



MINUTES: Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition General Meeting
 Meridian Police Department, Media Room or *Zoom
 1401 E Watertower St, Meridian, ID 83642
 May 15, 2025 | 4-5PM

17 ATTENDEES: (15 In person) Hailey Blogg, Christy Boyes, Anne Little Roberts, Tiffany Myers, Yoonwa Saechao, Jacob Cluff, Danielle Fanopoulos, Kati Chauvin, Cheryl Mulvihill, Susie Stertz, Syler Maben, Caylee May, Jordan Robinson, Chris Palmer, Zechariah David, (2 via Zoom) Neven Lusambe, Kristina Lampe

TIME	SPEAKER AGENDA ITEMS	NOTES
	Christy Boyes: filling in as Secretary	(Secretary) record attendees, take minutes; special attention to action items & votes
4:00	Hailey Blogg, Coalition Coordinator: Additions to Agenda? Welcome & Introductions 4/17/25 General Meeting Minute vote (sent out via email)	(all) sign-in, introductions, vote to amend or approve minutes- motion, second, all in favor, anyone opposed? 1 st – Jacob Cluff 2 nd – Danielle Fanopoulos. All in favor. (Hailey) Today we have a guest speaker from the Bridge. Any additions to the agenda before we get started? Kati and Caylee had additions.
4:05	Guest Speaker: Chris Palmer, The Bridge Youth and Family Resource Center Manager	(Chris) The Bridge is a free resource available in Ada County. We are a diversion program. We are trying to distant ourselves from juvenile justice even though we are associated with Ada County Juvenile Justice. We are all about families and kids that need help. We have been blown away from the support and feedback we receive regarding the program. We offer tours of our location if anyone is interested and on base, we offer a case management system that tracks case loads and available resources throughout the Treasure Valley. We usually get a kid as the referral but we want the family. We focus on whole family wellness. We ask the parents – what are you doing for yourself throughout this process? We won't turn any case away, want to give them services and can help with legal aid, paying bills, food needs, etc. We will give them resources and follow-up. For example, of we had a Mom calling about her 34-year-old daughter who is an alcoholic and gave her resources. We typically like to see referrals before kids are in high school. A lot of times, high school is too late, we want to work with these kids when they are younger. The Bridge has been open for 2 years. We have seen a decline in police reports and petitions. We receive 80+ referrals a month. Please visit our 'About' page to look at the Bridge Bulletins to see specific stats. The Bridge 2024 Annual Report also shows a lot of information. We want to push out services in the community. Once again, the Bridge is FREE. (Danielle) What are the biggest gaps with needs in the community? (Chris) Spectrum kids and parents needing help managing them once they get older. Parenting resources and assessments are another gap. For example, where can we send those kids to get a diagnosis if needed? We also would like more engagement from the SROs. (Danielle) How

		<p>often do you get referrals from schools? (Chris) All the time. Meridian School Resource Officers are great at calling and referring families to the Bridge.</p> <p>(Yoonwa) Build a Bridge in Meridian. (Chris) We are getting there. (Susie) Do you have success getting parents and family members involved? (Chris) We have about 70% of parents that complete the program. (Susie) How are you funded? (Chris) We were originally grant funded, but Ada County has re-allocated funds and re-classified positions, all our employees are Ada County employees. And are funded currently under the Ada County budget. (Susie) I may have a grant that could help buy some hygiene products. (Chris) Perfect, Amy Herrick runs that side of it. Email or call us (208-577-4820) with that information. (Yoonwa) So just to clarify, Elementary School referrals are good? (Chris) Yes, send them our way. The focus is really on the parents. (Hailey) Thank you for being here and thank you to the Bridge for your continued support and partnership.</p>
4:25	<p>Executive Committee, Sector Representatives (SRs)</p> <p>Caylee, Youth SR</p> <p>Brenda, Youth Serving SR</p> <p>Danielle, Substance Misuse SR</p> <p>Yoonwa & Tiffany, School SR</p> <p>Jake, Religious SR</p> <p>Earl, Parent SR</p> <p>Jordan, Media SR</p>	<p>SR Action Items</p> <p>(Caylee) volunteered at the Market which had good interactions. Attended the tour of the Coroner's Office which was really cool, I never knew much about them. I learned a lot. I did a ride along with Officer Souza, and she pulled over some of my classmates with alcohol which was crazy to see. (Brenda) (Hailey) FYI Idaho's Youth Mental Health Fair is this Sat 5/17 at Boise Brickhouse. Free food, raffle prizes, Boise Zoo tickets. (Cheryl) The zoo tickets are only for that same day. (Danielle) Northpoint Recovery is not going to work for the Recovery Breakfast location. Will keep trying to brainstorm other options. (Yoonwa & Tiffany) Will send violation data at the end of the school year. The date for counselor kickoff is Sept. 10th, 2025. (Danielle) Maybe you can have the Bridge at the counselor kickoff meeting? (Tiffany) Asked to share the stats at the school board meeting. (To view their presentation, click here and fast forward to minute 24). The feedback was great. Board members learned about what prevention efforts are happening in the schools. Overall numbers for vaping are down. High school vaping has increased slightly but middle school is down. Prevention messaging is being brought into 6th grade classes but maybe it needs to move down to 5th grade as well. (Yoonwa) Meridian Elementary School is interested in CATCH My Breath. (Jake) Helped assemble Rx Take-back resource bags. Also looking in to duplicating the bust of Kiki Camarena for City Hall. (Earl) (Hailey) Earl volunteered at Unaltered State, Family Dinner Night; Good turnout. (Jordan) (Hailey) Jordan had to take off but</p>

