



## Substance Abuse Task Force Regular Meeting

City Hall, 697 Vista Ave, Page AZ  
August 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AGENDA

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the City of Page Substance Abuse Task Force and the general public that the Page Substance Abuse Task Force will hold a meeting open to the public in Page City Hall located at 697 Vista Avenue, Page, Arizona. Members of the Substance Abuse Task Force will attend either in person or virtually.

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**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

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| Camilla Adams-Chair               | Ron Macdonald |
| Breanna Vega                      | Sharon Watson |
| Michael Barnes                    | Bunny Cochran |
| Madison Kavaia                    |               |
| City Council Liaison, Tom Preller |               |

**3. Minutes**

A. Substance Abuse Task Force Regular Meeting Minutes — May 20, 2026

**4. Hear from the Citizens**

The public is invited to speak on any item or area of concern. Items presented during the Citizens portion which are not on the agenda, cannot be acted upon by the Substance Abuse Task Force. Individual members are prohibited by the Open Meeting Law from discussing or considering the item among themselves unless the item is officially on an agenda.

**5. Reports**

A. Page Magistrate Court Update:

- Case Statistic and Treatment Court Program

B. Page Police Department Update:

- Substance Abuse Related Statistics and Programs

C. Canyonlands Healthcare Update:

- Substance Abuse Treatment Program and Trends

D. Catholic Charities Update:

- Case Statistics and Programs

E. Community Bridges, Inc. Update:

- Substance Abuse Related Statistics and Programs

F. Coconino County Health Update:

- Substance Abuse Treatment Programs and Trends

**6. Unfinished Business**

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Pertaining to Page High School Freshmen Focus. (Bunny Cochran)
- B. Discussion and Possible Action Pertaining to the Substance Abuse Task Force Logo Design (Camilla Adams)

**7. New Business**

- A. Discussion and Possible Action Pertaining to City of Page Substance Abuse Task Force Funding Application from Master of Public Health (MPH) Practicum Project — Youth Alcohol Use (Brooke Whitethorn).

**8. Adjourn**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Next Regular Meeting Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached notice was duly posted at the following places: City Hall Bulletin Board located at 697 Vista Avenue, Page, Arizona; Justice Building Bulletin Board located at 547 Vista Avenue, Page, Arizona; U. S. Post Office Lobby located at 44 Sixth Avenue, Page, Arizona, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By:

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City of Page

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026

**Department:** City Attorney

**Presented by:**

**Brief Title:** Substance Abuse Task Force Regular Meeting Minutes — May 20, 2026

**Agenda Section:** Minutes

**Agenda Sub-category:** Board Item

**Recommended Action:**

**Background:**

**Attachments:**

1. Reg Meeting Minutes - 5.20.2026



**Substance Abuse Task Force  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Substance Abuse Task Force was held at 5:30 pm on the 20th of May 2026, in the Council Chambers at Page City Hall. Chair Camilla Adams presided. Members Michael Barnes, Bunny Cochran, Madison Kavaia (virtual), and Ron Macdonald were present, and Breanna Vega was absent. City Council Liaison was excused.

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Staff members present: Administrative Assistant Sheri Ptacek.

**MINUTS**

Substance Abuse Task Force Regular Meeting Minutes - January 21, 2026

Substance Abuse Task Force Regular Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2026

Motion was made by Member Cochran to approve January 21 and March 18, 2026, minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Barnes and passed unanimously upon a vote.

**HEAR FROM THE CITIZENS**

No Citizens addressed the Board

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Page Magistrate Court Update: Michael Barnes – Justice Court Stats
- Page Police Department Update: No Attendance
- Canyonlands Healthcare Chair Adams gave an update on Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Catholic Charities Update: No Attendance
- Encompass Health Update: Nyki Thomas provided demographics for Community Bridges, Inc.
- Coconino County Health Update:
- Substance Abuse Treatment Programs and Trends
  - Merle Begay gave an update on overdoses in Coconino County
- Overdose Fatality Review Presentation:
  - Cooper Rogers and Candise Koenker gave a presentation on overdose fatality

There was discussion

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **City of Page Substance Abuse Task Force Regular Meeting – May 20, 2026**

*Discussion and Possible Action Pertaining to MPH Practicum by Brooke Whitethorne.*

Brooke Whitethorne gave a presentation on Youth Alcoholism for her MPH Practicum.

