



Yellowstone County DUI Task Force
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Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2026

Present: Bob Drake, Sam Morris, Gabby Thompson, Andrew Loken, Travis Sylvester, Brandon Ihde, Haley Swan, Cameron Farrell-Fox, Brandon Gatlin, Kacy Keith, Shaun Pisk, Sam Atwood, Ban Milam, Travis Sylvester, Darla Tyler-McSherry. **Excused:** Karen Sylvester, Kevin Holland, Brennen Plucker, Jenna Solomon, Monty Wallis.

Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

Members received the March meeting minutes via email. Kacy motioned to approve the March meeting minutes without changes. Bob seconded. Motion approved.

Brandon asked for new Disclosures of Conflict of Interest. None were brought forward at this time.

Members received the budget reports via email. No questions were brought forward at this time. Brandon asked current RFP recipients the status of their projects. Haley and Andrew both indicated they plan to use most of their award by the June 30 deadline.

Travis provided the social media update. They are continuing with the transition from winter to spring and into summer and the "100 Deadliest Days on the Road". Their messaging and timelines align with NHTSAs, so that our campaigns align with state and federal efforts.

At today's 11:30 Green Lab planning meeting, the group determined since we have not heard back from Montana Highway Patrol for DRE support to successfully produce this event, we should direct our energy to the May 13 and 14 2027 AOD Symposium. Participants in the 11:30 meeting discussed the possibility of having a blend of national and local presenters and discussed considering having some past presenters for the 2027 agenda. Beginning next month, the Symposium planning meeting will begin at 11:00 the same day as our regular meetings.

Applications for the RFP cycle of July 1-December 31, 2026, are due June 1. The proposals must contain three (3) required components: 1) the project must take place within Yellowstone County; 2) there must be a clear nexus between the project and DUI, whether interdiction, treatment, or prevention, and 3) the proposal must include a detailed budget. Applications can be submitted to dtylermcsherry@hotmail.com or hard copy mailed to:

Yellowstone County DUI Task Force, PO Box 20982, Billings, MT. 59104. Late applications will not be considered.

The 2026-2027 Strategic Plan is due June 1. Brandon, Travis, and Darla will coordinate efforts. Let us know what input you may have. We will send a link to confirm contact information. If anyone has recent photos from parades, Ales for Trails, or the 2025 Symposium please send them to Travis.

Darla mailed checks to the following county high schools to support their Senior Graduation Alcohol- and Drug-Free celebrations: Billings Skyview, Billings Senior, Billings West, Central, Lockwood, Laurel, Huntley, and Shepherd. Each school received \$300.

The group discussed 4th of July events. Haley will take the lead for the Laurel parade. If we have an extra banner, Gabby said Laurel cheerleaders will carry it. Sam Morris will get more details about Harvest Church's event at Castle Rock park. Brandon will coordinate efforts for our banner placement at the Laurel underpass. Sam Morris agreed to take the lead on coordinating efforts.

We had our first planning meeting at 11:30 today for the May 2027 AOD Symposium. Brandon has been in conversation with the North Dakota DRE Coordinator about an upcoming event in Bismarck in June. It is similar to our AOD event, and it would be a good opportunity to see ideas for presenters and topics. Brandon asked the Task Force to consider providing travel support for him to attend. Sam Atwood made a motion to provide \$200 to support Brandon's travel costs. Sam Morris seconded. Motion approved.

Darla provided information for the group to consider purchasing our own interactive prize wheel to use at Ales for Trails and similar events, as we have borrowed the wheel from MSUB HEROES for the past several years. Kent made a motion to support the purchase of a prize wheel for up to \$100. Kacy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Brandon asked for a motion to adjourn. Sam Atwood made a motion to adjourn. Haley seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.