



**MERIDIAN ANTI-DRUG
COALITION**
**STRENGTHENING
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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
August 21, 2025 | 4-5PM

22 ATTENDEES: (19 In person) Kendall Nagy, Hailey Blogg, Anne Little Roberts, Yoonwa Saechao, Terry Austin, Earl Scharff, Jake Cluff, Susie Stertz, Kati Chauvin, Robert Rodriguez, Caylee May, Mahrika Gagnon, Kyle Stover, Syler Maben, Lacy Ooi, Tiffany Myers, Katherine Holderness, Zechariah David, Neven Lusambe (3 Via Zoom) Brenda Willson, Bryan Kaminskas, Courtney Boyce

| TIME | SPEAKER AGENDA ITEMS | NOTES |
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| 4:00 | Kendall Nagy, Director: Additions to Agenda? Welcome & Introductions | (all) sign-in, introductions |
| 4:05 | Guest Speaker: Mahrika Gagnon, Executive Director Idaho Drug Free Youth | Overview of programs, what iDFY looks like, and what they hope for the Treasure Valley, Meridian specifically. (Mahrika) Focus of Idaho Drug Free Youth (IDFY) , want to have every teen have the power to live happy and healthy lives. Celebrated 35 years of the organization. IDFY Vision: a statewide community of youth and adults who promote a drug-free way of life for all students by encouraging positive peer and adult influence and providing drug-free activities, education, and support. Our goal is to reach every teen in Idaho, offering various levels of involvement to meet you where you are. Whether you're looking to join a chapter , participate in campaigns, or take on leadership roles, there's a place for you at IDFY. Chapter program, created to be specific enough for everyone to have a guideline to follow but also vague enough to be flexible when needed. Difficult time getting into the school this year. Youth vision : online social media houses our campaigns. Campaigns are a call to action, something youth can physically do. 5 different campaigns: photography contest, pass the positivity, 21 matters pledge (focuses on brain science), stand out campaign, and 1,000 good things. Youth Vision Ambassadors – 8 of them throughout the state. i2i presentation in the schools. 3–6-hour program for 150-200 kids. Great opportunity to get everyone into the same room. Asks questions that build and escalate, by the end of presentation you're raising your hand if “alcohol has impacted you?” Leadership retreat , taking place in November in Challis this year. Great opportunity to build that network. What does it mean to be a leader and how to bring those skills to the community? Idaho Youth Summit , 4-day camp held in Coeur de 'Lane Idaho. (Robert) What is the age range? (Mahrika) 8 th grade – 12 th grade. We all work together to make sure kids make the good decisions. (Hailey) Does a youth have to be involved in a chapter to get involved in one of the 5 campaigns? (Mahrika) No, there will soon be more information on how to get involved. (Kati) How many schools would you like to reach in the Treasure Valley this year? (Mahrika) Our goal is 2-3 schools, it costs \$1500 to start up, we do have grants available to cover that cost. We would like it to be completely student led. (Zechariah) What are you looking for in a chapter? (Mahrika) For students to be ready to lead, and adults ready to guide them. |
| 4:25 | Hailey Blogg, Coalition Coordinator: 7/17/2025 General Meeting Minutes vote (sent out via email), Recovery | (Secretary) record attendees, take minutes; special attention to action items & votes (all) vote to amend or approve minutes- motion, second, all in favor, anyone opposed? 1 st – Kati, 2 nd – Brenda. All in favor. Recovery Day Breakfast celebration coming up 9/25 – some flyers, we hope you'll attend and promote event throughout your organizations. RSVP here by September 23 rd . |



