



Arizona
Substance Abuse
Partnership

**Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
February 8, 2024, 1:00 PM
Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower**

A general meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) convened on February 8, 2024, in a hybrid format with notice duly given.

Members Present (16)
Sara Salek, Vice Chair, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
Andrew LeFevre, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
Celia Nabor, Arizona Department of Health Services [Proxy for Sheila Sjolander]
Douglas Sargent, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections
Tonya Hamilton, Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Brett Klein, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas [Proxy for Dawn Mertz]
Dana Allmond, Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services
Merilee Fowler, MATFORCE
Jeremy Bloom, NorthSight Recovery
Shanda Breed, Arizona Department of Adult Probation
April Jones, Arizona Department of Economic Security [Proxy for Leah Landrum-Taylor]
Lindsey Cantelme, Recovery Community
Shannon Scheel, Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office
Ryan Thornell, Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry
Ben Henry, Department of Liquor Licenses and Control
David Lujan, Arizona Department of Child Safety
Members Absent (7)
Kathleen Grimes, Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition
David Klein, United States Department of Veterans Affairs
Vanessa Bustos, Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Tobi Zavala, Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners
Jesse Torrez, Governor’s Office of Highway Safety
Kris Mayes, Arizona Attorney General’s Office
Jeffrey Glover, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Staff (4)
Nicole Valenzuela, Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Alfreda Moore, Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Deb Stoks, National Guard Counterdrug Task Force (Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family)
Chantel Hutchinson, Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family

Call to Order

- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, called the February 8, 2024, Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting to order at **1:10 PM** with **16 members** and four staff present.

Welcome/Introductions

- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, welcomed everyone to the meeting, conducted a roll call of the members in attendance, and introduced the newly appointed members.

Approval of Minutes

- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, stated reaching quorum and requested a review of the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes.
 - **Andrew LeFevre** moved to accept the meeting minutes.
 - **Shanda Breed** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Facilitating Change Through Community Collaborations

- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, introduced Jamal Givens of [Liberty Partnership Community Council \(LPKNC\)](#).
- **Jamal Givens** shared an overview of LPKNC and provided background on the coalition's developing an ordinance for smoke shops in Southside Tucson. The passing of [Prop 207](#) in 2020 initiated challenges in the South Tucson community, adding that the Tucson Police Department (TPD) shared findings of smoke shops selling to minors and large amounts of vaping devices confiscated from youth at local schools.
- **Jamal Givens** explained that due to these findings, LPKNC partnered with TPD and City of Tucson Ward 5 Councilmember Richard Fimbres to change smoke shop ordinances in Southside Tucson. By empowering its youth members to be the voice behind the change, LPKNC youth presented their recommended ordinance changes to the City of Tucson Council members, and in November 2023, it passed.
- **Jamal Givens** explained the approved changes as such: smoke shops must be half of a mile apart from each other; limited shop hours from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM; smoke shops must be 1,000 feet away from schools, parks, and churches; and stricter review of plans and applications for new smoke shops.
- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, asked how LPKNC has raised awareness, specifically for youth.
 - **Jamal Givens** responded education has been a big part of that. He explained that LPKNC focuses on involving youth to capture their knowledge and perceptions to better their awareness campaigns and education to the community.
- **Andrew LeFevre** referenced the Arizona Youth Survey (AYS), stating it looks at youth risk perceptions, and asked if AYS data supports the efforts of LPKNC when communicating with youth and the community.
 - **Jamal Givens** responded that AYS data is critical to the work of coalitions and the state, adding he hopes more schools participate to better gauge the needs of youth.
- **Shannon Scheel** thanked **Jamal Givens** for voicing his frustrations regarding the barriers in prevention efforts and commended his and LPKNC's hard work in the community.
- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, acknowledged the hard work and dedication of **Jamal Givens** and LPKNC in facilitating change through community collaborations.
- To view **Jamal Givens'** presentation, [click here](#).

Cultivating Healthy Foundations to Build Stronger Families, AZYP

- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, welcomed **Gauri Gladish** and **Sara Sherman** from the [Arizona Youth Partnership \(AZYP\)](#).
- **Gauri Gladish** provided an overview of the services and implementation process offered by AZYP, serving 13 of the 15 counties in Arizona with a focus on creating healthy foundations to build stronger families and community connectedness.
- **Gauri Gladish** continued by sharing that data from the 2022 AYS showed youth in Mohave, Pima, Gila, and Cochise County report higher rates of family conflict, parent attitudes favorable to drug use, and low-income family management compared to the rest of the state.
- **Sara Sherman** discussed AZYP's Youth and Family Division, specifically the Strengthening Families Program for parents and youth that services juvenile detention centers, elementary/middle schools, and military bases. Most recently, AZYP has been able to implement American Sign Language (ASL) and foreign language interpretation services.

- **Julie Craig** provided details about the Community Initiatives Division, discussing the evidence-based curriculum to address risk factors and provide protective youth support systems in the City of Ajo and the counties of Pima, Pinal, and Navajo: Too Good For Drugs, Mind Matters, and Botvin's LifeSkills programs.
- **Kelly Coronado** shared about the Youth Wellness Division and the Wake Up! Program designed to help young people ages 12-22 understand the consequences of impaired decision-making when indulging in drugs and alcohol.
- **Kelly Tanner** shared about the Youth Services Division, designed to provide services and resources to young people ages 11-24 who have engaged in system-involved substance use, are victims of domestic violence/trafficking, experienced homelessness, and other high-risk youth populations.
- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, acknowledged the hard work and dedication of AZYP in building healthy foundations for stronger families in communities.
- To view **Sara Sherman** and **Gauri Gladish's** presentation, [click here](#).

Primary Prevention Advanced Course, CDTF

- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, introduced **Staff Sergeant (SSG) Deb Stoks** from the Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Task Force - Drug Demand Reduction and Outreach.
- **SSG Deb Stoks** discussed the Primary Prevention Advanced Course (PPAC), the reasoning behind it, its development, and the collaborative efforts between the Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, the Arizona Governor's Office, and the Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) in the creation of the project. PPAC will utilize the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) to educate staff, strengthen existing coalitions' work, and facilitate sustainability.
- **Shannon Scheel** commended the work of **SSG Deb Stoks** and her team.
- **Tonya Hamilton** stated that community assessments, family engagement, and understanding adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are key to developing grant solicitations.
- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, thanked **SSG Deb Stoks** for her presentation and the work/effort that has gone into creating the course.
- To view **SSG Deb Stoks'** presentation, [click here](#).

Council Member Updates

- **Andrew LeFevre** encouraged members to support school participation in the AYS, and schools can sign up through April 1, 2024. Contact **Dustin Pardini** from Arizona State University (ASU) for more information.
- **Tonya Hamilton** shared that the 22nd Annual African American Leadership and Legislative Youth Day is on Friday, February 9, 2024, at the Arizona State Capitol.
- **Doug Sargent** commented that youth from [Adobe Mountain School](#) will be assisting at the event.

2024 Meeting Dates

- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, reminded members of the next ASAP meeting on **May 8, 2024**, at **1 PM**, offered in a hybrid format for members to attend in person or virtually.

Meeting Adjourned

- **Sara Salek, Vice Chair**, adjourned the meeting at **2:45 PM**.

Dated the ninth day of February 2024
Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
Respectfully Submitted By: Alfreda Moore
Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF)