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**Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition General Meeting Minutes
Meridian Police Department
June 15, 2017**

Attendees (15): Chakoma Haidari, Mary Liz Jones, Bethany Gadzinski, Josie Bryan, Tana Bengoa, Monte Stiles, Brandon Frasier, Wayne Sharp, Katie Jepson, Howard Davis, Nasdina Heithoff, Jamie Ramos, Stephany Galbreath, Cheryl Mulvihill, Kendall Nagy

TIME	AGENDA ITEMS & SPEAKER	NOTES
4:00	Cheryl Mulvihill, Anti-Drug Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & Introductions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sign-in sheet signed by all attendees
4:03	Stephany Galbreath, MADC Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion by Monte Stiles, second by Mary Liz Jones, all vote to approve May meeting minutes
4:05	Kendall Nagy, MADC Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DRE Field Certifications Marijuana Workgroup Youth Recruitment Printed Materials for Dissemination (NH & Rx) Updates: Meridian Speedway, Diamond Cup Race 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kendall attended the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Field Certifications in Portland, Oregon to see firsthand effects of marijuana legalization and learn more about the certification process and work of DRE's: <p>This Field Certification operation was a collaborative effort between OR and ID to certify additional DRE's in each of the states. During the Field Certifications Officers invited citizens off the streets who volunteered to be examined for drug use and impairment. Through a comprehensive twelve step evaluation process DRE students applied the skills and processes they had learned during the classroom portion of their training. The Officers who approached drug users on the streets were referred to as the "trackers". The trackers offered users a free meal, drinks and cigarettes if they participated in this training. In addition, the volunteer would not be issued any citation. The first step was to verify through a series of tests that the user was not mentally ill but rather impaired from drugs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A couple of observations on this trip: Physical and self-harm markings, fresh track marks covering the users arms and legs, infection, collapsed veins and skin popping sites. Because of the environment and this being an optional assessment to participate in, the students were very open with their story and answering questions. All of them were poly-drug users, mostly starting with marijuana in Middle School. Many of them inject heroin and meth together, known as a "goof ball". One specific student named Jewel lives in a tent under the bridge and enthusiastically explained to the Officers that she was very healthy. She prided herself in that she uses clean needles. She explained how she receives needles and exchanges them as a commodity. She had just picked up 700 needles.

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- There was one gentleman who had been a lifelong heroin user since he was 17 years old (he is now 40 and looked 60). His entire arm was covered in track marks. During his evaluation he clearly stated he had chosen this life and rehab was not an option he would choose. The ex-military state trooper who conducted this evaluation later teared up as he told Kendall how hard it is to see people in this condition.
- During each of the three nights of the DRE Certification process there were about 25 people evaluated. The volunteers were male, female, young, old, pregnant, transgender, prostitutes and more. Kendall rotated around the room listening, observing and sometimes asking questions as well. During this trip Kendall also talked with the Oregon DRE coordinator and an Oregon Liquor Control Commission representative (who over sees the enforcement of marijuana laws) about the effects of marijuana legalization in OR and how it is affecting all communities from city to suburbs.
- This trip was very educational. We as a coalition are taking the human element of the experience and using that to push forward in our prevention efforts, specifically marijuana prevention.
- Since the last MADC meeting, Kendall has met with the Police Chief, Deputy Chief and Mayors Office. She has also been in contact with the Idaho Office of Drug Policy and Community Coalitions of Idaho inquiring about state level marijuana prevention efforts and conversations, regarding what is going on in the State of Idaho to prepare for gubernatorial candidates and possible marijuana law changes. These meetings ended with little new knowledge of state level efforts, however at the city level there was discussion and support generated regarding a possible preemptive city ordinance, Town Hall and a PSA focusing on people who have moved here from states that have legalized marijuana because of Idaho's current marijuana law. See attached *Facts Relating to CBD Oil and Marijuana Enforcement* document: The Meridian City Mayor delivered this document to multiple Legislators.
- Marijuana Work Group: key facts to educate the public need to be identified and built onto a brochure, power point and a presentation developed. We are going to look at Meridian businesses and churches that we can speak to, to further educate the community on the facts of marijuana. We also need to try and identify a couple community members who may be willing to participate in the PSA.
- Discussion: "What should we educate your communities on?"
 - Tana= Key focus should be data discussing marijuana as a gateway drug. Mary Liz Jones= Health related aspect should be taken into account. This needs to be stressed so we have good science behind what we are saying. Whenever we make a brochure or handout to have the research right on there, showing that this is factual. Experts have proven that learning doesn't occur by just sharing information, rather through experience. For example: students could do the

