



YAVAPAI JUSTICE & MENTAL HEALTH COALITION

Building a healthy and safe community through partnerships and collaboration.

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Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2023, 1:00pm-3:00pm

In Person: Yavapai County Education Service Agency
2970 Centerpointe E. Drive, Prescott
Griffin Taylor Training Room
and
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Ms. Thayer opened the meeting at 1:00 pm and welcomed all attendees. If anyone was missed on the attendees, please email Ms. Thayer. (For list of attendees see last page.)

Introductions:

Ms. Thayer: Welcomed everyone – both in person and on Teams.

Beya Thayer introduced new team members: Linn Montjoy – Inmate Services Program Manager, Heidi Howard – YJMHC Public Affair Officer, and Sabath Oliver – Connection Center Program Manager.

Welcome:

Chief Newnum: Thank you to the Coalition and partnership with new Criminal Justice Center (CJC), opening on Monday, we are very excited. There will be a phased opening approach due to manpower issues. Reach Out started in 2016. All studies showing that recidivism has gone down with our Reach-Out program. We could not have done this without the Coalition. The Connection Center at the new CJC wouldn't be possible without our partners. A portion of the Connection Center will also serve as in-patient treatment for Title 36 evaluations through Polara, which will streamline process for law enforcement partners and the Jail.

Coalition Updates:

Yavapai Criminal Justice Center Update: Chief Newnum, YCSO / Commander Kimbriel, YCSO

- Phased opening due to high vacancy rate of officers. Phase 1 begins Monday, July 17th (includes Courts) with Intake as the same model as current Prescott facility (no persons who are combative and no medical issues).
- Phase 2 – Infirmary (full-service Intake) (hoping to be here as soon as possible)
- Phase 3, 4 and 5 – Encompass opening housing units and kitchen facilities.
- The CJC is not long-term holding like Camp Verde is, it is just a transition jail. This facility will be for individuals pre-EDC (Early Disposition Court). Verde will always be main jail, main housing, and biggest population.
- YCSO is currently working with an architect to remodel the Camp Verde Jail to add a Connection Center in that location as well.

Connections Center Processes:

- Re-entry:
Sabath Oliver with Yavapai County Health Services is managing the re-entry section. Individuals leaving both the jail and the title 36 operations will be able to use the services within the re-entry center.

Clothing donations needed for the clothes closet for released individuals. Sabath will email the list to everyone. Harm reduction donation items are needed as well.

Office spaces within the re-entry center can be used by any service provider as they are assisting people.
- Title 36- Polara:
The inpatient portion of the Connection Center in which Polara Health will conduct Title 36 Court Ordered Evaluations is hoping to open October 1st.

Autism Awareness & Training, Diana Orem, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Head of Forensic Psychology Program, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott AZ; Licensed Clinical Psychologist

- Dr. Orem presented on the opportunity to provide an autism awareness training free to first responders and law enforcement agencies. She can tailor training to other agencies as well. Introduction to Law Enforcement & Autism Safety Training. OREMD1@erau.edu

Return to Honor – Don Kirchner.

- Mr. Kirchner discussed his program, Return to Honor, and his new book. The book can be purchased at: [Amazon.com: Beyond the Chaos: Restoring Hope for Humanity eBook : Kirchner, Don: Kindle Store](https://www.amazon.com/Beyond-the-Chaos-Restoring-Hope-for-Humanity-eBook-Kirchner-Don/dp/B089888888)

Workgroup Updates

- Kathy Ryder, chair of Increase Cross-System Collaboration Workgroup discussed the Superior Courts' discussions regarding defendants with Alzheimer's, dementia, TBI, etc. Judge Napper and Judge Carmen have been meeting with stakeholders regarding this population due to those in Restoration to Competency and the defendants they are interacting with. Ms. Ryder is requesting support with tracking any data with this population. Is there anyone in the Coalition working with this population, tracking data? Contact Kathy at kryder@courts.az.gov

Upcoming Trainings & Symposiums

- Hiring Event: 7/26/23 from 1-4pm @ PV DES, Alycia Botkin, AZ @ Work
- Youth Mental Health Symposium, Save the Date July 24 (Prescott)
- AZ Drug Summit, Sept. 6th <https://www.matforce.org/Events>
- Human Trafficking Symposium, Save the Date Sept 24 – Sept 26
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-call-to-action-az-human-trafficking-summit-tickets-672759671287?aff=oddtcreator>

