



**Community Health Improvement Planning  
Youth Violence Prevention Meeting  
Meeting Minutes – Thursday February 15, 2018  
2:00-3:00 PM  
Metro Goodwill Youth Program 300 N 4th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705**

**In Attendance**

Support Team:

Ann Yellott, *Culture of Peace Alliance*  
Brian Eller, *Pima County Health Department*  
Carlos Ramirez, *Goodwill Metro*  
Kate Meyer, *CPC & Culture of Peace Alliance*

Lance Meeks, *Goodwill Metro*  
Mary Kinkade, *Pima County Health Department*  
Nadia Roubiceic, *Planned Parenthood of Arizona*  
Sara Davis, *Pima County*

Youth Ambassadors: Mary, Eddie, Koston, Lenay, Jocelyn, and DeMarco.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Brian welcomed everyone in attendance and a round of introductions was done. Group members kicked off the meeting by stating their name and answering the question: “What animal would you be and why?”

**Youth Violence Prevention (YVP) Ambassadors**

Brian provided an overview of the vision for the YVP coalition including how important it is for youth to be at the forefront leading the coalition’s activities. He thanked the youth that were able to attend today’s meeting and let the group know that the youth here today were selected to be ambassadors for the YVP coalition.

Brian read off a list of the youth who were chosen to be ambassadors. Each ambassador will receive \$10 for every young person they bring to participate in the YVP coalition meetings. Participation can include providing feedback on the coalition’s activities and identifying critical issues impacting their peers. Ambassadors will also be paid \$12 an hour for participating in planning forums.

A group discussion was held around what the group would like to achieve. Comments included:

- A lot of community youth work is all about youth without youth and with this group, that won’t be the case.
- We want to be heard and not just present.
- My hope is we [adults] can be here to listen to you [youth] and your ideas.

Brian noted that the YVP Ambassadors will lead the next meeting and set the agenda.

**Presentation by Lenay**

Lenay provided the group with an overview of activities and projects she has worked on. These included:

- Lenay participated in a youth group for Cenpatico comprised of 6 youth – “3 of color and 3 queers” – who gave a presentation at a transition conference on how parents, school staff, students, and others can support youth with mental illness.



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- Lenay did a fellowship with the True Colors Fund and was invited to present at the [40 to None Summit](#) in New York. The summit addressed LGBT youth homelessness across the country and she found the summit to be very insightful. She worked on the True You platform and learned about an expressive dance form called “voguing.” ([History of Voguing video](#)). She also learned about a Los Angeles app called “[WIN](#).” The app enables homeless or resource-insecure youth, ages 12-25, to locate free “real time” support services. For example: the app will show shelters with open beds in “real time” and whether the shelter is all-male or all-female.
  - Lenay passed around the summit’s agenda so the group could see the workshops and breakout sessions.

Brain posed the question to the group: “Would focusing on arts (as a form of youth violence prevention) work in Tucson? Responses from youth members included:

- Maybe music would.
- Yes, if we could make it a comfortable environment
- Three things would be need to be properly addressed in order for an event to be successful: (1) Environment; (2): Atmosphere; and (3) Number of people who show. No one in Tucson knows how to market. Adults think that posting events on coffee shop community boards work, when they don’t. First, teens can’t afford the coffee. Second, community boards aren’t how you reach youth. You (adults) need to learn how to use social media and market events on Facebook and other platforms that reach us (youth).
- An example was provided of how success the Life Plus social marketing campaign by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) was. The campaign was primarily on Facebook and targeted youth to promote HIV testing and address stigma. Events included “Self-Care Sunday” and weekly posts, which were very successful in reaching youth. It was also noted that “most people are active online at 12pm and not 5pm.”

Lenay provided the group with an explanation of what the term microaggression means. She also gave a few examples of microaggression statements, such as: “You’re really pretty for a fat girl” and “I don’t normally find black women attractive but you’re pretty.” She also informed the group that the True Color Fund offers microaggression trainings. (Their website is: <https://truecolorsfund.org/> )

***Microaggressions:*** *The everyday verbal, nonverbal, and environmental slights, snubs, or insults, whether intentional or unintentional, which communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative messages to target persons based solely upon their marginalized group membership.*

Brain posed the question to the group: “What other trainings would be valuable?”

Nadia from Planned Parenthood informed the group that she provides free trainings to youth on sex and reproductive health. She also let the group know that places with Title X funding offer a sliding-scale fee for birth control, including the Health Department and Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood also offers free birth control and does not turn anyone away for inability to pay. Youth as young as 14 can get free birth control and Plan B, without parent’s permission.



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**General Updates and Events**

A round robin was done and each person had the opportunity to provide general updates, make comments, ask questions and talk about an upcoming event. Upcoming events included:

- **Sex Ed Boot Camp** ( a training designed to support adults who work in youth-serving programs, on how to better manage ‘sex topics’ or questions, so that kids get real information, stay safe, and the adults feel they can answer questions in a more empowered, less stressful way.) **Saturday, March 10, 2018** from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Abrams Public Health Center: 3950 S. Country Club Rd. in Room 1106.
- Culture of Peace Alliance: **Take Back the Night** event to raise funds for homeless shelters. The concert is free and will take place on **Saturday, February 17, 2018** at 6pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church: 4831 E 22nd St, Tucson, AZ 85711. For more information please contact Kate Meyer: [meyer.kate88@gmail.com](mailto:meyer.kate88@gmail.com)
- [Multi-Generational Introduction to Kingian Nonviolence](#). February 10, 2018 from 9:30am to 5:00pm at the Literacy Connects: 200 E Yavapai Rd Tucson, AZ 85705
- [Reducing the Risk](#) workshop for 14-18 years old students. Monday-Thursday, March 19-22 from 9am-1:30pm (lunch included) at Mission Manor: 6015 S. Santa Clara Ave. “Learn everything you need to know about being a teenager making health decisions.”
- Good Metro will be hold a health and wellness Fair for youth on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Ambassadors were asked to think of a name for the fair. E-mail ideas to Brian Eller or bring them to the next meeting: [Brian.Eller@pima.gov](mailto:Brian.Eller@pima.gov)

**Next Meeting**

YVP Coalition meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be held on the March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Metro Goodwill (300 N 4th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705). Meeting reminders will be set out one week in advance and will include a proposed agenda.

A meeting leader is needed for the March meeting. Please contact Brian Eller if you are interested: [Brian.Eller@pima.gov](mailto:Brian.Eller@pima.gov)

**Adjourn**