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		<p>research. Also suggest bringing the MADC booth out to job fairs and High School career fairs. Monte= Public Officials to take a position, speaking out about this would be very helpful, maybe interviews or a panel with gubernatorial candidates. A non-position or lack of statement, suggests support. Getting public officials to understand that is difficult. Kendall= discussed the importance of strategic control of the message when shared with the community. The timing is important regarding the preemptive ordinance. Cpl. Frasier= this would be a monumental task, this hasn't been done before. There isn't a guide book on how to write a code like that and once it's written, the opposing side can write around the ordinance. One of the reasons people don't have a point of view regarding marijuana is because they don't see it as a problem, which is how it sneaks up on a community. Many Colorado voters have stated they didn't realize what they had voted for. Kendall had a conversation regarding the idea of a resolution with the Mayor's Chief of Staff. Scheduled a meeting with the City Attorney to discuss all this as well. Monte= having many make a position statement i.e. Meridian Chamber, City Council, prominent business partners will further our efforts in making it clear that legalization of marijuana is not an option in Meridian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) would be a great place to present this information next June. We need to secure AIC contacts. The goal is to work from that date, backwards. AIC would be a platform to get communities to feel the sense of urgency. We have a legislative session in 6 months. We will have a new governor. We could end up having a vote in November regarding marijuana legalization.• Monte= legislators pay more attention to consequences than just facts. Visuals are more of a big picture message.• Bethany= apathy from Legislators? Monte= It's difficult to have legislators listen to experts• Bethany= what about pictures of communities before and after legalization? Monte= will look into this.• Kendall= while there are many checks and balances with the city it is excellent to have them supporting our current and ongoing prevention efforts• Cpl Frasier= saw a 3 dimensional drugged driving art piece on a building in CO. May be an option for a graphic.• Youth Liaisons: further discussion tabled due to time. Continue working to identify opportunities to recruit youth and develop a plan and materials to sustain their coalition involvement.• Identify locations for prevention materials: Front tables have a lot of MADC prevention information available for dissemination. The MADC brochure provides an overview of the work of the coalition
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		<p>including programming and meeting/contact info, there is a Prescription Drop-off bookmark with all the permanent locations in Ada County and Natural High posters. These items and others have been stuffed in 200 goodie bags for tomorrow's Cable One Movie Night.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past events: at Meridian Speedway there were approximately 3600 citizens in attendance. Thank you to CJ for helping at this event. She did a great job interacting with all the patrons while sharing her Natural High.
4:35	<p>Cheryl Mulvihill, Anti-Drug Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Events: CableONE Movie Night June 16th, Youth Farmers Market June 24th, Breathalyzer Booth at Meridian Speedway Aug. 5th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure volunteers for upcoming events: Looking for volunteers for: CableONE Movie Night June 16th, Youth Farmers Market June 24th, Breathalyzer Booth at Meridian Speedway Aug. 5th • National Night Out, Tuesday August 1st: The City of Meridian had multiple block parties request drug prevention information. If you are interested in delivering goodie bags or talking about MADC during National Night Out please reach out to Kendall.
4:40	<p>Bethany Gadzinski, MADC Evaluator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RX Survey Results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethany: We have trending data for the RX Survey Results 2015,2016,2017 • Some interesting focus points: 2016 many people heard about this event from tv and radio, while in 2017 there were more hearing about it via social media. There was a change in "What people do with their meds." More people are keeping their meds now, to use later. We had a little bit more people flushing and throwing unused prescription drugs in the garbage. 98% of those who completed this survey have heard that drug use is a problem in High School. • Additional local data collected: positives= SRO's aren't seeing as much prescription drug use within the schools. Negative= 39% easy to get marijuana in 2016. 48% easy to get marijuana in 2017. It's a great time to focus on marijuana.
4:50	<p>Members & Guests: updates on MADC mission efforts and community events.</p>	<p>Chakoma, Tobacco Cessation: share information about online cessation services at events. Boise Music Festival will have Project Filter there. Contact Chakoma regarding further booth opportunities to promote tobacco cessation.</p> <p>Mary Liz: mjonestwf@msn.com if you have any articles for MADC social media please send them to Mary Liz</p> <p>Tanna: Ventana Training for teen leadership coming up. Alix Urbina will be presenting at the training. Contact Tana to learn more.</p> <p>Wayne: Helped volunteer at one of our Spring Safety Flings last month.</p>

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		Monte: US Department of Justice Administration has rumored they will put out a marijuana statement mid-June. All indications are they want to slow things down.
	Open Discussion: feedback, ideas, questions, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closed meeting with the attached letter from our Volunteer of the Year.
4:58pm Meeting Adjourned. Thank you for being an active part of MADC, working to prevent substance abuse in our community!		

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