co.us](mailto:mavia@montevista.k12.co.us) or [neldac@slvmhc.org](mailto:neldac@slvmhc.org)

Charlotte LeDonne reports that Alamosa County Nursing Services is now offering low cost/no cost HIV testing and Hep C testing for those at high risk – for HIV that includes multiple sex partners, injection drug use, sex partner of injection drug user, for Hep C that includes injection drug users, blood transfusion before 1992. Interested people can call Sherry at 587-5187 to set up testing appointment or for further questions.