



Yellowstone County DUI Task Force  
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**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes**  
**April 18, 2024**

**Present:** Brandon Ihde, Haley Swan, Andrew Loken, Kevin Holland, Andy Beach, Travis Sylvester, Karen Sylvester, Glenn Gunther, Morgan Dake, Monty Wallis, Brandon Gattin, John Ryan, Kent O'Donnell, Brennen Plucker, Darla Tyler-McSherry. **Excused:** Jeannie Martin, Sam Morris, Bethany Honcoop, Micky Eckart, Jenna Solomon, Ryan Carroll, Kacy Keith, Bob Drake.

Meeting called to order at 12:06 PM.

Members received the March meeting minutes via email. Andy motioned for approval. John seconded. Motion approved.

No new disclosures of Conflict of Interest were brought forward. Morgan stated she would have a conflict of interest if Mina Crenshaw's position on the Task Force is discussed.

Members received the latest budget updates via email. No questions were brought forward. Darla is working with County Finance to learn more about the status of our quarterly reimbursements.

Travis provided a social media update. The current focus is on youth involvement, especially with upcoming/current prom, graduation, 4/20 events. They are also addressing marijuana toxicity. The data shows actual engagement numbers as the highest we have ever seen. The past month has been a top performing month for likes and shares. The group discussed the TV show on Hulu and Disney + "High Hopes" docuseries.

The RFP applications for the July-December 2024 cycle are due June 1. The Task Force will review and vote on them at the June 20 meeting.

Darla reported that a total of seven (7) schools applied for the Senior Non-Alcohol Graduation party support: Billings Skyview, Billings Senior, Billings West, Billings Central, Laurel, Shepherd, and Huntley. Each school receives \$350.00.

The RAIDD coin discussion is tabled until we have a better idea of costs involved.

The Planning Committee for the Symposium met the previous hour. All are invited to attend and participate in future meetings. We continued the dialogue on sponsors and topics and presenters.

The Task Force reviewed the bylaws section regarding Article Three: Task Force Composition, Specifically, Section 2 Terms and Section 3 Removal. Brandon proposed modifying the application process in that new people interested in joining the Task Force submit a letter of interest, which will

be read at the next regularly scheduled Task Force meeting. A vote on the application will not take place until the following regularly scheduled meeting. Language to address this proposed change was presented as:

Section 2. Terms. The term of office for a member is defined as at will. Individuals who wish to be considered for membership will submit a formal letter of intent which will be read by the Chair or Coordinator at the next regular meeting. A vote will take place at the following regular meeting. A simple majority vote will rule. Once approved, they may serve at will, or until removed by the board.

John motioned for approval of this new language with the amended change of “simply” to “simple”. Brennan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The Task Force also discussed Board Member resignations. After discussion, Glenn motioned that official resignation takes place by the person attending a regularly scheduled meeting and makes their announcement at that time, or via written notification. Karen seconded the motion. Motion approved. This language will be added to Article Three, Section Two, and will be reviewed at the May Task Force meeting.

Travis stated he will draft a form to be discussed at a future meeting that we can utilize when considering future applicants.

Morgan Dake announced her resignation from the Task Force.

Mina Crenshaw rescinded her Letter of Interest today via email.

In the New Business section, the STEER Court asked for financial assistance to send two people to a national drug court conference in Anaheim May 21-25, 2024. The requested amount is \$6,000.00. Captain O'Donnell stated he will transfer the Sheriff's Office current RFP award of \$2,750 to this request instead. Monty motioned to approve up to \$3,250 to support this request. Kevin seconded. Motion approved. John disclosed his is on the Board for STEER Court and abstained from voting.

Monty provided hard copies of the story on the KTVQ website regarding Montana as having the worst record for impaired driving: <https://www.ktvq.com/news/montana-news/ratings-montana-worst-for-drunk-driving-fatalities> The group discussed that it appears for many, going to jail is no longer a fear factor, as jails are full.

Brandon asked for a motion to adjourn. Karen motioned for adjournment. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM.