



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
 May 18, 2023 | 4:00-5:00PM

ATTENDEES 18: (In-person 16): Kendall Nagy, Hailey Blogg, Earl Sharff, Jake Cluff, Kati Moore, Yoonwa Saechao, Terry Austin, Danielle Fanopoulos, Milt Smith, Anne Little-Roberts, Robert Rodriguez, Susie Stertz, Kevin Zielinski, Wayne Sharp, Milt Smith, Chandra Baird (Via Zoom 2): Brenda Willson, Kelsey Winnett

TIME	SPEAKER: AGENDA ITEMS	MINUTES
4:00	Kendall Nagy, Director: Welcome & Introductions Additions to Agenda?	(all) sign-in, introductions
4:05	Hailey Blogg, Secretary: 4/20/23 General Meeting Minute Vote (sent out via email)	(all) vote to amend or approve minutes- motion, second, all in favor, anyone opposed? Motion: <i>first:</i> Susie Stertz, <i>second:</i> Anne Little-Roberts; all in favor, 4/20/23 minutes approved.
4:10	Guest Speaker: Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition Program Manager, Kevin Zielinski	(Kevin) Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition’s (IATC) mission: work alongside community members in providing awareness, education, services, and safe housing for victims of human trafficking. 5 th year as a non-profit. Their organization focuses on education, training, awareness, advocacy, direct victim services, and referrals and information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crisis and Resources Hotline = 2,835 calls - Total Direct Victim Services for 2022 = 6.320 counts - Hub in Boise, only 5 employees. One of the case mangers is bi-lingual. - Human Trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. This crime occurs when a trafficker uses FORCE, FRAUD, or COERCION to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his/her will. Force, fraud, or coercion need not be present if the individual engaging in commercial sex under 18 years of age. - Main thing about human trafficking – praying on vulnerabilities. 89% of human trafficking victims know who their traffickers are. - Grooming is the process traffickers use to control and manipulate someone into human trafficking. Although the specific actions are different, traffickers usually follow the same steps. - Traffickers can be anyone – sometimes they use their privilege, religion, wealth, social media, etc. - When in the community he gets asked does this happen here and people are shocked that this happens in Idaho. - Traffickers control their victims in a variety of ways that include: physical and/or emotional abuse, isolation from friends or family, financial abuse, and substance abuse. - It is common for victims to have a substance use disorder (SUD). Traffickers exploit individuals existing opioid use or other SUDs to coerce them into sex trafficking. Additionally, trafficking victims may use substances to cope with trauma.



- Victims of sex trafficking have a SUD, they are not properly recognized as victims. Victims are usually arrested for selling or possession
- Lack of sufficient treatment – victims who have a substance use disorder often have restricted or limited access to services and quality treatment. A lot of barriers when trying to reach victims.
- Victims may not report crime or other victimizations because they do not trust criminal justice actors – particularly after an arrest.
- Post-related impacts: Suicide ideations, mental health disorders, substance use, etc.
- Multiple barriers victims face.

(Susie) Did your safe-house open?

(Kevin) Not at this time, looked at capacity and are utilizing partners to help with this in the future.

(Wayne) Do you get much community support?

(Kevin) Yes, about 65 partnerships. We can always do better with financial donations. Only 5 employees at IATC and have their hands full. Volunteerism is another way to get involved with the organization. A lot of volunteers want to interact with the victims but that is *not* what IATC needs from their volunteers.

(Yoonwa) What is the percentage of youth victims? What is the partnership with the schools? Wants to know how to recognize signs that this is happening and provide support for the students.

(Kevin) Not all schools are open to the subject. Our approach to high-schoolers is focused on education about grooming techniques, defining human trafficking, etc. Depending on the audience they will modify. Invited to the schools through senior projects or school assemblies. With their current capacity, IATC does not offer much to schools unless asked directly by the schools. Would like to see this more mandatory. Unknown number of current youth victims. Key factors of youth trafficking on their [website](#).

(Milt) Frustrated that this is happening here. What is happening to the traffickers or the buyers?

(Kevin) Victims are being tracked on multiple levels, whereas the traffickers or buyers are harder to crack down on.

(Chandra) A lot of the time people don't realize they are being trafficked. The victims view it as they are being loved by their significant other. Don't understand or see it as they are victims.

For additional questions on human trafficking please reach out to Kevin Zielinski at kevin@idahoatc.org, 208-630-6601.



<p>4:40 50</p>	<p>Kendall: Sector Representative Vote</p> <p>Rx Take-back, Public Safety Academy, Lion’s Club, Media Day, Spring Safety Flings, KIDO</p> <p>Hailey: Youth SRs/MYAC Presentation, Connection is the Cure, Fentanyl Webinar, IP&S Conference, Recovery Day Speaker Suggestions</p>	<p>(Kendall) Motion to vote in 2023-2024 Sector Reps: Anne, Business SR Susie, Civic SR Kati, Government SR Brenda, Healthcare SR Robert, Law Enforcement SR Kelsey, Media SR Earl, Parent SR Jacob, Religious SR Yoonwa Saechao & Kylee Bendorf School SR David Phillips, Substance Abuse SR: Danielle, Youth Serving SR</p> <p>First – Anne Little-Roberts, second – Danielle Fanopoulos; all in favor, approved.</p> <p>(Kendall) Prescription take back was great, CDH’s resources were well received. 780lbs of medication safely disposed of. Hailey & I Spoke at Public Safety Academy, 24 people there. Lion’s Club presentation went well about 20 people there – thanks for the connection Anne! Media Day at the Police Department, media outlets said the prevention portion was their favorite. They were happy to hear about community outreach. Spring Safety Flings in 5 middle schools went well reaching more than 2K students and Hailey did a KIDO Radio spot talking about drug prevention highlighting Smokescreen and the MADC Parent Prevention Packets.</p> <p>(Hailey) Connection is the Cure presented to over 30 parents. Great conversations and handed out Parent Prevention Packets. Currently looking for a Recovery Day Breakfast Speaker! Please email suggestions. Would prefer if speakers have one year of sobriety or a story coming from a recovery standpoint.</p>
<p>4:50 57</p>	<p>Upcoming: Summer Reading Kickoff 6/1, Family Night at Speedway 6/16, (CATCH My Breath at Boys & Girls Club -4 wks), Main Street Market 6/24, Movie Night 7/14, NWA Conference 7/24-25, Breathalyzer at Speedway 7/29, National Night Out 8/1</p>	<p>(all) Volunteers needed for summer events! Please email madc@meridianscity.org and let us know what events you would like to help with.</p>
<p>4:55 59</p>	<p>Open Discussion: community partner updates, feedback, etc.</p>	<p>“What do you want to know?” share your suggestions for drug prevention topics to be featured in our monthly newsletters.</p> <p>(Chandra) Trivium Life Services is a non-profit. There is a fundraiser June 29th at Top Golf. Spread the word and share the event. All the proceeds go towards programs/services.</p> <p>(Kendall) Idaho State Liquor Division – grant funded Parent Prevention Packets, drug free school signs, Drug tests, and funding for SRO training – THANK YOU!</p>
<p>5:00pm Meeting Adjourned</p>		<p>Next Meeting: June 15, 2023 at 4PM</p>