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CARLSBAD COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG/GANG COALITION

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AGENDA

Community Board Meeting

IN PERSON: 101 N. Halagueno St., Carlsbad, NM

VIRTUAL: ZOOM

June 2, 2021 4:00PM – 5:00PM

**Silent prayer/meditation
thought (voluntary):**

***Our community will support
efforts to not provide alcohol
and illegal substances to
youth.***

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence
- II. Sign in/Introductions
- III. Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes (May 5, 2021)
- IV. Treasury Report
- V. Program updates
- VI. Old Business
 - Action Teams
- VII. New Business/Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

Factoid of the Month:

What Are the Signs of Having a Problem with Drugs? *The NIDA Blog Team* January 4, 2021

Addiction can happen at any age, but it usually starts when a person is young. It's the result of **changes in the brain** that can come from drug use. Addiction affects how people think and what they do. But what exactly are the signs?

First, it's important to know that there is no "type" of person who becomes addicted. People can face addiction **no matter** where they're from, what they look like, or how much money they have. One important sign of addiction is that a person continues to use drugs even though it's harming their life: physical health, performance at school or work, or relationships. They feel like they can't stop using drugs, no matter what happens. Other signs can include:

- Hanging out with different friends than usual. Not caring about their appearance.
- Getting lower grades in school. Missing classes or skipping school.
- Losing interest in their favorite activities.
- Getting in trouble in school or with the law.
- Having different eating or sleeping habits.
- Having more problems with family members and friends.
- To address addiction, talk to a medical professional. For more information, see NIDA's free resource, "**Step by Step Guides to Finding Treatment for Drug Use Disorders.**"
<https://teens.drugabuse.gov/blog/post/what-are-signs-having-problem-drugs>

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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2021

101 N. Halagueno St., Carlsbad, NM City Hall Planning Room

In Person/Virtual Meeting

4:00PM

PRESENT:

Executive Director: Joana Wells; Coalition Youth Prevention Program Manager: Julie Fuentes; OSAP Prevention Manager: Kimberly Morrow; Youth Intern: Hannah Kim; Exec. Board of Directors: Jacob Puckett, Andrea Edmonton. Guests: Michael Shott-Carlsbad Police Department, Kristie Hill-Foundry Home, Kat Davis-Creative Carlsbad, Shane Skinner-CPD Chief of Police.

Meeting called to Order:

Joana Wells at 4:02 PM.

Moment of Silence ensued.

SIGN IN/INTRODUCTIONS:

Round Robin of attendees.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:

Motion to Approve April 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Jacob Puckett

Seconded: Kristie Hill.

Motion Carried.

TREASURY REPORT: Joana Wells

We do not have April 2021 report yet because it is too early in the month.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

Joana Wells (Program Director) – We are excited to welcome our new OSAP Program Manager Kimberly Morrow who is replacing Erin Williams. Thank you, Erin, for your contributions during your time with the Coalition and we look forward to seeing you flourish in the future.

Tiffany Shirley (SPF/PFS) – We have been back to in person learning with youth at the Carlsbad Intermediate School. We will be concluding the classes on May 17th and providing stipends to those youth who participated in the All-Stars program. The team reports that it has been rewarding to be back into the classrooms.

Julie Fuentes (Teen Court, TOP & STOP) –

Teen Court: Teen Court has been on hold. We are expecting to start in person May 25th at JMA and we have 9 referrals, three of which have been scheduled for May.

TOP: This month the team concluded working with JMA 8th Grade youth. There were 8 youth in the program who completed the program this month with all members receiving their stipends.

STOP: We are working with JMA 6th and 7th grade youth. Currently we have 11 youth who have been participating. 7th grade youth will complete the program within the next two weeks. One 6th grade youth who is on track for completion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Need to nominate someone for Chair and Co-Chair for the Community Board. No one volunteered.

- **Action Teams-**

Teens in Action Youth Council: Teens in Action is going to be a Youth Council that is driven to get involvement and buy in from the youth community. We are looking for students aged 12 to 17 years of age who are interested in making a difference in the community. Our four objectives are to create alternative events for the youth, leadership and Mentorship opportunities, youth led media projects, and peer to peer outreach. A few organizations in town have already expressed interest in becoming involved and we look forward to seeing what the youth are interested in pursuing.

We are looking to begin the program in July and end the program in June the following year. There would be two meetings per month with an attendance requirement of at least one meeting per month with a minimum participation requirement of 5 meetings and 2 events. We are looking forward to selecting 20 youth from the referrals we receive from adults within the community. Reference the attached media to the minutes for a link to the referral URL or visit www.carlsbadcoalition.com and go to the “Teens” Section of the menu. We are asking for referrals for youth who are interested as well as partnership ideas for when the program is up and running.

Once all the referrals are received, a Program Manager will reach out to let them know that they were nominated, interviews will be held, and then the Council roster will be decided. We look forward to the youth being able to attend City Council Meetings as well as tours of government buildings to get a better understanding of how government operates. We also hope to have the youth provide mentorship to other youth within the community. Kristie Hill offered to provide whatever assistance is necessary.

Social Host Ordinance: Corporal Flores, Corporal Shott, and Lieutenant Castaneda have been meeting with Coalition Staff every Tuesday to begin developing a Social Host Ordinance within our community. A Social Host Ordinance would be a law introduced at the City level to curtail underage drinking at underage drinking parties via fines, service learning, and evidence-based interventions. We are currently in the process of collecting examples of other Social Host Ordinances from other cities to try and find the vocabulary that best fits the community. Then, we would gauge the community readiness, and then finally introduce the legislation for approval. Ultimately, we would be utilizing Party Patrols and word of mouth to help identify party “hot spots.”

Parents in Action: Joana Wells stated that we can now do trainings in person so if there are any parent groups that would like to get this training, we can provide any training topic regarding drug and alcohol trends. This is also available on the Coalition’s Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Coalition participated in Riverblitz along with Albertsons. Kat Davis mentioned that the Farmers Market will be starting again Thursday May 20th and continuing every third Thursday evening moving forward. She is inviting the Coalition to join and set up a table to disseminate the information to community members. She is also asking for recommendations of potential vendors to reach out to get a spot in the Farmers Market.

May 15th will be the Household Hazardous Waste and Prescription Drug Takeback Event from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Beach Parking Lot. Bring in your left-over medications to be properly disposed of by the Carlsbad Police Department. The program started in 2010, and as part of this initiative the Coalition has partnered with the CPD under which the program is flourishing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Joana Wells adjourned the meeting at 4:53 PM

Minutes Submitted by Sarah Bowman

May 5, 2021 Community Board Meeting