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## Drug Free Coalition Meeting Minutes

Tue, Nov 8<sup>TH</sup>, 11:00 am -12:00 pm

### **Nexus Coalition Primary Purposes: 1. Strengthen Collaboration Among Community Entities & 2. Reduce Substance Use Among Youth**

1. **Vicky Solomon/Executive Director Facilitating: THANK YOU for attending!** (DFC) Drug Free Coalition
2. **WELCOME Everyone!** Shannon Latham, Stacey Heath with Nexus, Cheyenne Layton with Nexus, Randy Moffitt, Becky Belnap with Nexus, Justin Harris with Care1st, Bill Ricci, Destiney Hall with Nexus, Amanda Foster Nexus Board Member, Vicky Solomon with Nexus, Ralph with Nami, Rikki Sechrist Az National Guard, Julee Sherwood with Nexus
3. Announcements and Nexus Updates:
  - We have **Naloxone Training**, Trauma Training, Fentanyl-Meth Training upon Requests!  
**PLEASE KNOW AND PASS ALONG THAT Naloxone CAN BE Administered TO ANYONE AT ANY AGE AND IT WILL NOT HURT THEM...**
  - Nexus continues to work with SACLAZ -Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of AZ  
RESOURCES: [www.ncdp.rocks](http://www.ncdp.rocks), <https://ncdp.rocks/resources/talknowaz-videos-parent-testimonies/>, <https://talknowaz.com/>, <https://saclaz.org/>, <https://naloxoneaz.com/>, <https://thenewmeth.com/>
    - **Destiney Hall** – Teaching Life Skills with Recovery Works once a week. Working on Family class for Recovery Works and currently working on details. We had a Recovery Celebration in October with Recovery Works, and it went great. Attended a Cherry Bomb outreach event in Winslow.
    - **Stacey Heath**- Started working with SLHS teaching life skills on Mondays. Tuesday’s teaching BRJHS Botvin and working on assemblies. Assembly at BR High School went well and now the Jr high wants one and it’s today. Teaching at Recovery Works once a week. Safety Village presentation last week went great, and the kids were very engaged. Teen Court on Mondays biggest focus is Jr High and vaping.
    - **Becky Belnap** - Diversion at BRJHS weekly. Suicide grief support group with Becky Montoya-Wright. BR having a literacy night, passing out Keep a Clear Mind. Recently new marijuana toolkit being distributed. Az Youth Survey revealed most kids getting marijuana from parents and at home.
    - **Cheyenne Layton**– Naloxone training in Winslow with Bus Drivers and health techs, went well. Red Ribbon at GWA, medicine safety and handling stress. NAA mtg hoping to teach 8<sup>th</sup> graders and teaching Botvin and hopefully an assembly. Superintendent in Holbrook, trying to get a EdTalk going. Town of Taylor Item Distribution at Trunk or treat. Scheduling McNary and Sequoia.
  - **Julee Sherwood/Executive Admin** –
    - Tell us about Nexus Board: Friends of Navajo County Anti-Drug Coalition – AKA Nexus Board consists of 7 individuals, with diverse backgrounds and various locations. Our Board meets Quarterly and reviews our financials and policies. At their last meeting they voted in Amanda, the newest Board member. Welcome Amanda! We have an awesome board, that supports Nexus and our Cause, and we are grateful for their support.
    - Tell us about Financial Committee: We also have an amazing Financial Committee that consists of a local accountant, myself, our Executive director, Vicky Solomon, our Treasurer Brenda Sherwood and a

Financial Consultant. The team reviews financials monthly and offers feedback and questions to keep everything accurate and straightforward so we don't have issues.

- Grant reporting: Each month we are required to submit monthly financial reports and programmatic reports to each of our Grantors, along with a Financial Reimbursement Request and all supporting documents. With the DFC Grant we are also required to MATCH their Grant award with In-Kind Contributions and this year that amount is \$187,500, which is \$150% of the amount they contribute. We haven't ever not met that number. Donated Naloxone is a big factor in reaching that number.
- **Vicky Solomon-** Update on Another Baby testing positive for fentanyl in the Phoenix area. Start with your family and then go to neighbors and keep going out from there to community with fentanyl/naloxone education.

#### **Guest Speaker: Randy Moffitt AZ HIDTA Drug Intelligence Officer**

Rainbow fentanyl marketed to younger group. LEGO shaped fentanyl out there as well. Pill Press video shown, just like what is being used in Mexico. Currently national seizure statistic, over 20 million pills seized, not everyone is reporting though. Stats: \$.50 cheapest pill to buy and highest prize \$18 a pill. 8 pills will fit on a penny. They are very small. To combat problem, 9 grams equivalent to 82 pills. DIO's across the nation working on hiring more. MX 908 Device, detects harmful drugs so the officers don't have to handle paraphernalia.

**GREAT PPT PRESENTATION! THANK YOU RANDY!!**

#### **4. Go around the room for any ANNOUNCEMENTS or UPDATES for your organization.**

- Justin Harris, One of two AHCCCS plans, and his focus is with Northern Arizona, trying to collaborate and being involved with various organizations. Looking to partner with Nexus and others. His contact info: Justin Harris, Community Advocate, Justin.b.harris@care1staz.com, 928-292-4720, please let me know about any events throughout 2023 that we can participate in. Thank you.
- Amanda Foster, Nexus Board Member: She met with principal at the school she works with, and they'd like to focus with their teachers and education with drug use. Very small school (40 students) and most students have a disability so not a lot of use but still have trauma and need parent education.
- Rikki with Az National Guard, no updates
- Bill Ricci Navajo County, car seat program throughout the county, mental health training, WIC, suicide awareness and firearm safety with veterans.
- Ralph with Nami: they had a table at Elks Halloween party went well and currently working on creating a strategic plan for 2023

**\*WE HAVE FREE NARCAN & Training - 82% of overdoses happen in the HOME**

Thank you for everything you do for our community! Your support is greatly appreciated!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME IN ATTENDING! Next Dec 13, 11am-12pm same Zoom link**

**Dates for Drug Free Coalition Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAY of EACH MONTH excluding June/July (No meetings)**

- Naloxone has been approved by the Surgeon General. Nexus staff is trained and does trainings for Naloxone
- IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN HOME & PAIN MED, YOU NEED NALOXONE IN YOUR EMERGENCY KIT. 3 MIN VIDEO-WHAT IS NALOXONE? <https://youtu.be/RcAaZQQd50>
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