<p>Robert, Law Enforcement SR</p> <p>Kati, Government SR</p> <p>Susie, Civic SR:</p>	<p>she took pictures at Coroner’s Office tour and Rx Take-back event which was a great turn out. 267 cars came through and disposed of 848.7lbs. (Robert) (Hailey) Robert attended Coroner’s office tour and has been collecting vapes that he will give to us for educational purposes at the end school year. (Kati) Family dinner night. We had an Unaltered State documentary screening. It was great, 26 attendees. I host parent/guardian virtual vaping education that is incentivized. The last one was April 28th and had over 50 people so it is gaining traction. Thank you to everyone who promotes that training. I am thinking since it has been gaining traction to move to a monthly training instead of quarterly which would open it up to the sector representatives to speak or share information. WASD impact report showed we reached 2,057 students with the extra prevention messaging between Reality Town, presenting to the 8th graders, and the MEGA Brain. Central District Health (CDH) is conducting an Online Community Health Survey. Some questions include: how vaping affects your mental health and reasons to be vape free. Most people say social reasons are the reasons they vape. I had to present to the Board of Health on May 9th to view her presentation click here and go to minute 33. Presenting at Idaho Conference on Alcohol and Drug Dependency on tobacco and tobacco cessation. The stats surrounding tobacco cessation and policy in behavioral health/SUD treatment services: we know that tobacco use is 2-3x more prevalent among people with mental illness when compared to general population. According to SAMHSA, 89% of treatment facilities in the U.S. screen for tobacco use, 70% offer counseling, 42% offer NRT, and 35% offer non-nicotine prescription medication. For policy: 59% have policy permitting smoking/vaping in designated outdoor areas, 35% have it not permitted anywhere on campus (inside or outside) and 6% permit it anywhere outside. CDH is launching Summer Cessational Challenge that is 8 weeks long starts on June 9th. Participants can send in photos each week and will be entered to win a prize. (Tiffany) Would like information to send out to all of her violation students. (Yoonwa) Looking for organizations to have a pop-up to give resources and swag items during WASD free-lunch campaign over Summer. Would love to have CDH and MADC there. (Susie) Idaho Kiki Award Plaque is almost complete. (Jake) How heavy is the bust of KiKi? (Susie) 50 lbs. I will bring him after conference in Wallace. (Jake) Would it be ok to replicate him to have him permanently at City Hall? (Susie) Yes, New Orleans created a life-sized KiKi to have at their City Hall. So let’s talk about it.</p>
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	Anne, Business SR (Open Position, Healthcare SR)	(Jake) Mayor is 100% supportive of having him there. (Anne) will volunteer at NoWAC MADC booth.
4:45	<p>Hailey: Wienhoff Drug Testing- Movie Night sponsor Aug. Guest Speaker Ideas</p> <p>L.E.A.D. Proposal</p> <p>Public Safety Academy</p> <p>PAL Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer PSA/Requests</p> <p>Upcoming: Unplug & Be Outside 5/17 Public Works Week Expo 5/22 Summer Reading Kick-off 5/23</p>	<p>(Hailey) Wienhoff Drug Testing will be MADC's sponsor for Movie Night again this year. If you have any ideas for the August MADC's meeting we are looking for a guest speaker. (Kati) Maybe IDFY? (Danielle) Or the Youth Crisis Center. (Hailey) L.E.A.D proposal; MADC requested for funding for Operation Parent handbooks. They had additional questions regarding the request which Kendall took on so I am waiting for her to get back before answering them. Citizens were contacting the Meridian Police Department due to interactions they had with L.E.A.D which sparked a multi-police agencies media release in October 2024. Public Safety Academy, I gave an overview of MADC and Kendall showed the class the Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer. Good feedback and conversations. Multiple questions on how is it possible THC edibles are branded to match real products sold at grocery stores. The logos and marketing are the same. Common question I get from all ages. Kendall attended a football game through Meridian PAL, not a lot of attendees visited the booth but are hoping to get more involved with PAL. Filmed a Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer overview for social media. Kendall and I decided for now event/request coordination will be email only at this time. Will need at least 4 volunteers per event since there is paraphernalia throughout the trailer. Unplug & Be Outside Natural High Photography Class with Monte Stiles will be this Sat 5/17. Public Works Expo Thurs 5/22, thank you Caylee for volunteering, and Summer Reading Kickoff Fri 5/23 MADC will have parent education and the Natural High Booth, thank you Kati and Zechariah for volunteering.</p>
4:55	Open Discussion: community partner announcements	(Susie) During the Coroner's Office tour, they mentioned a class that was 6 weeks long? (Hailey) Visit Boise Learns to get more information. Classes fill up quick. As a reminder, the June meeting falls on a Holiday and will be cancelled. We will see you all in July!
<p>5:00pm Adjourn Meeting</p> <p>May is Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention Month</p> <p>*June meeting is cancelled due to Juneteenth holiday, the next MADC meeting is July 17th.</p>		