There was discussion

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion and Possible Action Pertaining to Creating a Logo for the Substance Abuse Task Force.*

Chair Adams asked staff to design a logo for the Substance Abuse Task Force.

Motion was made by Member Cochran to direct city staff to develop a logo design from which they can choose to represent the Substance Abuse Task Force. The motion was seconded by Member Kavaia and passed unanimously upon a vote.

*Discussion and Possible Action on Establishing Guidelines for Loaning Out the Impairment Goggles to Community Groups.*

There was a discussion about establishing guidelines for lending impairment goggles to community groups. No motion was made, and no action was taken.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Sheri Ptacek, Staff Liaison

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Camilla Adams, Chair

### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting, held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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Sheri Ptacek, Staff Liaison

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026

**Department:**

**Presented by:**

**Brief Title:** Page Magistrate Court Update:

- Case Statistic and Treatment Court Program

**Agenda Section:** Reports

**Agenda Sub-category:** Administrative Report

**Recommended Action:**

**Background:**

**Attachments:**

None

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026

**Department:**

**Presented by:**

**Brief Title:** Page Police Department Update:

- Substance Abuse Related Statistics and Programs

**Agenda Section:** Reports

**Agenda Sub-category:** Administrative Report

**Recommended Action:**

**Background:**

**Attachments:**

None

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026

**Department:**

**Presented by:**

**Brief Title:** Canyonlands Healthcare Update:

- Substance Abuse Treatment Program and Trends

**Agenda Section:** Reports

**Agenda Sub-category:** Administrative Report

**Recommended Action:**

**Background:**

**Attachments:**

None

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026

**Department:**

**Presented by:**

**Brief Title:** Catholic Charities Update:

- Case Statistics and Programs

**Agenda Section:** Reports

**Agenda Sub-category:** Administrative Report

**Recommended Action:**

**Background:**

**Attachments:**

None

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026

**Department:**

**Presented by:**

**Brief Title:** Community Bridges, Inc. Update:

- Substance Abuse Related Statistics and Programs

**Agenda Section:** Reports

**Agenda Sub-category:** Administrative Report

**Recommended Action:**

**Background:**

**Attachments:**

None

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026

**Department:** Advisory Board

**Presented by:**

**Brief Title:** Coconino County Health Update:

- Substance Abuse Treatment Programs and Trends

**Agenda Section:** Reports

**Agenda Sub-category:** Administrative Report

**Recommended Action:**

**Background:**

**Attachments:**

None

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026

**Department:** Advisory Board

**Presented by:**

**Brief Title:** Discussion and Possible Action Pertaining to Page High School Freshmen Focus.  
(Bunny Cochran)

**Agenda Section:** Unfinished Business

**Agenda Sub-category:** Board Item

### **Recommended Action:**

Bunny Cochran will present information regarding the **Page High School Freshman Focus** program. The presentation will provide an overview of the program, its purpose, and how it supports incoming freshman students as they transition into high school. The discussion may include program activities, goals, student participation, and opportunities for community support or involvement.

### **Background:**

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the presentation and discuss the Page High School Freshman Focus program. If appropriate, the Council may provide direction regarding any potential City involvement or support.

### **Attachments:**

1. Freshman Focus

## FRESHMAN FOCUS

**OBJECTIVE:** To design and carrying out a community event in which education, outreach, leadership, hands-on activities and an overall positive experience serves to influence high school freshman away from the use of drugs and alcohol and towards intentional educational and career planning by enlivening and supporting a belief of individual potential.

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

- **PAGE HIGH SCHOOL**
  - Administration and teachers in giving support and conducting before/after surveys as well as conducting various activities through the day
  - Student Council as mentors, chaperones, make up artists for the mock accident
  - Freshman class or whatever grade is designated by school administration
- **ENCOMPASS HEALTH SERVICES**
  - Prevention Specialist: Bunny Cochran for planning, community outreach and direction of program
  - Donation of monies
  - Creation and Evaluation of pre and post activity surveys to determine any change in attitudes towards the use of substances
  - Counselors provided, if needed, to address trauma responses by students
- **COMMUNITY PARTNERS: TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN ACTIVITIES AND PRESENTING DEMOS AND INFORMATION TOWARDS CAREER MOTIVATION**
  - City of Page Attorney/Magistrate Court- mock trial
  - City of Page Police & Fire – student arrest and rescue at scene of mock accident. Fire dept. demonstrating and allowing students to wear and use fire hoses
  - City of Page Emergency Response – mock accident/first aid demos
  - Banner Hospital/Life flight – simulated airlift of victim of DUI accident
  - U.S. Park Service – fish and game, water safety, driving safety activities
  - Big Water Sheriff's dept.
  - Green Haven Law Enforcement
  - U.S. Military presence -recruitment
  - Members of the faith community who organized and served lunches to students
- **OTHER PARTNERS**
  - Mosdell Mortuary: equipment delivery for a mock funeral
  - Tuba City Regional Medical Center – Information table
  - Page Businesses: monies and prizes donated: food certs., sports equipment, services certs, candy

