



MERIDIAN ANTI-DRUG COALITION
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MINUTES: Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition General Meeting
 Meridian Police Department, Media Room *or* *Zoom
 1401 E Watertower St, Meridian, ID 83642
 July 18, 2024 | 4-5PM

18 ATTENDEES: (In Person 14) Kendall Nagy, Christy Boyes, Caylee May, Earl Scharff, Gail Williams, Steve Williams, Doris May, Jim May, Ann Little Roberts, Jake Cluff, David Phillips, Danielle Fanopoulos, Krystal Geissen, Gabriella Mosunic, **(Via Zoom 4)** Sierra Kistler, Jessica Harris, Kristi Lampe, Brenda Willson

TIME	SPEAKER AGENDA ITEMS	NOTES
4:00	Kendall Nagy, Director: Additions to Agenda? Welcome & Introductions	(all) sign-in, introductions Thank You card passed around for Beniton Construction & volunteer sign-up sheet.
4:05	Hailey Blogg Christy Boyes (filling in), Secretary: 5/16/24 <u>CEC</u> and <u>General Meeting Minute Vote</u>	(Secretary) record attendees, monitor Zoom, take minutes; special attention to action items & votes (all) motion to approve minutes- motion, second, all in favor, anyone opposed? Motion to pass May Meeting Minutes: 1 st -Earl, 2 nd -Jake. All in favor. Approved
4:07	<p>Executive Committee, Sector Representatives (SRs)</p> <p>Anne, Business SR</p> <p>Susie, Civic SR</p> <p>Kati, Sierra (filling in), Government SR: Idaho Public Television (IPTV) documentary status</p> <p>Brenda, Healthcare SR: Behavioral Health Board Updates; FY Idaho; Boise Brickhouse</p> <p>Robert, Law Enforcement SR: Beniton Contribution, cannabis discussion at YA</p> <p>Earl, Parent SR: LEAD interaction</p>	<p>SR Action Items: volunteers needed for back-to-school and fall events</p> <p>(Anne) contacted the Board of Pharm. re: Rx Take-back program. Getting a hold of people has been tricky, found it was easier to start with Terry Reilly Health centers and work backwards. No answers yet, Danielle sending a contact to Anne that may be helpful in regards to donating unused prescriptions.</p> <p>(Susie) Absent (Kendall) 3 boxes of red ribbon bracelets received. Community Coalitions of Idaho is working through leadership changes. Not sure if the organization will continue.</p> <p>(Kati, Sierra) providing stipends for CATCH My Breath community trainers, scholarships, parent presentation's occurring January, April and October, shared resources (webinar, FDA task force info), will attend ODP vape disposal meeting, IPTV Documentary: audience will be youth and parents, billboards, social posts to include boosting. Deadlines end of July/will go live in October.</p> <p>(Brenda) a lot is happening with back to school soon, which will be great for new outreach opportunities. FY Idaho- new grant cycle. Boise Brickhouse: tons of kids with Mental Health and substance abuse situations and we will be able to integrate prevention into their plans including resources available for families. Region 4 Behavior Health Board- no meeting in May, June Meeting- mental health Month Advocate Awards/nominations- no meeting in July.</p> <p>(Robert) Absent (Kendall) Robert was the one who introduced Matt Forrester to the coalition and is how we received the donation from Beniton Construction for prevention packets. Robert had a side conversation about THC and clarification conversation with a few students at Youth academy. He was at the academy all week helping lead the students.</p> <p>(Earl) encountered representatives soliciting donations for LEAD and told Kendall about it as a possible opportunity to partner. Several people have shared what they describe as suspicious interactions with similar LEAD representatives. St. Ignatius back-to-school is August 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm. Sent virtual school house contacts. Shared an article regarding legalizing MJ and the changes in the chemistry of THC. We are grateful</p>



