



Urban Indian Coalition of Arizona

COALITION MEETING

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Phoenix Indian Center, Inc.

Virtual Meeting

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

MISSION

Create a sustainable coalition that addresses prevention of suicide, underage drinking and use/abuse of marijuana and prescription drugs through the foundation of cultures to improve the overall well-being of Urban American Indian youth and families.

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

1. Allison Tobon – notMykid
2. Angelita Burma – Innovation & Opportunity Act Program
3. Annette Yazzie – DES Office of Tribal Relations
4. April Childs – Native American Connections
5. Ariana Granger – AACIHC
6. Belen Santistevan – PIC/UICAZ
7. Beth Tom – Northland Cares
8. Brenda Polacca – Amazing Grace Recovery Ranch
9. Brittany Aquitante – ICWA Program Coordinator Maricopa County
10. Cante Zephier – PIC/UICAZ
11. Christine Wilmont – Sonoran Prevention Works
12. Clyde Miller –HEAAL
13. Cristian Canales – PIC/UICAZ
14. Dairen Fuller – AACIHC
15. Dalila Guerrero – Maricopa County Office of Tobacco Sensation
16. Ethan Tsosie – PIC/UICAZ
17. Jessica Valadez – AZ Department of Liquor, Education & Prevention Unit
18. Jolene Fernandez – PIC/UICAZ
19. Kami Ortiz – PIC
20. Karla Coleman – Health Tech Academy
21. Kathleen Montano – Banner Health Plan
22. Katrina Kadyszewski - Clinical Mental Health Counseling University of Phoenix
23. Kennedy Slowtalker-Begay – PIC/UICAZ
24. Kristy Stanford – Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice
25. Laboraex Abeita – Solari Crisis & Human Services
26. Lisa Cadman – Dept of Child Safety/ICWA Specialist
27. Loren Bahe - PIC
28. Maria Chavez – River Elementary School
29. Maria Mendez – Mescalero Apache Tribe WIOA Program
30. Michael Wydra – Maricopa County Public Health
31. Monte Stevens – PIC/UICAZ
32. Quincy Stewart –ASU
33. Rachel Sodhi – City of Phoenix Office of Public Health
34. Regina Perez – Gila River Health Care
35. Ryan Martin – Maricopa County Public Health
36. Sarah Meston - StepStone Family and Youth Services
37. Sharon Newkirk – Native American Connections

Meeting Called to Order at 2:05 PM by Belen Santistevan

Belen welcomed attendees and prompted all virtual attendees to type their name and organization into the Zoom chat box. In person attendees passed the microphone for introductions.

Icebreaker introductions were completed popcorn style with the question: *If you were to compete in a Olympic sport, what would you compete in?* Belen started off the icebreaker question with an introduction and organization. Those attendees in-person went first and then passed to the virtual attendees. For those who did not get a chance to participate in the icebreaker question, Belen mentioned to type their answer in the chat and to continue to type their name and organization in the chat.



Belen and attendees reviewed today's agenda.

Review Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2024

Rachel Sodhi motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. **Laboraax Abeita** seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. There was no discussion regarding the meeting minutes. The majority voted in favor of approving the June meeting minutes, and the motions have been adopted.

Community Spotlight Speaker

No community spotlight this month. Open call sign-up for September and October community spotlights. Allison Tobon from notMyKid will present in September and Jessica Valadez from AZ Department of Liquor will present in October.

Coalition Updates

Gathering of Native Americans (GONA)

- Cristian Canales reported out – We had 3 youth summer camps all throughout June and July. During the Living in 2 Worlds summer camps, we hosted a youth GONA in the afternoon. For our summer camp at Clarendon Elementary, we had 15 youth complete our June GONA and 17 youth complete our July GONA. We also completed a Youth GONA at Guadalupe for the Pascua Yaqui tribe's Flight 33 program with 16 youth finishing.

Living in 2 Worlds

- Jolene Fernandez reported out – Living in 2 World is our evidence-based curriculum and we host 2 camps in the summertime, one in June and July. Our June camp was very successful, we had 16 youth graduate, and some were returning students, so it was nice seeing them reconnect with their L2W friends. Our July camp was also successful and interactive with 16 youth. We had cultural workshops; our elder program was incorporated and gym activities. We also finished a cycle at Flight 33 with the Pascua Yaqui tribe in Guadalupe with 6 youth completing.

Parenting in 2 World

- Ethan Tsosie reported out - We completed a Cycle 13 on July 1st with 3 finishing. Our ongoing cycles are Cycle 14 & 15 will finish soon with a total of 8 parents. We are currently recruiting cycles for the new fiscal year with a variety of different dates to accommodate the different schedules parents have.