- Local talent for performances during lunch
- Transport Towing – brought and placed the cars for the simulated accident.
- PURCHASES/RENTALS/DONATIONS
  - T-shirts designed and given to each participant with names of all sponsors printed on them
  - Drunk goggles
  - Golf carts used to simulate drunk driving using the drunk goggles
  - Tricycles for an activity
  - Commemorative bracelets for each student
  - Subway sandwiches, cookies and a drink for student lunches
- ACTIVITIES
  - Roll over demo
  - Boat safety demo
  - Golf cart with goggles obstacle course
  - Tricycle races
  - Water activity
  - Fun with the Fire Dept.
  - Understanding the importance of Law Enforcement/DUI testing
  - Mock accident/arrest/funeral/trial
  - \*\*\*\*\*IF WE HAVE A CANINE UNIT, IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE A DEMO\*\*\*\*\*
  - Questions to students on how to stand against peer pressure and live sober

Freshman Focus required several meetings between participants for organization of events, times and places of events and itinerary notification as well as troubleshooting as needed. Invitations were sent to local news outlets for media coverage and out of town entities that might want to participate. Professionals involved understood that this event was not only to discourage substance use, but to encourage educational diligence with a possible goal of entering public service post high school/college

- PRIOR TO DAY OF THE EVENT
  - Presurvey administered one month before the event
  - Week before the event involved Student Council members prepping students for the event with daily presentations and offerings
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- SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY OF THE EVENT

- Students met and were divided into groups of 15, given a color coded bracelet, given a T-shirt which they were encouraged to wear, met their chaperones and apprised of the rules and given an outline of the days events.
- Students, with their chaperones, went from one activity to another, receiving information and encouragement to do well in school, plan for a future without substances and consider careers in public safety
- Lunch was served and prizes given out to students/music played & performances given
- Students were witness to a staged, mock accident in which a student/actor was arrested for dui, other student actors were cared for by EMT, one deceased and one was simulated to be airlifted out.
- Students, on the way to a mock trial for arrested student, passed by a family mourning the loss of a loved one from the accident. Students attended the mock trial in the CAB in which the DUI driver was sentenced.
- Students listened to the experience of a mother of a child lost to drunk driving
- Final activity in the CAB involving every student in attendance to bring home the point that everyone is affected by substance use and abuse.

- POST EVENT

- Post survey (same as the presurvey) administered one month after the activity.
- Survey results tabulated and evaluated to note a change, if any, in attitudes towards substance use.

Freshman Focus was a yearly event for 3 years under the prevention grant given to Encompass Health Services by the State of Arizona. At its outset, there was an agreement between the EHS Prevention Specialist and Page High School Principal that the event was to run for 4 years. Post event surveys showed that student attitudes towards substance use were changed due to this event. Unfortunately, after 3 years the state grant for substance abuse prevention was cancelled and the event did not make it to its fourth year. Had we been able to show a 4-to-5-year trend in Freshman Focus changing student attitudes towards accepting the dangers of substance abuse, Freshman Focus could have been designated as an evidenced-based approach to substance abuse prevention

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026

**Department:** Advisory Board

**Presented by:**

**Brief Title:** Discussion and Possible Action Pertaining to the Substance Abuse Task Force Logo Design (Camilla Adams)

**Agenda Section:** Unfinished Business

**Agenda Sub-category:** Board Item

### **Recommended Action:**

The City of Page Substance Abuse Task Force is developing a logo to establish a recognizable identity for the Task Force and its community outreach efforts. The proposed logo is designed to reflect the Task Force's commitment to prevention, support, recovery, and building a healthier and safer community. The design incorporates elements representing the Page community and emphasizes unity, hope, and positive outcomes.

