



**Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership**  
**May 6, 2021**  
**1:00 PM**  
**State Capitol Executive Tower**  
1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Virtual Meeting

A general meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) was convened on May 6, 2021. The public meeting was hosted virtually, notice having been duly given.

<b>Members Present (21)</b>
<b>Sheila Polk</b> , Chairperson, Yavapai County Attorney's Office
<b>Sara Salek</b> , Vice-Chairperson, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
<b>Andrew LeFevre</b> , Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
<b>Jason Isaak</b> , Arizona Attorney General's Office <b>[Proxy for Angela Paton]</b>
<b>Brenda Cochran</b> , Pure Heart Church
<b>Dawn Mertz</b> , High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area
<b>Karen Hellman</b> , AZ Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, & Reentry <b>[Proxy for David Shinn]</b>
<b>Ed Gilligan</b> , Arizona Department of Adult Probation
<b>Tony Mapp</b> , Arizona Department of Public Safety <b>[Proxy for Col. Heston Silbert]</b>
<b>Jeff Hood</b> , Arizona Department of Juvenile Justice
<b>Kathleen Grimes</b> , Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition
<b>Lawrence LaVeque</b> , Cisco Systems
<b>Leah Landrum-Taylor</b> , Arizona Department of Economic Security
<b>Lee Pioske</b> , The Crossroads
<b>Kristin Sorensen</b> , Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family <b>[Proxy for Maria Cristina Fuentes]</b>
<b>Merilee Fowler</b> , MATFORCE
<b>Sala Webb</b> , Arizona Department of Child Safety <b>[Proxy for Michael Faust]</b>
<b>Thomas Kelly</b> , Apache Junction Police Department
<b>Tobi Zavala</b> , Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners
<b>Vanessa Bustos</b> , Pascua Yaqui Tribe
<b>Wanda Wright</b> , Arizona Department of Veterans Services
<b>Members Absent (5)</b>
<b>Alberto Gutier</b> , Governor's Office of Highway Safety
<b>Cara Christ</b> , Arizona Department of Health Services
<b>David Klein</b> , US Department of Veteran Affairs
<b>Kathy Hoffman</b> , Arizona Department of Education
<b>John Cocca</b> , Arizona Department of Liquor License Control

### Call to Order

- **Sheila Polk, Chair** called the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting to order at 1:00 PM with 21 members present. **Ms. Polk** reviewed virtual meeting platform procedures.

### Welcome/Introductions

- **Sheila Polk, Chair, welcomed** everyone to the May 2021 ASAP meeting.
- **Sara Salek, Vice-Chair** conducted roll call of the ASAP members in attendance.

### Approval of Minutes

- **Sheila Polk, Chair** requested a final review of the February 4, 2021 meeting minutes.
  - **Andrew LeFevre** motioned to accept the February 4, 2021 minutes without revision.
  - **Lawrence LaVeque** seconded the motion.
    - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

### Arizona Adult Probation's Role in Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

- **Sheila Polk, Chair**, introduced the first agenda item: Arizona Adult Probation's Role in Prevention, Treatment and Recovery and welcomed **Ed Gilligan, Division Director of Adult Probation**.
- **Ed Gilligan** reviewed the Arizona Adult Probation's purpose and duties. **Mr. Gilligan** highlighted the primary role as conducting an individual's presentence investigations and providing information to the courts based on substance use history, previous criminal activity, victim impact, and personal history to determine a person's risk level.
- **Ed Gilligan** provided the partnership with the FY20 Arizona Adult Probation population statistics and discussed how Arizona ranks compared to other state probation departments. **Mr. Gilligan** further explained that drug offences or offences driven by drug using behaviors have continued to rise as the reason for individuals sentenced to probation.
- **Ed Gilligan** continued by explaining the proportion of probation admissions designated high risk has increased and noted individuals successfully terminating probation has increased which has a direct correlation to Arizona's implementation of evidence-based supervision.
- **Ed Gilligan** explained probation officers target their efforts on high risk populations and try to establish individualized services/case plans. **Mr. Gilligan** reviewed the Arizona problem solving courts, including twelve drug court programs in the Superior Court, mental health courts, veteran's courts and DUI courts.
- **Ed Gilligan** ended his presentation by noting methamphetamine, opiates/opioids, and marijuana as the most frequently detected substances during probation officers' routine drug tests. **Mr. Gilligan** further highlighted how evidence-based supervision practices continue to result in strong outcome data for individuals with substance use disorder.
- **Ed Gilligan** further highlighted the integrated care service centers throughout the state which create a one stop shop for individuals and allow rural providers to plan or collaborate together on best practices. **Mr. Gilligan** reported these successes will continue to be reported and eventually published on probation's website with the ultimate goal of focusing supervision efforts around law abiding behavior and pro social skills building activity.
- **Wanda Wright** requested data on how many probation participants are veterans. **Ed Gilligan** reported veteran status and military service is established during pre sentencing interviews and this data can be provided.
- **Sara Salek** discussed the integrated care model and the success of each participating team in supporting this population. **Ed Gilligan** further mentioned probation officers have really enjoyed this model and have been able to engage with individuals to establish individualized case plans which work. **Leah Landrum-Taylor** stated she was in full agreement with the integrated care model and said it is vital to making sure individuals can successfully reenter into the community and celebrate the positive changes in their lives.

## Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of Arizona Statewide Counterfeit Fentanyl Campaign Toolkit

- **Sara Salek, Vice-Chair**, introduced **Merilee Fowler** and **Shelly Mowrey** to provide an overview of the Substance Abuse Coalitions Leaders of Arizona: Statewide Counterfeit Fentanyl Campaign Toolkit.
- **Merilee Fowler** reviewed the four different components of the Fentanyl and Counterfeit Pill toolkit, including fentanyl and counterfeit pill education; naloxone awareness, youth resiliency; and addressing stigma.
- **Merilee Fowler** mentioned the components of the toolkit include: PowerPoints for both adults and youth, media materials, and community takeaways. **Ms. Fowler** highlighted all the materials have been translated into Spanish including different messages for various audiences, including families, pediatricians, older adults, youth, school staff, and behavioral health providers.
- **Merilee Fowler** highlighted the overarching goal of the project was to create materials to help build resiliency skills and could be utilized in several settings including media spots with various allocated time slots.
- **Shelly Mowrey** further discussed the components of the snapchat and social media messaging including the “Save A Life” campaign to expand community wide Naloxone distribution. **Ms. Mowrey** explained the three naloxone steps and provided examples of the printed materials.
- **Shelly Mowrey** emphasized the importance of destigmatizing naloxone: everyone should have it in their medicine cabinet or carry naloxone on their person. **Ms. Mowrey** further explained during the community needs assessment that it was determined that many of the substance abuse prevention coalitions didn’t provide naloxone and therefore this was something coalitions will begin having available as well.
- **Sheila Polk** thanked the presenters and opened the meeting to each partnership to highlight how they might be able to use the materials. **Ms. Polk** further mentioned the Yavapai County Attorney’s Office will be hosting a virtual training for all Yavapai County employees and discussed where the presentations could be helpful in the community.
- **Karen Hellman** expressed gratitude for the materials and mentioned ADCRR plans to use the Naloxone specific materials when community offices begin supplying Naloxone to family members and housing providers. **Shelly Mowrey** encouraged ADCRR and other partnership members to brand the materials with their contact information.
- **Andrew Lefevre** stated ACJC will be including the information in the next department newsletter, will reserve time on the next ACJC commission meeting for a similar presentation and suggested state offices post these materials in the employee break rooms.
- **Tony Mapp** stated each agency could encourage their public information officers to follow the Substance Abuse Coalition Leaders of Arizona social media page and begin sharing the information.
- **Dawn Mertz** invited partnership members to post the PSAs on their department websites and rotate the videos on social media.
- **Sara Salek** asked if SACLAz is partnering with the state pediatric associations to connect and encourage pediatricians to utilize materials in their offices. **Dr. Salek** offered to assist with those connections and encouraged this since more practices are moving toward an integrated care model with behavioral health.
- **Kathleen Grimes** thanked Merilee and Shelly for taking the lead on this project and providing the support to all coalitions who are members of SACLAz. **Merilee Fowler** thanked Kathleen and mentioned SACLAz is moving toward a psycho stimulants toolkit as the next installment of the project.

## Workgroup updates

### Program Inventory Work Group

- **Merilee Fowler** welcomed **Dr. Deborah Jones** as the new Program Inventory Work Group co-chair and reviewed the previous year's project. **Ms. Fowler** reported the Work Group's next step will include expanding a prevention desert heat map created by the Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Drug Demand Reduction Operations. **Ms. Fowler** mentioned the heat map currently includes previous 30-day youth drug use and overdose death data and the next step will be to develop a subcommittee to identify gaps. **Dr. Jones** followed up by mentioning the workgroup would like to expand membership with individuals from tribal service organizations and the Department of Education.
- **Sheila Polk, Chair**, thanked **Merilee Fowler** and **Dr. Deborah Jones** for their continued diligent work on furthering the Findings and Recommendations.

### Arizona Substance Epidemiology Work Group

- **Dr. Sara Salek** mentioned in consultation with the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family staff, changes have been made to the EPI workgroup. **Dr. Salek** stated the workgroup will continue to focus their efforts on analyzing multi-source data on substance use-related morbidity to improve data gaps and determine trends.
- **Dr. Salek** further reviewed the proposed workgroup members to include Arizona Criminal Justice Commission; Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry; Arizona Department of Health Services; Arizona National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Drug Demand Reduction Operations; Arizona Health Care Cost Containment, Arizona State University Center for Health Information and Research Overview; High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; and InterTribal Council of Arizona.
- **Sheila Polk, Chair** thanked **Dr. Salek** for her support of this work and taking on the role of EPI Chair.

### 2021 Meeting Dates

- **Dr. Sara Salek, Vice-Chair**, asked participants to mark their calendars for remaining 2021 meetings and let **Emily Uline-Olmstead** know if any conflicts arise with the dates.

### Adjourn

- **Sheila Polk, Chair** adjourned the May 6, 2021 meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership at 2:32 PM.

Dated the eleventh day of May, 2021  
Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership  
Respectfully Submitted By:  
Emily Uline-Olmstead  
Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family