



**Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition General Meeting Minutes  
Meridian Police Department  
January 18, 2018**

**Attendees (24):** Susan Law Compton, Nichole Herold, Natalie Marti, Mary Liz Jones, Megan Watson, Bethany Gadzinski, Bernie Wolinski, Jesus Gonzalez, David Hummerquist, Wayne Sharp, Ken McCarthy, Ternel Martinez, Terry Austin, Jason Austin, Bob Austin, Scott Colaianni, Brandon Frasier, Patty Davis, Monte Stiles, Linda Joseph, Mark Joseph, Stephany Galbreath, Cheryl Mulvihill, Kendall Nagy

TIME	AGENDA ITEM(S) & SPEAKER	NOTES
4:00	Cheryl Mulvihill, Anti-Drug Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> <li>• Volunteer Requests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sign-in sheet signed by all attendees</li> <li>• Cabin Fever Reliever is Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, please contact Cheryl if you would like to volunteer at the MADC booth.</li> </ul>
4:03	Stephany Galbreath, MADC Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of December 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Bethany, second by Ternel Martinez, all approved December’s meeting minutes.</li> <li>• New guests:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mark Joseph: moved from Colorado; one specific reason is the marijuana legalization. The impact on the community is severe and a real problem.</li> <li>○ Jason from Raise The Bottom Addiction Treatment stated the average age of first drug use is 13 and the drug abused is marijuana.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4:05	Sergeant Brandon Frasier, Law Enforcement Sector Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marijuana Prevention: Preemptive Ordinance Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sgt. Frasier: Wanted to answer some questions that were brought up at the last meeting regarding the rough draft of the preemptive city ordinance:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cannabis vs Marijuana: Our statute as it’s written using cannabis vs marijuana. Cannabis is a proper name of a Geno species of the plant; example alcohol vs beer. You can’t say that marijuana isn’t cannabis but you can say that cannabis isn’t marijuana. Federal code and DEA refers to it as both ways, but predominantly “Marihuana”. If ID code defines marijuana, then Meridian would not be able to redefine the word. Example: CBD oil market tried to open in Garden City was trying to take advantage of the loose definition in state statute.</li> <li>○ After every section it was recommended to use “in the city of meridian.” city codes don’t need to be specific in location as they are Meridian city codes.</li> <li>○ In addition it was suggested that marijuana be illegal on private properties: it is generally impossible to enforce having Marijuana consumption be illegal on private property. Like underage drinking, it is illegal for a minor to drink in their own private home, but the police would never know about it or investigate it without outside cause, i.e. we don’t knock on doors randomly asking to see what people are up to in their own house.</li> <li>○ The state wanting to set precedent on each concern: Meridian is known to be proactive</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>Kendall Nagy, MADC Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Punishment</li> </ul>	<p>with these safety issues, examples being spice, synthetic cannabinoids, bath salts, texting and driving, and regulations on pawn shop sales. Meridian has led the way, “we can’t wait” for the state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Legal reviewed MADC’s rough draft of the preemptive ordinance. This has been led by the coalition and overall City Legal thought it was a great product.</li> <li>Punishment piece to this preemptive city ordinance: a \$1000 fine and up to 1 year in jail. In addition, it was suggested use in public be an infraction over keeping it a misdemeanor in line with the rest of the statute, \$100 fine, the maximum allowable by law (not including court costs). Doing it that way is easier and cheaper to enforce and it is easily changeable depending on what if any guidance is given on the matter at the state level.</li> <li>Natalie: when speaking with parents that attend the Parent Information Classes with students who have been cited for marijuana use/possession, a lot of parents seem to be okay with the punishment. Can we charge a parent with something as well?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sgt. Frasier: No we can’t. This is functionally not possible in most cases, without major overhauls in state level code. If one of these situations failed the court of public opinion, i.e. the child was very young, or there was some other compounding factor, then it could meet the elements of injury to a child.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Hammer: Could it be part of the sentencing to require education and to reveal a creditable source.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sgt. Frasier: Everything the ordinance covers is a misdemeanor except for someone using marijuana in a public place would be an infraction. An infraction gives: Ease of enforceability, public landscape, less court costs. A misdemeanor crime is more expensive to enforce.