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| | Day Celebration, movie night, school orientations, bulletin topics | Movie Night, thank you Wienhoff for sponsoring. HIPS trailer / modified NH booth with two youth volunteers. Thank you, Neven and Katherine, for helping! Fun night, 200 prevention conversations. New student orientations, OHS, MVHS, Meridian Middle Schools. HIPS trailer and prevention education. Prevention Bulletin Topics for 2025, any idea you'd like to see or get more information about? Email me. |
| 4:30 | <p>Executive Committee, Sector Representatives (SRs)</p> <p>Caylee, Youth SR: volunteering at summer events</p> <p>Brenda, Youth Serving SR:</p> <p>Yoonwa & Tiffany, School SR:</p> <p>Kati, Government SR: multiple updates</p> | <p>SR Action Items</p> <p>(Caylee) Volunteered at new student orientations in high schools. Helped at NNO, fun seeing everyone. Goals for next year: increased attendance at events. Expand IDFY in Meridian, sent an email to Dawn Tolan. Really wants to start a chapter at Mt. View. (Hailey) CATCH My Breath certification, the process is a little different for getting youth certified. Kati and I haven't forgotten, it is still a work in progress. (Caylee) Senior Night volleyball game Oct. 14th at Mt. View. All are welcome to attend.</p> <p>(Brenda) Youth listening sessions, open communication, plugged information into data base. Able to get good feedback from all 7 regions of Idaho. Have a diverse group. Biggest ask from youth, was to get parents involved. Kids are asking people not to assume what they need. Shared looking at MADC to see what coalitions are doing well. The Bridge has been mentioned, great diversion program. Good interaction about how we can prevent these things from happening. Region 4 Behavioral Health board is going well. Needing additional help with recovery subcommittee. In Sept. I am presenting at a conference. Working on how can we help our families and youth to build resilience. In terms of CEC goals, a lot of what is mixed in with what I shared today. (Kati) Regarding the data you shared (never making assumptions/wanting parents involved) I would want to see what the population is/ and see that data if you'd be willing to share it? (Brenda) We can talk about that. Since this was a youth project, I do have data. Demographically it was really rich and ethnically very diverse as well.</p> <p>(Yoonwa) Counselor kickoff is Sept 10th and will be at Sawtooth MS. 10-15 mins to give a promo. It will be at 8AM and 1PM. Bring Parent Packets. Will get end of year data. Lisa Currin is now a fulltime Middle School Drug Prevention Counselor. (Tiffany) Will assist in getting information to parent newsletters at the Middle Schools and High Schools to include toilet talks, positive mental health, and vaping/drug prevention topics. Officer Gomez is speaking at Meridian HS. Would like to coordinate HIPS trailer. Lisa will contact you for Natural High booth at MS lunches. Evening events, American Lung Association, when parents stop by we are hoping to have PPPs. OHS students having drug prevention shirts made for us. Instead of expulsion, looking at a couple different places to get treatment. More of a diversion program. Early discussions. (Kati) Lean into the bridge. (Tiffany) Need to talk to our legal counsel regarding this before we suggest this. Very beginning stages of planning.</p> <p>(Kati) Attended the speedway for breathalyzer, highest was over a .3 .CMB Survey: using scantron to track data, school stipends. Would love to trunk or treat again, "Say Boo to Vaping." Would like to partner with MADC. Gem Prep, intervention, prevention and cessation programs. IDASRO, 2-hour CMB implementation</p> |



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| | | training (thanks for the connection): 54 SRO's trained across the state. IY-LCA – hit the ground. Partnership with CTE Students. (Kendall) Second year participating in this. Josh Kern, getting logos added to videos to have them shown at village cinema. (Kati) Contact Kati to discuss possible uses of videos and request access. |
| 4:52 | Kendall: Wienhoff Drug Testing, HIPS trailer (NNO), SADD | (Kendall) Trauma Intervention Program is looking for volunteers and Danielle wanted the opportunity to be shared with coalition members. We met with a new community partner who is interested in serving as the Healthcare Sector Representative on the Executive Committee. Stacey Kolodzick sent the following statement: <i>My name is Stacey, and I am the Outreach Manager for Moonlight Mountain Recovery and Mental Health. My passion for this work began over ten years ago with my own personal mental health journey, which showed me firsthand how critical mental health and substance abuse support are—not only for individuals, but for families and entire communities. That experience drives me to advocate for resources, awareness, and connection for those who may feel unseen or unheard. I want to be part of this committee because I believe collaboration creates the strongest foundation for change. By working together, we can expand access, reduce stigma, and ensure that every person in our community knows they are not alone in their struggles. I hope to bring both my professional experience in outreach and my personal insight from my own journey to support the mission of this board and to contribute to meaningful, lasting impact.”</i> We can take a vote to add her to the board if we are ready today. (Susie) Motion (Jake) Second. (Kendall) All in favor, motion carries. Shoutout to Wienhoff drug testing, in addition to sponsoring MADC at movie night, thank you for donating drug tests for the prevention packets. We have a lot of upcoming events we need volunteers for. Please see the list below and email us for more info. (Susie) If anyone needs anything Red Ribbon Week, email me . (Earl) Volunteer needed for St. Ignatius Fall Carnival 9/13. (all- action item) Please email MADC@meridiancity.org to get more information and help fill volunteer slots at the following events: Holy Apostles Church 9/3, Fall Festival at St. Ignatius 9/13, Recovery Celebration 9/25, Public Safety Day 9/27, Treasure Valley Youth Safety Summit 10/7, Trunk-or-Treat 10/23. |
| 5:02 | Open Discussion: community partner announcements | Family Advocates has upcoming Family Resiliency Courses: IN-PERSON - Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm [Childcare provided] and ONLINE - Tuesdays, on Zoom 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Email enroll@familyadvocates.org for the enrollment link/more info. |
| 5:03pm Adjourn Meeting | | Next MADC Meeting: September 18th General Meeting at 4PM |