



**Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition General Meeting Minutes
Meridian Police Department
May 20, 2017**

Attendees(15): Mary Kemp, Jeanne Buschine, Mary Liz Jones, Howard Davis, Robyn Ure, Katie Jepson, Stephany Galbreath, Cheryl Mulvihill, Kendall Nagy, Monte Stiles, Brandon Frasier, Hailey Arnold, Ann Pardew-Peck, Kristi Lampe, Nichole Herold

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 Mary Liz Jones, all approve meeting minutes
4:05	Kendall Nagy, MADC Director & Cheryl Mulvihill, Anti-Drug Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer of The Year Awarded & Honorable Mentions Announced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer of the Year is... Mary Liz Jones! • Honorable Mentions are Nichole Herold, Robyn Ure, Jeanne Buschine and CJ Stirm – Thank you for all you do!
4:15	Kendall Nagy, MADC Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marijuana Workgroup • Billboard Choices • Teens & Substance Abuse Training • Resource Review • Social Media • Updates: Unplug & Be Outside, Rx Take-Back April, Spring Safety Flings • Volunteers for Upcoming Events: Meridian Speedway June 3rd, CableONE Movie Night June 16th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement: Elisha Figueroa has announced her resignation at ODP as she has accepted a position at the national level. Nichole Fitzgerald will serve as the interim lead. • Marijuana Workgroup: Town Hall meeting focusing on the benefits of existing Idaho state law regarding marijuana. During the Town Hall there could be a panel of community members to discuss how state law impacted their decision to move out of a state where marijuana is legal to one where it is not. The panel could also include an attorney and a law enforcement representative. This may be difficult to accomplish but there is interest and we would like to look further into this idea. • Billboard Choices: Community Coalitions of Idaho has built a mockup of a billboard for Meridian. CCI provides tool kits that include media campaigns for coalitions across Idaho. MADC would like input from members: feedback on marijuana billboard provided to MADC by CCI or run the Natural High billboard again as is. Robyn: The positive social norm statement is very encouraging for good choices. It's very teen oriented. Monte: Suggestion would be to remove the mouth. If we can't remove the mouth then he suggests using the Natural High Billboard. Jeanne: Agrees to remove the mouth. Hailey: Thinks the mouth is not fitting. However would pick this one over another Natural High Billboard. Stephany: Maybe an exclamation point instead of the mouth, but prefers the Natural High Billboard.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teens and Substance Abuse Training in 2018: Natural High will be flying in from CA to present and bring Natural High curriculum to the West Ada School District. The foundation for this progressive step has been laid with all the work Drug Free Idaho and MADC have done thus far with the Natural High Campaign. • Annual review and update of resources on MADC website meridianmadc.org/resources. <i>*Homework:</i> Please look through the MADC resources and give input on what should be added, removed, and/or changed. • Social media comments under our originated posts: If the comment by a citizen doesn't have profanity in it then we leave it up. Another concern is routing youth to Facebook page. Stephany is looking into seeing if we can "Hide" comments that lead our Facebook followers to new links, to help avoid inaccurate information from being seen. • Unplug and Be Outside: despite very windy weather we had our Natural High booth at the Unplug and Be Outside Kickoff event and Monte Stiles led the Natural High Photography Adventure at Kathryn Albertsons park (April 22nd). Thank you Monte! • RX Take Back: Went great! Based on survey results 300+ cars dropped off medications at St. Luke's Meridian and 740lbs of medications were safely disposed of. MADC partnered with Crime Stoppers for free shred during the event. We had a Boy Scout Troop give surveys to each participating citizen during and adults handled the medications. We also had Bob FM for the first two hours. • Spring Safety Flings: During this week (May 15-19) we have reached over 2,645 Meridian Middle School students with our prevention drug display and Natural High booth. • See event photos on our Facebook page.
4:50	Members & Guests: updates on MADC mission efforts and community events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monte Stiles: The Attorney General of the United States, Jeff Sessions, continues to express his intent to enforce federal drug laws. In a recent memo to all US Attorneys, he directed them to investigate and prosecute all high level drug traffickers. In remarks to New York law enforcement officers, he made it clear that this included large-scale manufacturers and distributors of marijuana. Based upon statutory classifications of drug dealers, most commercial pot manufacturing and distribution businesses will meet the threshold of mandatory minimum 10 year sentences, putting them at the highest level of federal enforcement action. I believe that we will see DOJ take action that will change the dynamics of the commercial pot industry in the near future.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monte suggested having each Idaho Governor Candidate visit with Community Coalitions of Idaho and discuss where they stand on marijuana legalization. • Multiple Counties in Nevada have worked on a new ordinance: “We will not have any dispensaries in our area even though the state has legalized it.” • The State of Wyoming received a grant for marijuana prevention. Monte is helping them with the marketing. Monte’s goal is to bring this information back to the MADC Marijuana work group. • The City Club of Boise recently had a "marijuana forum" that was clearly stacked in favor of pro-pot advocates, and Channel 6 covered this in a very biased way. The story included a statement that supporters of the initiative have collected half of the necessary signatures with a year to go. (According to ODP, this is likely untrue based upon signatures turned in to the Idaho Secretary of State. • Monte also briefed the coalition on new educational and legal strategies that have promise, including local governments passing ordinances in defiance of state pot laws. They expect to be sued by the state and/or the pot industry, but they have a high likelihood of success by simply arguing that the state cannot force them to violation serious federal felonies. A recent Colorado Supreme Court case supports this opinion. • Cpl Frasier: Police Officers can’t be forced to return contraband to citizens, but then citizens can sue the City for not giving back the contraband. Cities don’t want to risk seizing the wrong marijuana. • With regard to the forum, it’s interesting who gets picked. A lot of entities are hand picking people. Channel 6 and KIVI are pro marijuana from Cpl. Frasier’s perspective. They tend to come to those they are interviewing with the answers they want, vs truly interviewing seeking answers. The people that were involved in that forum, following money, it’s clear what is happening behind the scenes. As far as the ISP being involved, there is a notion that they are the most knowledgeable for Idaho State concerns regarding Law Enforcement when that is not true. Many departments have more knowledge and budgets than ISP, so there are others that would be more suited for these types of forums.
	<p>Open Discussion: feedback, ideas, questions, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cpl Frasier: An idea for the Town Hall meeting; Meridian is very progressive regarding societal issues. MADC could work on a preemptive ordinance with the City of Meridian. It sends a strong message to the State on what we agree with.

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- Kendall: [National Families in Action](#) is a great resource. *Tracking the Money that is Legalizing Marijuana and Why it Matters* is one of many reports found on NFA. It's very reader friendly and explains the money that has been spent to convince so many people to change their minds about marijuana legalization. Another good read all business owners should read is [What Will Legal Marijuana Cost Employer's](#).
- Kendall: Has been voted in as a board member for Community Coalitions of Idaho representing Idaho's Region 4.
- Mary: What is the coalition's stance is on tobacco? Kendall: The coalition's three focus groups are underage alcohol use, marijuana use, and prescription drugs. With that, our coalition still covers all other drugs including tobacco.

5:05pm Meeting Adjourned. Thank you for being an active part of MADC, working to prevent substance abuse in our community!

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