### **Background:**

Staff recommends that the Substance Abuse Task Force review the proposed logo design and provide feedback and direction regarding the design, colors, wording, and overall appearance. Following the Task Force's input, staff will make any necessary revisions and present the final logo for approval.

### **Attachments:**

1. SATF Logo
2. SATF ChatGPT Image Aug 12, 2026, 03\_31\_28 PM



# City of Page

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PREVENTION • SUPPORT • RECOVERY

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** August 19, 2026

**Department:** Advisory Board

**Presented by:**

**Brief Title:** Discussion and Possible Action Pertaining to City of Page Substance Abuse Task Force Funding Application from Master of Public Health (MPH) Practicum Project — Youth Alcohol Use (Brooke Whitethorn).

**Agenda Section:** New Business

**Agenda Sub-category:** Board Item

### **Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends that the City of Page Substance Abuse Task Force review and consider approval of the funding application submitted in support of a Master of Public Health (MPH) practicum project focused on youth alcohol use. If approved, funding would support activities and/or materials associated with the project, subject to the availability of Task Force funds and compliance with applicable City policies and procedures.

### **Background:**

The City of Page Substance Abuse Task Force has an opportunity to support a Master of Public Health (MPH) practicum project addressing youth alcohol use in the Page community. The project is intended to examine youth alcohol use, identify contributing factors and areas of concern, and provide information that may assist the community in developing effective prevention and education strategies.

The funding application requests financial support from the Substance Abuse Task Force to assist with the implementation of the practicum project. The project may provide useful information and resources to help the Task Force, schools, community organizations, and other stakeholders better understand youth alcohol use and identify opportunities for prevention. Discussion and possible action will allow the Task Force to review the funding request, ask questions regarding the proposed project, and determine whether to approve, modify, or deny the application.

### **Attachments:**

1. PSATF Funding Application - Praticum Pjct BW

## **Executive Summary**

The Youth Alcohol Use Prevention & Wellness Practicum Project is a community-driven initiative designed to reduce alcohol use among youth in Page, Arizona and surrounding communities through evidence-based prevention, education, and collaboration strategies. This project will be implemented May 5–June 9, 2026, and includes a series of coordinated activities: a Family Summer Resource Fair with an adult focus group, a youth focus group, a youth basketball prevention camp, and a stakeholder coalition meeting with strategic planning.

Alcohol remains one of the most commonly used substances among adolescents, and early prevention is critical to reducing long-term health and social consequences. This project addresses this concern by engaging both youth and parents in meaningful ways, such as combining prevention education, community engagement, and opportunities for local voices to inform prevention strategies.

The project aligns closely with the priorities of the Substance Abuse Task Force (SATF) by:

- Promoting prevention through youth-focused programming and health education
- Strengthening collaboration among schools, families, public health professionals, and community partners
- Advancing education through culturally relevant outreach and community-informed data collection

A mixed-methods evaluation approach will be used, including participation tracking, focus group data, and community needs related to youth alcohol use. Findings will be compiled into a final report and Sustainability Toolkit to support ongoing prevention efforts in the community.

The total funding request is \$3,086, which will support participant engagement through meals, incentives, supplies, and event-related costs. The project leverages \$3,768 in in-kind contributions, demonstrating strong community support and cost-effectiveness.

As this is an individual practicum project, the applicant respectfully requests that SATF directly purchase approved items from vendors to ensure transparency and compliance. The applicant will coordinate all logistics, provide documentation, and submit a final expenditure and outcomes report.

This project represents a timely and collaborative approach to addressing youth alcohol use and aims to build a sustainable foundation for continued prevention efforts in the Page community.

## **APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASK FORCE**

### **1) Name of Organization(s) requesting funding:**

Master of Public Health (MPH) Practicum Project – Youth Alcohol Use

Prevention & Wellness (Independent Project of Brooke Whitethorne, Grand Canyon University MPH Graduate Student in collaboration with community partners) NOTE – Depending of approval they may need to move to the Youth Alcohol Use Prevention Coalition – Lead may change.

2) **Is funding for (Check One):**   X   Project        Event

3) **Name of the Above:**

Youth Alcohol Use Prevention & Wellness Practicum Project

4) **Where will your program, project, or event take place?**

Page, Arizona - Local community facilities.