Parenting Classes w/ ASU Global Center for Applied Health Research (GCAHR)

- Loren Bahe reported out - We have a GCAHR cycle beginning on July 11 that will be taking place at Native Health Mesa and will continue every Thursday evening. We are seeking guardians who self-identify as American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) who are caregivers for an AI/AN youth ages 12-17. Another cycle happening in September.
- For any questions regarding ASU GCAHR Project, you can email Loren, Lbahe@phxindcenter.org

Safeguarding Medications 101 (Rx360)

- Cristian Canales reported out – We have an upcoming workshop on Wednesday, July 25th from 12:00pm-1:00pm that will be virtual. There will be workshops planned throughout the year, look out on social media and our website to catch any of our trainings.



Network Support Roundtable

- Cante reported out – Next Wednesday on July 31st, we will be hosting a virtually only NSR on Zoom. This workshop is recommended for people who are trained in suicide prevention already (QPR, SafeTalk, and/or ASIST).

SafeTaLK

- Belen reported out - On August 22nd, we will be hosting a suicide prevention training in SafeTALK and will be hosting in Phoenix Indian Center's new building. Recommended for people who are interested to be trained in suicide prevention. Registration is open!

FINAL Youth Coalition

- Cante reported out – The FINAL Youth Council 24-25 Applications are open! Please refer any high school aged youth around the valley to join our FINAL Youth Council. Application are due soon, please check our website.

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions / Subcommittee Debrief:

- **Recruitment & Outreach (Report-out provided by Belen Santistevan):**

Attendees: Cante Zephier, Belen Santistevan, Clyde Miller, Brittany Aquitante, Annette Yazzie

Discussed alternative dates for the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast event due to the building move. Alternative dates may be in October.

- **Training & Workshops (Report-out provided by Dalila)**

Attendees: Ethan Tsosie, Dalila Guerrero, Karla Coleman, Ariana Granger, Darien Fuller, Maria Chavez, Kathleen Montano, Jessica Valadez, April Childs, Sharon Newkirk, Ryan Martin

The group introduced a few more members into our subcommittee. We overviewed our presentation that will cover all substances. Discussed any feedback received of the rough outline and planned to meet externally as a subcommittee to assign tasks and start building our presentation.

- **Urban Indian Child Welfare (Report- out provided by Cristian Canales)**

Attendees: Michael Wydra, Sarah Meston, Cristian Canales, Mariah Mendez, Rachel Sodhi, Lisa Cadman, Loren Bahe

The group is still planning for the ICWA Symposium; they have a date and theme secured. The group discussed the upcoming symposium and talked about breakout sessions, volunteer roles, messaging, etc.

- **Suicide Prevention Committee (Report-out provided by Laboraex):**

Attendees: Laboraex Abeita, Quincy Stewart, Beth Tom, Angelita Burrma, Katrina Kadyszesky, Allison Tobon, Kristy Stanford

This subcommittee will be meeting externally in July to discuss their #AMileFor suicide prevention campaign that is taking place in September. Planning and preparation of the #AMileFor walking event, the messaging of marketing, volunteer roles, etc.

Coalition Member Announcements/Community Calendar



- **Laboraex A. shared** - NABI will be hosting their semi-finals and championship games on Saturday, July 27th. Come out and support the youth for their basketball tournament. Visit the NABI website, for details of the games. The finals will be in the Footprint Center. (Shared by Laboraex)
 - **Reddhouse** – Native-owned bakery/restaurant will be opening in Tempe this Friday, July 25th.
- Registration is OPEN until August 23rd for the **Too Many Treasures Hoarding Therapy Group** for adults 60+ years old. This therapy group meets on Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 pm virtually starting in September 2024. For more information on how to apply, please contact Mary Coalson at 602-241-5577 or you can email us at Hoarding@aaaphx.org .

Closing Announcements

- Submit your membership forms. We will have a link sent in the chat for this. Fill it out and email it to us.
- August meeting is planned to be hybrid format. If there are any changes to this, UICAZ/PIC staff will notify members.
- If you want to volunteer for us, we have a form on our website to fill out.
- You can subscribe to our PIC events calendar. You can see all our workshops and anything that is going on and it will link to your Google Calendar, Outlook Calendar, or your phone.
- Follow us on our social media platforms! Like our posts, like our stories. If you want us to reshare your posts, just tag us and we can repost on our page. All the information about upcoming events and workshops can be found on the UICAZ website: www.uicaz.org.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 PM.

Next Meeting

Date: August 27, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Phoenix Indian Center – Hybrid Meeting

2024 Meeting Registration Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMoc-qspjgHtR7_komeE5JvlmdmDtDH1hR

Note: Registration only needs to happen once. Once registered, you will have access to all future UICAZ meetings until December 2024.