



YELLOWSTONE COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE
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**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023**

Present: Glenn Gunther, Micky Eckart, Sam Morris, Kevin Holland, John Ryan, Bethany Honcoop, Bob Drake, Kyle Hayter, Brandon Gatlin, Kent O'Donnell, Kacy Keith, Travis Sylvester, Brandon Ihde, Darla Tyler-McSherry. **Excused:** Jeannie Martin.

Meeting called to order at 12:04 PM. Members received the April meeting minutes via email. Kacy motioned for approval of the April meeting minutes. Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

No members had any new conflicts of interest to disclose.

Members received the budget reports via email. No questions were brought forward at this time. We are still receiving sponsorship funds for the Symposium and still have a few outstanding invoices/reimbursements to pay. Travis stated the EventBrite balance is \$10,938.41 and will be received by County Finance shortly.

Travis provided a social media report. They are gearing up for the "100 Deadliest Days of Summer" campaign regarding traffic safety and summer months and spans from Memorial Day through the 4th of July through Labor Day. Travis will be on site over the July 4 holiday and hopes to help get the Laurel banner up earlier than usual. They are also running campaigns targeting graduations and youth and promoting the message of making healthy choices.

The deadline for the July-Dec RFP cycle is June 1. Late applications will be provided to the Task Force and the group will decide whether to accept late applications. RFPs must include three components: 1) the activity or project must take place in Yellowstone County; 2) there must be a clear nexus between the activity/project and DUI, whether prevention or interdiction or treatment, and 3) a detailed budget must be included. Applications can be emailed to Darla or hard copy mailed to our mailbox at PO Box 20982 Billings 59104.

Travis, Brandon, and Darla are working on the Strategic Plan, which is due to the Commissioners prior to June 1. New activities include exploring opportunities to support law enforcement personnel with PPE, based upon recommendations from Keith Graves' presentation at the Symposium and subsequent conversations with County Commissioners regarding tangible support. Other ideas discussed include addressing alcohol related issues with events at the Metra and educational opportunities with high school students and drunk driving simulator machines.

We received a letter of interest for membership from Ryan Carroll, Injury Prevention Coordinator at Billings Clinic. Darla read the letter to the group. Kacy made a motion to approve. Glen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Welcome, Ryan!

There is an upcoming Transportation Safety Forum taking place next week in Billings at the United Way Building on Wednesday, May 24. All are welcome to attend. Glenn stated he has been appointed to serve on the local Transportation Safety Committee. Part of this group's activities include an August 5

charity softball game in Dehler Park and an October 7 event at Fire Station 1. These may be opportunities for a Task Force presence at additional community events.

Kyle stated he has accepted a new assignment and is resigning from the Task Force. He will try to attend the June meeting. Trooper Plucker may be filling in for him, yet TBD. Thank you for your time, energy, and effort, Major Hayter!

The group briefly discussed the Symposium, as the full debriefing meeting takes place next Thursday at noon in the Commissioner's Board Room (Room 3107, our regular meeting room). Overall, very positive responses and feedback. It was acknowledged there are both positives and negatives to breakout sessions vs. general sessions. It was discussed to explore future Facebook snippets/reels and video as an opportunity to boost attendance—such as Zoom options, and what options may exist for access to taped sessions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45.