5) **Date of Program, Project or Event:**

June 2, 2026 – One (1) \$50 Gas Card for Youth Survey & \$50 Gas Card for Adult Survey

June 9, 2026 – Stakeholder Meeting – Lunch & Snacks for Coalition Building and addressing Youth Wellness & Alcohol Use Prevention

6) **Briefly state goal(s) and how it aligns with SATF Goal of Prevention, collaboration and education:**

The goal of this project is to reduce youth alcohol use through evidence-based, community-driven prevention strategies that focus on prevention education, community engagement, and collaboration in the local community. This includes activities such as conducting a youth/adult survey to capture input on youth alcohol use prevention topics needed for planning and assessing need, parent/community prevention education, and building a coalition of stakeholders to address youth alcohol use prevention in Page and surrounding communities. Specific goals include increase alcohol prevention education among youth, parents and families; and establishing a stakeholder coalition to implement evidence-based prevention strategies to reduce alcohol use among youth in Page and surrounding communities.

7) **This project aligns with SATF priorities by:**

- a) Prevention: Delivering youth and parent education through school-based and community-based activities, including a youth basketball prevention camp and resource fair.
- b) Collaboration: Engaging schools, youth, families, health educators, and local partners to strengthen a coordinated prevention approach.
- c) Education: Conducting youth and adult focus groups to better understand local perceptions of alcohol use and inform culturally relevant prevention strategies.
- d) The project also contributes to building a sustainable community coalition and developing a Sustainability Toolkit to continue prevention efforts beyond the practicum period.

8) **How will you measure outcomes?**

Outcomes will be measured using both quantitative and qualitative methods, including:

- a) Number of participants (youth and families) attending each event
- b) Completion of adult and youth focus group questionnaires
- c) Thematic analysis of focus group responses to identify community strengths, gaps, and prevention strategies
- d) Documentation of partner participation and coalition engagement
- e) A final report will be developed summarizing outcomes, key findings, and recommendations.

**9) Who is your other funding source?**

In-kind contributions from community partners (facility use, staff time, volunteers, and program support)

**10) Will you be receiving at least one half of the requested funding from this other source(s)?**

☒ No ☐ Yes

(The project includes substantial in-kind contributions that support implementation but does not include direct monetary funding at this time.)

**11) Insurance Coverage**

☐ No (At this time) ☐ Yes

Note: Event insurance is included as a requested cost for the youth basketball camp to ensure compliance with local requirements.

**12) Collaborative Partners (Check all that apply):**

- ☒ Youth
- ☒ Parents
- ☒ Business
- ☒ Media
- ☒ School(s)
- ☐ Religious/faternal Org.(s)
- ☒ Healthcare Org.(s)
- ☒ Youth-Serving Org.(s)
- ☒ Civic/Volunteer Group(s)
- ☒ Prevention Experts (local, county, state, tribal):
- ☒ Government agencies
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**13) Amount Requested:**

\$1,240.00

**Budget Summary & Activities**

1. Youth & Adult Survey for Coalition Planning (June 2, 2026 – LeChee Just Move It – Family Walk & Run)

Gift cards for raffle and completing survey for Adults and youth (2 - gift cards): \$50 each

Subtotal: \$100.00

In-kind: \$500.00

2. Stakeholder Meeting #4 & Coalition Strategic Planning Session (June 9, 2026, in Page, AZ)

Lunch and refreshments: \$1,140

Subtotal: \$1,140.00

In-kind: \$903.00

Total Request: \$1,240.00

Total In-Kind Contributions: \$1,403.00

#### Additional Note (Important Request)

As this is an independent practicum project and not a formal organization, I respectfully request that, if approved, the Page Substance Abuse Task Force purchase approved items directly from vendors (e.g., food, gift cards, insurance, and supplies) on behalf of the project.

I will:

- Obtain quotes and invoices from vendors
- Coordinate purchases with PSATF
- Track all expenses to ensure budget compliance
- Provide receipts and a final expenditure report
- Submit a final outcomes report with evaluation data

This approach ensures financial transparency, accountability, and alignment with SATF policies.

## **Application for Funding**

### **The Page Substance Abuse Task Force**

1. Name of Organization(s) requesting funding:
2. Is funding for (Check One) \_\_\_\_ Project \_\_\_\_ Event
3. Name of the Above:
4. Where will your program, project, or event take place?
5. Date of Program, Project or Event:
6. Briefly, stat goal(s) and how it aligns with SATF goals of prevention, collaboration, and education:
7. How will you measure the outcome of your program, project or event?
8. Who is your other funding source?
9. Will you be receiving at least one half of the requested funding from this other source(s)?