



**Substance Misuse and Mental Health Alliance
Referral and Treatment Task Force
Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2019
3:00-4:30 PM
CODAC, 380 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.**

In Attendance

Alexis Spalla, Burning Tree West	Kevin Hall, Tucson Police Department
Andrea Altamirano, Pima County Health Department	Lawanda Winningham, La Frontera
Bill Finch, Salvation Army	Lee Ann Landphair, Palo Verde Behavioral Health
Bryanda Acuna, CODAC	Lina Trujillo, Cenpatico
De Anna Barber, Catholic Community Services	Linda Everett, Pima County Behavioral Health
Diane Winter, Oro Valley Behavioral Health	Mark Person, Pima County Health Department
Erika Stropka, Tucson Police Department	Matthew Duncan, Oxford House
Glenn Schroder, Faith Community Connections	Miranda Gali, La Frontera
James Alston, Oxford House	Nic Cogdall, Pima County Health Department
James Briseno, Community Health Associates	Raul Munoz, Pima County Health Department
John Malson, Oxford House	Robert Wild, City of Tucson
Kari Mcfarland, Oxford House	Sonya Marquez, U.S. Pretrial Services
Karla De La Cruz, Community Prevention Coalition	Tamara Sargus, University of Arizona
Kevin Curiel, Cornerstone Behavioral Health	Tony Anderson, Sonora Behavioral Health

Introductions and Networking

Bryanda Acuña, CODAC, welcomed the group in attendance and guided everyone through a round of introductions of themselves, their organizations, and the work that they do. Following the introductions, the group was given an opportunity to network with one another.

General Updates

Following the networking, the group was encouraged to provide updates. These included:

- The University of Arizona Police Department is interested in developing a deflection program in collaboration with CODAC that is similar to one in place with the Tucson Police Department.
- Arizona Complete Health hosts Project ECHO clinics with community providers to better aide primary care doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, and other clinicians in providing excellent specialty care to patients in their communities. The clinics are provided virtually. For more information, contact Lina Trujillo, Arizona Complete Health, at lina.o.trujillo@azcompletehealth.com.

Health Department Update and Report Development

Mark Person, Pima County Health Department, provided the group with an overview of an alert that went out earlier in the month about a spike in fentanyl-related overdoses in Pima County. In the first quarter of 2019, there were 20 overdose deaths, which is 82% higher than the 11 deaths in 2018, and 186% higher than the 7 deaths in 2017. The group discussed the availability of fentanyl test kits, which are provided by Sonoran Prevention Works, Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, and other outreach organizations.

Mark noted that there is one overdose report put out by the [Pima County Medical Examiner’s Office](#) with one section that is exclusive to Pima County (pg. 57-61) and another that includes Pima County as well as other rural counties in Southern Arizona (pg. 22-2). Mark shared that there has been an upward trend in overdoses in previous years, however, it appears that overdoses have plateaued between 2017 and 2018, with 286 overdose deaths documented.



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Currently, there is a dashboard being developed to track health indicators across Pima County, down to the zip code level. The dashboard will be updated each month and can help guide community partners target their outreach efforts.

Next Task Force Meeting

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Date: Tuesday, August 13th, 2019

Time: 3:00-4:30 pm

Location: CODAC, 380 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.

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