



Southern Arizona Falls Coalition Meeting  
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, September 19, 2019  
9:00am-11:00am  
Abrams Public Health Center, Rm. 3110, 3950 S Country Club Rd

**Attendance:**

Adina Wingate, Pima Council on Aging	Sami Fetterly, Pima County Health Dept.t
Allan Tractenberg, Tucson Police Department	Shi Martin, Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization, Area Agency on Aging (SEAGO, AAA)
Amy Allen, Northwest Fire District	Tangye Beddran, Rio Rico Medical Fire District
Debbie Adams, Pima Council on Aging	Tracy Koslowski, Drexel Heights Fire District
Lee Itule-Klasen, Pima County Health Dept.	Veronica Rubio, Northwest Fire District
Nicholas Cogdall, Pima County Health Dept.	
Krista R. Cardenas, Pima County Health Dept.	

**Welcome & Introductions:**

Debbie Adams, Pima Council on Aging, welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

**Report on AZ Falls Prevention Coalition & other Counties**

Lee Itule-Klasen, Pima County Health Department, informed the group that the Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition will be holding a planning event on September 27, 2019. The event will include a time for professionals to share updates, including the opportunities to earn continuing education credits in the morning, and will be open to the public in the afternoon. Registration information can be found [here](#). This event will take place the same day as the Banner Falls event in Tucson.

**Falls Prevention Community Events Update**

The group in attendance discussed the falls event held at Ellie Town Center on Thursday, September 12, 2019 noting that the turnout was slightly less than expected - approximately 30 individuals attended. However, the majority of participants stayed for the entire event. The group also stated that the structure of the event, with speakers in one room and booths in another, worked very well. Additionally, the group proposed creating an evaluation form for organizations that presented. Nic Cogdall and Sami Fetterly, Pima County Health Department, will work on developing the evaluation.

Shi Martin, Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization, Area Agency on Aging (SEAGO), noted that this will be the first falls prevention event to take place at the Art in the Park event on October 5 and 6, 2019 in Sierra Vista. Additionally, the Sierra Vista Fire District will be attending. Moreover, Encompass Health will be attending the Patagonia Fall Festival on October 12 and 13, 2019 along with Rio Rico Fire and Area Agency on Aging.

Northwest Fire District will be attending the Marana Fall Festival on October 19, 2019 and will be available to provide falls prevention materials on behalf of the coalition.

The remaining falls events will take place as follows:

- October 16, 2019 9am-12:00pm: Encompass Health Rehabilitation, Mountain View Retirement Village
  - 7900 N. La Cañada Dr., Tucson 85704
- October 24, 2019 9:00-11:30am: Tucson Estates, Multipurpose Hall
  - 5900 W. Western Way, Tucson 85713
- November 7, 2019 9:00-11:30am: Picture Rock Community Center
  - 5615 N. Sanders Rd., Tucson 85743



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Dr. Joseph from Banner Health will appear on The Morning Blend to promote the work of the SCAFPC and the upcoming events on Falls Prevention Awareness Day on September 23, 2019 from 11:00am-12:00pm. Additionally, proclamations were passed by both the City of Tucson and Pima County in September to promote falls prevention awareness.

### **Announcements**

The group provided the following announcements:

- Volunteers are still needed to help set up, run, and takedown at the remaining falls prevention events in September. Contact Sami Fetterley at [Samantha.Fetterley@pima.gov](mailto:Samantha.Fetterley@pima.gov) if you are interested in helping out.
- Servants at Work (SAW) is a group that helps build ramps for low-income individuals who use wheelchairs, scooters, and walkers. They have a chapter in Southern Arizona - more information can be found at <https://www.sawsramps.org/>.
- October is Fire Prevention Month and Drexel Heights will be doing a number of fire safety events for kids.
- The Arizona Public Health Association is on October 29, 2019 in Phoenix. Lee and Debbie are looking at presenting on behalf of the coalition to highlight the work of the group. Anyone who is interested in supporting the effort with input, facts, or other information can reach out to Lee Itule-Klasen at [Lee.Itule-Klasen@pima.gov](mailto:Lee.Itule-Klasen@pima.gov).

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the Abrams Public Health Center on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 9:00am.

### **Adjourn**