Coalition Member Updates & Announcements

- Suicide Prevention Coalition- Hope Fest: August 19th from 10am-4pm @ Courthouse
- Out of The Darkness Walk: September 23rd from 9am-1pm @ Granite Creek Park Recovery Day: September 23rd from 10am-1pm @ PUSD building
- Navigating a Digital World July 21st 9-11 virtual. MATFORCE website to register.
- Prescott area or Verde Valley steering committee, welcoming people to join. klee@matforceaz.org
- YCSO received grant from the State to enhance Human Trafficking investigation. Collaborating with ASU YFAC and Juvenile Probation. Summit in Scottsdale end of September, will send out a Save The Date
- James Tobin – Motivational Interviewing Training August 28th and 29th 9am-3pm, Yavapai College- FREE
- Community Health – several positions open, accepting applications
- Community Health - Community projects to fund with opioid settlement funds, up to \$50,000. Application deadline 7/31/2023, up to 5 projects
- Catholic Charities, looking to open men’s reentry on Verde side, need home to rent. Secured funding for opioid dependent people needing housing or other services.
- Manzanita Outreach is creating an online resource guide. Mohelp.org to see if your organization is listed.

Save the date for upcoming 2023 Coalition Meeting: October 19th, 2023, from 1 to 3 pm

Please contact Ms. Thayer at beya.thayer@yavapaiaz.gov to receive calendar invites for workgroup dates.

Attendees: (If you are not shown in the list of attendees, please email Ms. Thayer)

Organization	Name
Arizona Complete Health	Alexa Finkelstein
AZ @ Work	Alycia Botkin
Arizona Complete Health	Amy Devins
Yavapai County Adult Probation	Andrew Schreffler
Public Defender - Prescott	Angela Ramos
AZ Blue	Angimar Rodriguez
Catholic Charities	Anthony Cruz
Community Health Center	Ashley James
Hope Arizona, Inc	Becca King
Wexford	Becky Payne
YCSO	Beya Thayer
Arizona Complete Health	Bill Mitchell
YCSO	Brent Kimbriel
Yavapai County Adult Probation	Bryan N. Prieto
Yavapai County Community Health Services	Carol Lewis
City of Cottonwood	Cathy Kelley
Cottonwood Police Department	Christopher Dowell
YCSO	Christy Awtrey-Tieman
Hope Arizona, Inc	Dan Haley
Prescott Valley Police Department	Dan Hays
County Attorney's Office	Dana Owens
Hope Arizona, Inc	Daryl Butricks
Polara Health	David Dohm
Polara Health	Deanna Eder
VA	Debra Stutz-Middleton
Embry Riddle	Diana Orem
Mohave County Sheriff's Office	Don Bischoff
Community member	Don Kirchner
Solari, Inc	Eric Lee
Return to Honor Coalition	Gwendolyn Swan, Dr.
YCSO	Heidi Howard
Sonoran Prevention Works	Ian Ohler-Romines
Yavapai College Police Dept	James Tobin
Prescott Police Department	Jason Small
YCSO	Jeff Newnum
Arizona Complete Health	Johnnie Gasper
Care1st	Josh Brock

Sedona Police Department	Karl Waak
Charlie Health	Kate Taylor
Yavapai NAMI	Kathy Bashor
Adult Probation	Kathy Ryder
Embry Riddle	Kelly Crockett
Catholic Charities	Kimberly Brown
Solari, Inc	Kristin Bandy
Northern Arizona Peer & Family Coalition	Laurie Verdier
Community Health	Leslie Horton
Yavapai County	Linn Montjoy
Communtiy Health	Lorena Padilla
Child and Family Support Services	Mary Robbins
Care1st	Mia Corona
Inside Out Network	Miranda Campos
StoneRidge Centers	Nicole Reesman
Clarkdale Police Department	Randy Taylor
Community Health	Sabath Oliver
Care1st	Shannon Williams
Yavapai County Education	Shari Sterling
Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Choice	Sharie Brock
Spectrum	Shawn Hatch
Arizona Complete Health	Tania Long
Yavapai Adult Probation	Tara Newman
Yavapai College Police Department	Tyran Payne
Community Citizen	Wayne Sisson
Care1st	Wendy Dittbrenner
Community Health	Willa Miller