



MINUTES: Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition General Meeting
 Meridian Police Department, Media Room *or* *Zoom
 1401 E Watertower St, Meridian, ID 83642
 October 20, 2022 | 4:00-5:00PM

MEETING ATTENDEES 18: (In-Person 12) Jennifer Abrao, Kendall Nagy, Kelsey Johnston, Danielle Fanopoulos, Nate Zimmerman, Yoonwa Saechao, Kylee Bendorf, Dan Estes, Dirk Mendive, Earl Scharff, Terry Austin, Ashley Horvath | **(Via Zoom 6)** Lyndsi Bailey, Brenda Willson, Cheryl Mulvihill, Heather Allen, Nichole Herold, Stephany Galbreath

TIME	SPEAKER: AGENDA ITEMS	MINUTES
4:00	Kendall Nagy, Director: Welcome & Introductions Additions to Agenda? Meeting Minute Vote	Motion: Earl, Danielle second, All in favor.
4:00	Hailey Blogg, Secretary Jennifer Abrao (filling in for Hailey)	
4:05	Dirk Mendive, Regional Director for Congressman Fulcher: President Biden’s Pardon Proclamation	<p>1) Biden’s Pardon Proclamation (October 6th, 2022)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. “... will pardon all prior federal offenses of simple marijuana possession ...” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-pardoning-all-prior-federal-offenses-simple-marijuana-possession b. The White House did acknowledge that no one is currently in prison for “simple possession” of marijuana. But believes the pardon will help those with convictions to have better access to housing and employment. <p>2) The President’s Pardon has limited reach – only applies to federal offenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Most marijuana possession charges are State offenses. b. Per FBI data – Idaho has some of the highest arrest numbers for Marijuana possession in the nation (232 reported arrests per 100,000 in 2021). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/articles/2022-10-17/states-with-the-most-arrests-for-marijuana-possession <p>3) The President’s Proclamation does not apply to Idaho possession convictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. However, the President did “urge” governors to follow his lead. b. The Administration could try to push states into compliance through additional strings on federal funding, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Something the Congressman’s office is watching closely. <p>4) The President’s proclamation is mainly political.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Since most marijuana possession issues are State related – limited impact. b. But it communicates the administration’s policy direction heading into a new Congress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Decriminalization if not legalization. c. Could encourage a certain constituency to vote. d. Current Congressional Leadership has already pursued such effort. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. H.R. 3617: Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act (MORE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would decriminalize marijuana. 2. Passed the House on April 1st, 2022. ii. H.R. 1996: Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2021 (Safe Banking Act of 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would allow federally regulated banking institutions to provide banking services to cannabis related businesses. 2. Passed the House on April 19, 2021. e. Congressman Fulcher opposed both bills. And is opposed to any efforts to decriminalize and/or legalize marijuana. <p>5) Issues along the Southern Border.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Congressman is greatly concerned about the lack of enforcement. b. Per HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) drugs such as meth are no longer produced locally. They are now trafficked to Idaho from the southern border. c. Recently, the Canyon County Sheriff’s office confiscated 4000 fentanyl pills during a routine stop in Nampa. d. We’re hopeful that Congress will have leadership in 2023 that will work to secure our border and oppose any efforts to decriminalize/legalize marijuana federally.
4:10	<p>Executive Committee: Sector Representatives (SRs) Nate, Youth SR: Red Ribbon Week, RHS NHS Partnership</p>	<p><u>(all) identify opportunities within your Sector to promote MADC</u> (Nate) secured RHS, NHS for sticker shock campaign and Trunk-or-Treat volunteers Natural High Campaign at Renaissance for RRW. Passing out candy and red sticky notes for students to write natural high activities on them.</p>