	<p>Jake, Religious SR: Mayor’s Watertower Championship</p> <p>Meridian Moves</p> <p>Yoonwa/Kylee, School SRs: (off for summer)</p> <p>David, Substance Abuse SR: Behavioral Health Council Updates</p> <p>Danielle, Youth Serving SR</p> <p>Caylee, Youth SR: Slave 2 Nothing</p>	<p>that we live in Idaho, keep communication open with City leaders and elected officials and tell them how you feel about these topics.</p> <p>(Jacob) Faith Ambassador meeting is August 8th. Mayor’s Watertower Championship- Athletics Activities and education competition series between the 5A high schools in Meridian (Meridian High, Rocky Mountain, Mountain View, and Owyhee High). Kick off event will be Sept 13th Mt. View Vs Rocky Football. Other dates and games TBD. Meridian Moves: A Mental and Physical health program for the whole community. Dates: September 20 -Brighton Community Center at Cadence will be a Senior Fit and Fall Proof October- Date TBD at Flying Pickle January- Date TBD Get fit Meridian April- Date TBD YMCA</p> <p>(Yoonwa/Kylee) Absent</p> <p>(David) congratulations to David regarding his appointment for another term on the Behavioral Health Planning Council. LEAD; David inquired about who they are using for advertising and social media off of their job posting. Resilient Enterprises is doing the marketing for LEAD. From his conversations it doesn’t seem like any money is going toward education. David said he went to the ‘fancy’ pet store on Ten mile (Bodoga) and noticed hemp-based products such as “doggiejuana”, hemp-based marijuana for your dogs for stress and anxiety. There was an entire display. He wants to have a conversation with the owner about how marketing these can send a mixed message and might be perpetuating/normalizing MJ. In addition, David sent Kendall an article about Cheech and Chong’s hemp product ‘available’ to all 50 states ‘except’ Idaho. He also shared an article on the Wow County Website titled “Top ways you can transport MJ into Idaho legally”. There should be more conversations about the dangers of Delta 8 THC, challenging main stream media to be more responsible with their content. (Kendall) election year, keep reaching out and having those conversations.</p> <p>(Danielle) Idaho Public Television contact regarding prevention documentary. No updates.</p> <p>(Caylee) volunteered at Public Works Expo (81 prevention conversations were had) & C w/ a Cop, made cookies for YA. Lindsay Snyder (owner of In N Out) has experienced the impact of drug addiction in her family and created ‘Slave to Nothing,’ a nonprofit to fight substance abuse and human trafficking. Caylee can provide supervisor or other necessary contacts if needed.</p>
<p>4:30</p>	<p>Kendall: LEAD</p>	<p>(Kendall) LEAD: MPD employees and community members have questioned representatives soliciting for donations. When asked about schools they are in or LE they are partnering with they didn’t know or gave vague answers. There are young adults overseeing donation tables at local retailers. The information they are being taught is not consistent with what LEAD is doing, according to Roxanne, a LEAD representative Kendall emailed with. Roxanne said they don’t have any programs or partnerships in Idaho. Roxanne is the LEAD contact for the Western United States and is retired Vegas Metro. She said LEAD contracts with Universal Events and they oversee soliciting for donations. It is not illegal for them to solicit for donations as long as the local retailer allows them to be there. If it continues to be a local problem, it may warrant a media release or</p>



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	<p>Downtown Concerns (ACE)? ODP Workgroup, Marijuana Rescheduling, Unplug & Be Outside, Public Works Expo, Youth Academy,</p> <p>Donations: CDH & Wienhoff</p>	<p>public safety bulletin. ACE team: MPD is working to implement an Alcohol Compliance Enforcement team to address problems in the downtown corridor. Future planning includes the possibility of providing education, i.e. an info. table about being drugged at bars, or other prevention strategies. Please let us know if you have any related concerns about bar activity in downtown Meridian. Spoke with 25 attendees at Unplug & Be Outside, 24 at Youth Academy, and 20 at Coffee with a Cop. There have been a lot of prevention opportunities out in the public. Need for parent prevention packets is going to increase. Grant cannot cover the cost of drug tests. Grateful for the donations from Wienhoff and Central District Health to help keep those supplied for the Parent Prevention Packets. Thank you!</p>
<p>4:50</p>	<p>Open Discussion: community partner updates, feedback, etc.</p>	<p>Krystal Geissen, MPD Code Enforcement; regarding downtown discussion- there is a downtown bar staying open till 3am. Their permit is only to stay open till 2. Downtown businesses are finding vomit on sidewalks, trash left by bar patrons etc., Code Enforcement is working with business owners to work toward solutions. The bar wants to change their permit from a bar to a restaurant.</p> <p>(Kendall) Volunteers are needed for fall events, please email Kendall for more information. Partner resources: BPA Health is offering free mental health resources over the summer. Article we referenced: Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses March Newsletter (page 4), Completion of Two Phase 3 Trials for MDMA-Assisted Therapy for PTSD Email from current California resident (copied from MADC's Facebook page): "Legal POT has greatly damaged the state of California where I live. I applaud Idaho for fighting this evil. I will not move to Idaho because it's not my state. Sorry about too many cali's moving there." When we responded to this email submission asking how they heard about us, here is the response we got: "I have a client who lives in Idaho who told me yours is one of the few states where pot is still illegal. It moved me emotionally to know that there are still states that have a societally responsible majority... I believe that legal pot use is a danger to society; here in California one cannot go for a drive without smelling it coming from the car in front of them. Combine pot with alcohol or other drugs and it magnifies the effects tremendously causing a complete inability to function. Pot growing is a nuisance, back yard plants and commercial grows stink to high heaven of skunk and affect everyone. These grows attract an organized criminal element... Marijuana is a drug just like beverage alcohol, the issue is legalizing another drug for fun. Historically this created an untenable environment in which our country deteriorated. Having legal alcohol and pot is too much of a burden on society."</p>
<p>5:00pm Adjourn Meeting Next MADC Meetings: August 15th, 2024 3pm Executive Committee & 4pm General Public</p>		