

Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition *CEC* Meeting Minutes Meridian Police Department, 1401 E. Watertower January 17, 2019

Attendees (6): Kendall Nagy, Cheryl Mulvihill, Sarah Herrick, Howard Davis, Ternel Martinez, Earl Scharff

TIME	SPEAKER & AGENDA ITEMS	MEETING MINUTES
Sarah H	errick, Fill-in for MADC Secretary Stephan	y Galbreaith
3:00	 Cheryl Mulvihill, Anti-Drug Coordinator Welcome & Introductions Approval of August 16, 2018 CEC Meeting Minutes (sent out via email) 	 sign-in sheet signed by all attendees Motion Earl, second Ternel, all voted to approve minutes
3:05	 Kendall Nagy, Director Constituent Impact 	 Discussed idea to create a tool to help constituents easily contact legislators during the legislative session. Legislators repeatedly say they want to hear from constituents. Kendall has a weekly meeting with the chief to discuss legislative updates. Watching the Idaho legislature website and hearing from community members for additional updates. Chronic state viewing in collaboration with Drug Free Idaho and IODP. Viewing at 3pm showing with approximately 70 attendees. Five meridian representatives. Two documentary participants were flown in to sit on a panel who worked exclusively with Drug Free Idaho. Ternel: Didn't we have someone who is representative who came in a speaker for one of the meetings? Kendall: that was Dorothy Moon; she spoke on a bill that will be close to bill 577. I have not seen a draft of a new bill. Of all the co-sponsors of 577 bill, approximately 10 are no longer legislators. Ternel: We want to count on the governor. Bottom line is with the new session in, and with the 10 people in the new legislative not even being there, that is a big shift in constitutes. Kendall: General consensus from legislators at the Chronic State viewing was they want to learn the difference between cannabis, hemp and cbd and the impacts each could have on our state. The two panel members at the viewing from CO were forensic chemist Lynn Reimer and emergency room doctor Brad Roberts. They answered questions clear and concise. Along with the documentary a pamphlet from Drug Free Idaho for the <u>KeepIdaho.org</u> campaign was handed out. Pro-marijuana groups including Mom's for Marijuana are looking at a 2020 ballot initiative to legalize marijuana similar to what has been done in other states. There was a voter initiative to legalize in

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	 Utah however HB 3001, a legislative alteration, made a number of changes to the original initiative passed by voters. The 220 page bill, makes the regulatory process very strict. Looking for the history of legalization in each state, how it started, what the time frame is between starting the process of legalization and it becoming legal. If anyone has seen a compilation of this information for the country, please let Kendall know. Ternel: who is our government representative for the coalition and will they be taking the lead on constituent education to contact legislators? Does MADC have a white paper on marijuana? Kendall: the government sector reps are Esmerelda and Chicoma. They work for a government entity however that does not mean they take the lead on government action. Maybe the coalition can help develop a guide on how to communicate with legislators because people want to reach out but do not know how. As for a white paper, we have taken the same stance as IODP and CCI. We have material to disseminate with the most recent info. It has been suggested maybe we get a hold of one of the schools to reach a student who would want to take on a research project to gather facts on states that have legalized cannabis. Using graphic design to put together a tri-fold and digital format to post. Earl: If we go that route, I can check with ISU, and I can attempt to fact check some of the material. Can also reach out to Pocatello and the public safety department. Ideas of reaching the younger voters starting with the high school government classes to help with the research. Parent education: Kendall: The newly released book, <i>Tell Your Children: the truth about marijuana, mental illness and violence</i> was mention at the Chronic State viewing at the capital. Attempting to get a hold of the author of the book. The coalition has over 400 recipients on the email distribution list. Kendall: The SRO K9 project has been approved. Now we need to come up
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	 Fundraising plans for SRO assigned K9 project 	 Earl: We are only worried about the first year? Will the K9 and SRO be assigned to one school or will the K9 and handler travel to all Meridian schools? Kendall: Yes, only the startup costs. LT Stokes and LT Harper will work on handler logistics. Kendall: Start working on a written statement to put out to social media , 400 email list Ideas of selling the K9 tee shirts, getting social media posts going, including using Linkedin, to get the word out. Getting a fun-run race or bike race. Getting a bucket out when the MADC booth is out at events. Question regarding, if someone wanted to write a check. There has been a line set in finance for MADC SRO K9 and finance working on a letter for tax deductible donations. As the Media Sector Rep for MADC, Mary Liz schedules posts. 90% of comments are pro-marijuana. Request has been made to turn off the comments, however will be criticized for not accepting the comments. MADC general meetings are open to the public. Lots of blocking out and do not want youth to see. Mary Liz has also asked for a donate button. Brainstorm fundraising ideas and select leaders for project 	
3:47	CEC Members: updates on MADC mission efforts within your sector.	 Identify speaking engagement opportunity within each sector for 2018-19 school year, if you haven't already. 	
Meeting Adjourned at 3:45pm. <i>General MADC Meeting to follow at 4pm.</i> Thank you for your leadership, working to prevent substance abuse in our community.			