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>4:25</p>	<p>Mary Liz , Media Sector Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teens &amp; Substance Abuse (T&amp;SA) Updates   Promotion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See attached flyer for the upcoming Teens &amp; Substance Abuse workshop. CEU’s and Professional Development opportunities are available through BSU. Register online at <a href="http://www.meridianmadc.org/teens-substance-abuse-workshop/">http://www.meridianmadc.org/teens-substance-abuse-workshop/</a> This is a good training for counselors, teachers, and parents. Typically it costs money for these types of trainings; MADC puts the training on for free.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb 27<sup>th</sup>: Former federal drug prosecutor Monte Stiles will be presenting on the legalization landscape of marijuana and how it is affecting our youth and communities.</li> <li>March 6<sup>th</sup>: Processing Youth Drug Citations will be presented by Officer Garza with representation from the prosecuting attorney’s office and juvenile probation.</li> <li>March 13<sup>th</sup>: Natural High representative from California will be coming in to discuss how their campaign ties to free resources and curricula that can be used in the classroom.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ March 20<sup>th</sup>: Viewing the documentary Paper Tigers, a film about Adverse Childhood Experiences and how they relate to substance abuse.</li> <li>● Please share the attached flyer with your contacts to help promote this FREE workshop.</li> </ul>
4:30	Monte Stiles, Policy Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH): reviewed past month marijuana use in all age categories. The states are listed out, top being the most marijuana use vs the bottom being the least marijuana use. Those states that have legalized marijuana have the highest use rates of marijuana for teenagers, college students and young married couples. Now states back east and Alaska have become higher marijuana users than Colorado. Vermont is currently the top state for marijuana users, even though they have only legalized medical marijuana.</li> <li>● Our problem isn't the message as our resources are solid, but our messaging is difficult to get out there due to severely limited funding as compared to proponents of marijuana legalization.</li> <li>● Previously the US Department of Justice refused to prosecute those violating federal laws for the commercialization and use of marijuana. The current United States Attorney General has a plan for this: They will have the authority and permission to go after marijuana operations, starting with large businesses.</li> <li>● Marijuana Policy Project is the national marijuana policy project that puts a lot of money into marijuana legalization. They have just released a letter two days ago that discusses why marijuana should be legalized in Idaho. There are multiple bills being written for this legislation session to legalize marijuana.</li> <li>● ODP has funded a marijuana campaign that Monte Stiles is working on with Drug Free Idaho. This campaign will be coming out in the next few months, which will include: campaign material, 30 second PSA, and more.</li> </ul>
4:50	Kendall Nagy, MADC Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Event Updates: Meridian Chamber Speaker Sponsor 1/16   ISU Gen X Presentation 1/18</li> <li>● Upcoming Events: Walmart Health Fair 1/20   Cabin Fever Reliever 2/3   ACS CAN Virtual Youth Day at the Capitol 2/15   Teens &amp; Substance Abuse Workshop 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20</li> <li>● Bulletin from Rocky Mountain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teens and Substance Abuse Workshop: Looking for volunteers to setup and tear down, please contact Cheryl if you are available to help.</li> <li>● Ternel Martinez: Would like the PDF Teens and Substance Abuse Workshop flyer for linked in and Facebook page.</li> <li>● Kendall read a segment from the Rocky Mountain Information Network November 2017 Bulletin titled <i>NOTES</i> that talked about drug abuse in America. Jeff L. Price, the Executive Director wrote, "Any successful course of action will require many facets of American society... including criminal justice, education, faith based groups, volunteer organizations, community outreach, and of course individual families. Ultimately... success must involve individuals making wise choices to "just say no" to drug use. For those in law enforcement and as a nation, 'let us all pay the price – no shortcuts' in our renewed efforts to protect American communities and reclaim lives from the</li> </ul>

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	<p>Information Network: Moving Forward in the New Year</p>	<p>tragic consequences of the current crisis involving excessive drug abuse in America today.” In an email from Jeff to Kendall regarding prevention efforts in Meridian he stated, “Meridian as a community has their act together in applying common sense, cost-effective approaches by taking advantage of all community resources and working together to tackle the difficult issues of our time. It is worth it. Stay the course. Keep the momentum moving forward. We support you!”</p>
<p><b>5:05pm Meeting Adjourned   Next Meeting: Thurs. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 4pm at Meridian Police Department   Thank you for being an active member of MADC.</b></p>		

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