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(10min.)	<p>Danielle, Substance Abuse SR:</p> <p>Yoonwa Saechao & Kylee Bendorf, School SR:</p> <p>David, Religious SR: Leg. Update (Marco), Meridian Assembly Lyndsi Bailey, CCI</p> <p>Earl, Parent SR: Kite Project, St. Ignatius</p> <p>Kelsey, Media SR: Enhancing support for MADC on Facebook.</p> <p>Ashley, Law Enforcement SR: Sources of Strength</p>	<p>(Danielle) Northpoint representatives and vendor table at Recovery Breakfast Recently worked with counselor from West Ada School Dist. to discuss prevention efforts.</p> <p>(Yoonwa) resource disbursement, evidence-based prevention program needs? Had a good number of schools sign up for RRW activities and resources. (Kylee) Drug Prevention counselors are seeing most activity in middle schools. Rethinking the prevention needs in middle and high schools versus workloads. Would like to focus more on prevention rather than reactive. Tax from cigarettes goes to Safe and Drug Free Schools.</p> <p>(Lyndsi) additional Red Ribbon Week bracelets for MADC Annual Fall Conference had 28 representatives from all around Idaho. Collaborating with the Elks to provide RRW resources. Brought speaker Steven Hill to Meridian Middle. Still working on the sticker shock campaign with IDFY. Board Dev training coming up in Boise.</p> <p>(Earl) volunteered at BCI event, cont. kite planning, RRW engagement at St. Ignatius Kite flying project- Meridian Middle. St Ignatius will be participating in RRW, have supplies from the Elks.</p> <p>(Kelsey) content for media releases and newsletter draft in MailChimp Social Media overview- (see attached presentation) engaging MADC FB followers and supporting social media goals. Individuals on our page are not always there with the same mission.</p> <p>(1) Wait: Take some time before you respond to their comments. Avoid responding emotionally by giving yourself a cooling off period and respond later. (2) Ignore: It's totally understandable to want to wage a war on trolls with your keyboard, but trolls thrive on others' anger, frustration and annoyance. This means that the angrier you get, the stronger they become. So, your best bet for ridding the internet of trolls is to starve them of a reaction. (3) Educate: Once you have had a cooling off period and you still want to respond, do so by sticking to facts leave emotion out of it. If you rise above the situation and communicate with poise, you can de-escalate a problem quickly. However, if the conversation becomes unproductive, it is important to cut it off. (4) Report: The Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition adheres to the City of Meridian social media policy. We are authorized to remove or hide certain comments. If you see a comment that you think meets that criteria, reach out to a MADC page admin: Kendall, Hailey or Myself. Follow us, like & share posts, engage respectfully, invite friends to our events and meetings.</p> <p>(Ashley) helping at Red Ribbon Week Fly Day, Sticker Event Started a conversation with West Ada re Sources of Strength. Assisting with sticker shock campaign at Renaissance HS.</p>
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	<p>Brenda, Healthcare SR: AMFM Healthcare, R4BHB update</p> <p>Susie, Civic SR: Red Ribbon Week</p> <p>Anne, Business SR: Lions Club speaking opportunity</p>	<p>(Brenda) AMFM Healthcare vendor table at Recovery Breakfast, it was a great opportunity and great event. R4BH Board officially have a liaison, meeting 2nd Thursday of every month. Honored with an appreciation award “Hometown Heros” where other organizations outside of our immediate network spoke highly of the MADC’s work.</p> <p>(Susie) volunteered at Recovery Breakfast, book mark order, (Meridian assembly)</p> <p>(Anne) BCI volunteer, coffee pick-up for Recovery Breakfast, contact at Lion’s Club</p>
<p>4:45</p>	<p>Kendall Nagy, Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates 	<p>(Staff) event planning, resource collection, grant reporting & applications, social media oversight, graphics and web updates, researching evidence-based prevention programs (K-12)</p> <p>Hailey’s Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Red Ribbon Week resources will be going out next Monday 10/17. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 32 West Ada schools requested over 25,000 resources! o Thank-you to CCI for helping us secure extra bracelets! - Working on an Rx Take-Back post for social media <i>meant to be shared</i> so please share! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If you do not already follow/like our Facebook page please do – our goal is to hit 1,000 followers! o If anyone else can think of other places for promoting Rx Take-Back please let us know. I can drop off flyers o Also, Volunteer sign ups for this event are full. - Past events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Public Safety Day / Coffee with a Cop – really great conversations and provided Parent Prevention Packets to those families that requested them, overall great turn out for both events. o Recovery Breakfast – great turn out, Stephanie was amazing – link of video recording is on our Facebook. Le Peep, Human Bean, and Walmart donated food, they have constantly supported MADC, so appreciative of them. o WASD Mental Health Fair – Thank you to David and CCI for sponsoring the table for us. Provided a lot of different resources especially on vaping/vaping marijuana. Overall really great conversations with teachers/counselors/other vendors. - Also, I will be attending Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Meridian until May 2023 so I will not be at meetings for a bit – but I am not going anywhere and will be back in the Summer!

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming- RRW 10/23-31, Trunk-or-Treat 10/27, Rx Take-back 10/29, MFAC 11/3, Stickers Event 11/8 	<p>“Hootenanny”: 156 prevention conversations Recovery Breakfast: 34 attendees plus YouTube video TV Youth Safety Summit: 67 prevention conversations Public Safety Day: 219 prevention conversations Sawtooth Health Class: 50 students Alcohol CC&ST Operation: 100% compliant! 1st time in 8 years. Thank you letters of compliance will be sent to business owners and managers.</p> <p>Members are welcome to attend the sticker event to be held Nov. 8th. Email Kendall for more details.</p>
4:55	<p>Open Discussion: partner updates, questions, suggestions, etc.</p>	<p>Thank you: Cheryl- Walmart Donations, Recovery Day Breakfast greeter, Red Ribbon Week resource prep Kim- Red Ribbon Week resource prep MYAC-volunteers at Public Safety Day</p> <p>Heather Allen: Partnerships for Success has mini-grants available for Curriculum Support & Implementation. The purpose of the Partnerships for Success mini-grant is to fund and support the implementation of evidence-based prevention curriculum in Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley County schools or after-school programs during the 2022-2023 academic year. Funding requests may be up to \$5,000. Total funding for 2022 Fiscal Year is \$25,000. Funding requests will be accepted until all funds are expended. Applications will be reviewed monthly on the first business day. All activities must be completed by June 15, 2023. Apply, HERE.</p>
5:00pm Meeting Adjourned		Next Meetings November 17, 2022: CEC at 3PM & General at 4PM

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