

# The COALITION

CARLSBAD COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG/GANG COALITION

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## AGENDA

Community Board Meeting  
City of Carlsbad Planning Room  
ZOOM MEETING  
January 6, 2020 4:00PM – 5:00PM

Silent prayer/meditation  
thought (voluntary):

*Safety, protection, and  
guidance for our community,  
state, & nation in 2021*

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence
- II. Sign in/Introductions
- III. Approval of Last Month's Meeting Mins. (Dec. 2, 2020)
- IV. Treasury Report
- V. Program updates
- VI. Old Business
  - 2020- Year in Review
  - Action Teams
- VII. New Business/Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

## Factoid of the Month:

### Who is at risk for drug addiction?

Various risk factors can make you more likely to become addicted to drugs, including:

- **Your biology.** People can react to drugs differently. Some people like the feeling the first time they try a drug and want more. Others hate how it feels and never try it again.
- **Mental health problems.** People who have untreated [mental health problems](#), such as [depression](#), [anxiety](#), or [attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder](#) (ADHD) are more likely to become addicted. This can happen because drug use and mental health problems affect the same parts of the brain. Also, people with these problems may use drugs to try to feel better.
- **Trouble at home.** If your home is an unhappy place or was when you were growing up, you might be more likely to have a drug problem.
- **Trouble in school, at work, or with making friends.** You might use drugs to get your mind off these problems.
- **Hanging around other people who use drugs.** They might encourage you to try drugs.
- **Starting drug use when you're young.** When kids use drugs, it affects how their bodies and brains finish growing. This increases your chances of becoming addicted when you're an adult

Source: <https://medlineplus.gov/druguseandaddiction.html>

# **CARLSBAD COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG/GANG COALITION COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**December 2, 2020 – ZOOM Meeting  
4:00PM**

## **PRESENT:**

Executive Director: Joana Wells; Coalition Youth Prevention Program Manager: Tiffany Shirley; Coalition Youth Prevention Program Manager: Julie Onsurez; Youth Media Program Assistant: Sarah Bowman; SPF/Teen Court Assistant: Samantha Smith; OSAP Prevention Manager: Erin Williams; Youth Intern: Hannah Kim; Exec. Board of Directors: Steve Cummings (Exec. Board President), Mary Garwood (Community Chair and Exec. Board Secretary), & Andrea Edmondson (Exec. Board Member & CIS Principal); Carlsbad Police Dept.: Cpl. Joshua Calder; Eddy County Chevron: Beverly Allan (Community Affairs Rep.); DWI Program Prevention Educator: Ashlyn Lujan, Golden Services: Trish Anaya (Therapist) & Valarie Waddle (Social Work Intern/Case Manager for JCC), Cavern City Children's Advocacy Center Youth Advocate/Case Manager for the Foundry Home: Jamie Rose

## **Meeting called to Order:**

Mary Garwood at 4:08PM

## **Moment of Silence ensued.**

## **SIGN IN/INTRODUCTIONS:**

Round Robin of attendees.

## **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to Approve October 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Ashlynn Lujan

Seconded: Cpl. Josh Calder

All in favor. Motion Carried.

## **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING'S MINUTES (November 4, 2020) w/ changes from listing 'The Foundry: Jamie Rose' to 'Cavern City Children's Advocacy Center/The Foundry Home: Jamie Rose'**

Motion to Approve Minutes w/changes: Cpl. Josh Calder

Seconded: Jamie Rose

All in favor. Motion Carried.

## **TREASURY REPORT: Joana Wells**

October 2020 Expenses: \$32,624.12

October 2020 Income: \$33,667.96

Ending balance as of 10/31/2020: \$130,723.51

## **PROGRAM UPDATES:**

Tiffany Shirley (SPF GRANT) - Partnership created with CASA and able to offer a virtual program to 3 CASA youth in foster care this Fall 2020. Incentives have been utilized for participants to finish the month long program to help keep the youth engaged. Tiffany will be contacting Andrea Edmondson and talk about implementing Coalition programs that can reach students at Carlsbad Intermediate School. They have also been working on the Parents in Action Facebook outreach effort. Issues covered every month include topics such as underage drinking, mental health, and prescription drug abuse. Joana

mentioned that this material is also great for educators to cover. Tiffany went on to say that the next outreach on this page will come out this Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> called From Playground to Prom, which will cover having difficult conversation with teenagers. She finished her report by saying that they are continuing to use the Hope Center digital outreach board for community messaging and education.

Julie Fuentes (TOP, STOP, & EDDY COUNTY TEEN COURT) - TOP-She has been working with 8<sup>th</sup> grade JMA School students and meeting virtually twice a week. The TOP Club's most recent project included them working on painting rocks with positive messages on them to earn Community Service Learning hours. She reviewed the Playground to Prom video that has been in the works and will be posted soon on the Parents in Action FB page. STOP- Program had a total of 11 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders participate, using the All-Stars Program. Stipends are being used to incentive participation from the students in the TOP & STOP programs, which helps boost participation from students. EDDY COUNTY TEEN COURT- received its first referral yesterday. From that referral, she reported that the process is lengthy, but hopeful to refine the process as they get more coming in. Samantha Smith conducted a scavenger hunt with the youth attorneys recently to help keep them engaged in the Teen Court program. Samantha reported that she is trying to work with Magistrate Court to begin to get referrals from them. Julie announced that the Juvenile Substance Abuse Team will meet virtually on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. Trish Anaya from Golden Services has been invited to this meeting.

Erin Williams (OSAP GRANT) - reported that she has been working on toolkits for Safe Storage and Disposal outreach. These will be for distribution to local pharmacies and how to speak with patients/customers about how to properly dispose of used medications, opioid or not. She discussed reaching out to Artesia Police Department and Carlsbad Police Department on asking for information on party patrols.

Joana reported they are at present time under NM State Governor's orders to cease in person outreach. They are preparing for the next 6 to 10 months to conduct Coalition business virtually.

Trish Anaya reported that mental health issues have been increasing during the COVID pandemic, including anxiety, depression, and risky behaviors. Most notably, they have seen an increase in teenagers more than any other age group. They are providing services virtually for most clients now, but can still conduct in-person services for children. Valarie Waddle, JCC Case Manager for Golden Services, says the substance abuse programs of the Coalition's may be a valuable resource for the JCC program.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Action Teams- N/A**

**NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Joana reported that the Coalition staff is working on a 2020 Year in Review for presentation in the January 2021 meeting. Ashlynn reported that the DWI Program is working on an outreach to inform the public that they can still get a DWI/DUI with a lower than .08 level. They are working on new billboards as well in the near future.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mary Garwood adjourned the meeting at 5:04PM

Minutes Submitted by Mary Garwood