



Facilitator:

Priscilla Ortega

Mission Statement:

Notetaker:

Nelda Curtiss

"To develop a strong, sustainable and effective prevention system in the San Luis Valley; to support communities work in comprehensively addressing prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse; to promote healthy individuals, families and communities."

Bill Brooks, Cynthia Valerio, Patt Morgan-Lloyd (RSVP), Valarie Ruybal with Reg. 3 Prev Specialist, Kristella Hartshorn, Clarissa Woodworth, Rick Needham, Beverly Miller – Vista Volunteer, Priscilla Ortega, Peggy Swicegood and wal-mart public relations, Joyce Housden, Kris Daniel, Lisa Larsen (BSN student from ASC), Della Vieira, Erin Smith, Debora Gabbel, Mary Ellen Flemming- csu ext., Kathleen Gilmore, Shayna Congress, Adam Vasquez, Nelda Curtiss, Rick Esquibel, Paula Hendricks, Mavi Valdez-Apodaca, Del Rae Mondragon, Kathy Van Gieson, Sue Davis, Pat Rheume, Shirley Atencio.

Paula Hendricks opened the meeting with welcome & Intros; she acknowledged new attendees.

Agenda approval *Action Item – approved as amended.

Minutes approval *Action Item – approved as amended.

OMNI- Coalition Assessment Survey

Priscilla Ortega, Facilitator –

Clarissa Woodworth – if you are going to fill out this survey, there is no wrong answer. If you would just take some time. During the survey time, Clarissa offered to visit with those new members who weren't filling out the form. She noted that 20 to 30 people are not in attendance; however, the staff will contact them. Omni will tabulate these anonymous surveys. If anyone has questions, Clarissa encouraged them to not hesitate and feel free to ask questions.

United Campus Ministry

Shirley Atencio – said how glad she is to be involved in the coalition and seeing the impact and difference the coalition is making in the community. She said she works with United Campus Ministry, housed at Adams State College. Why is the office there? What is their purpose? – Among other notions, the campus ministry offers a religious preference to college personnel and students, opportunity to do community service work, faith development and worship. These opportunities are open to all people who seek them. I'm often trying to prevent these risky behaviors and am always asking why these behaviors are being manifested. I read lately an article about "why am I here." Victor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*—a survivor of the holocaust, an existential approach. When a person has meaning in life, they are often contributing. The book shows a philosophy about surviving. Why do some give up and others persevere? The difference is that some have some thing to live for. How can you meet the world and still connect to your own talents. We're sponsoring on campus "Business with the Human Space." It's a values based look at business. It's attempting to build bridge between capitalism and communism. There is a college credit. Google it; it is Mar 3-4. Campus ministry is also sponsoring a program on forgiveness and reconciliation on April 22. Should we forgive more than others and how do we get to that point. 9 – 1:30 p.m. During the symposium there will be a panel. Get tickets ahead of time – free to public but tickets must be reserved. Also planning a mission trip—San Francisco because they want us to do a community service. Crystal Garcia a student who is from Antonito and she is very excited and coordinated. 587-7156 – campus ministry

Paula mentioned that this kind of activity raises the bar for the community service in the communities.

Committee Updates:

Media Feb 9, summarized 10 responses of survey; suggestions go to monthly email updates, quarterly newsletter; where we can get our messages out; provided a list of media contacts available on the table.; talked about the commercial. Updates to Nelda are due by the last day of the month—she agreed to send out an update email for last –call for updates. Rick Esquibel noted that Bresnan Communications in-kind contribution due to the 2nd commercial was \$15,000

Underage Drinking Task Force Kris Daniel, chair, said that the committee had meetings through email and was looking at next in-person meeting as Thursday at 3:30 p.m. on ASC. “we are working on the ad, and working on businesses that got tagged to doing a Muriel on their wall.” She also noted that she has a list of students wanting to participate with Rick Needham, Alamosa police Department, on compliance checks. Rick Needham noted that the department is always looking for young people who are not 21. This compliance check is working and other communities are moving forward also, he said. Rick Needham updated the coalition on the consequences of a business violating this law.

Epidemiological Clarissa said that the group is continuing to gather information. Omni is working on a power point of data for us. Also, we want to help you with your grants—if you need help, call me or email me or Adam or Nelda. This data keeps happening everyday so it is an ongoing effort. Some data that is needed is not even collected in the Valley.

CPP Clarissa said a draft has been submitted and we are a little bit ahead. We need to do the needs assessment. Valarie added some information about the progress of the grant. Clarissa noted the effectiveness of the graphics presentation developed by Cathy Morin and wanted to emulate that graphic analysis of our CPP and EPI data.

Other:

Joyce Housden shared her excitement about the coalition, her efforts in Rio Grande. Sue Davis also noted progress made. Clarissa noted that we would be hiring someone to help with this CPP grant.

Community Round Table

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Members of the community shared pertinent summaries of their prevention programs in their organizations.

Adjourn by 9:30 a.m.

Paula Hendricks