



Yellowstone County DUI Task Force
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**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force AOD Symposium Planning Meeting
June 18, 2026**

Present: Monty Wallis, Bob Drake, Andrew Loken, Kevin Holland, Haley Swan, Travis Sylvester, Karen Sylvester, Brennen Plucker, Jenna Solomon, Brandon Gatlin, Kacy Keith, Brandon Ihde, Darla Tyler-McSherry.

Brandon called the meeting to order at 11:09 AM.

The group discussed getting the Save the Date information out that includes date, time, location. Travis stated he could get this information out with limited design by the end of next week. Then, we can follow up with additional messaging and more customized/stylized that is approved by the Task Force via email vote. The tailored look would be ready to go within the month of August.

Darla reached out to Vinnie Montez. We have cost information, and the group determined we want to explore more options with him, including an after-hours comedy event, his presentation on mental health, and also his presentation on comedy and mental health. Darla will follow up and report out.

The group is also interested in potentially having Dominic Syracuse return as a presenter. He has an after-hours event titled, "Comedy That Cares" that helps raise funds for local non-profits. Darla will reach out to learn more and report out.

Brandon reported that the North Dakota conference was a positive event, and that he made several connections and has contact information. The conference booklet will be scanned and sent out with the planning meeting minutes. He stated the presentation on cannabis by Sgt. Haskell was excellent. We have made preliminary inquiries about his availability and are waiting to hear back. Brandon said that Robert Stack from NHTSA could also be a potential option for us to explore. We will compensate the registration fees for neighboring states' DUI Task Force Chairs and Coordinators to attend our Symposium.

We will explore Vision Zero funding options along with our grants and sponsors.

Brandon stated it may be possible to have the trailer that is in North Dakota that houses the car involved in a DUI crash pulled to our event.

Today's meeting was brief due to the upcoming RFP review and vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.



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**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes
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Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

Members received the May meeting minutes via email. Kacy made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes without changes. Karen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Brandon asked for any new Conflicts of Interest to disclose. None were reported at this time.

Members received the budget reports via email. No questions were brought forward at this time.

Travis provided the social media report. They are utilizing the messaging of the "100 Deadliest Days on the Road". They are conducting campaigns focusing on the summer holidays, especially the 4th of July. These are one of the campaign messages we have, along with alcohol and cannabis. Travis asked for suggestions for other topics to address and it was suggested to include boating and substance abuse.

The DUI Task Force received four (4) RFP applications by the June 1 deadline:

Organization	Project	Nexus to DUI	Requested	Approved
STEER Court	All Rise Conference	Training for STEER Court staff inc. Officer Pisk	\$6,000	\$3,000
Laurel PD	DUI OT Patrol	DUI Interdiction	\$1,500	\$1,500
Sheriff's Office	DUI OT Patrol	DUI Interdiction	\$2,500	\$2,500
MT Highway Patrol	DUI Patrol/OT Callout	DUI Interdiction	\$3,000	\$3,000
Total			\$13,000	\$10,000

Monty made a motion to approve the RFPs with the following amounts: STEER Court \$3,000: Laurel PD \$1,500: Sheriff's Office \$2,500: and MHP \$3,000. Karen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Brandon provided an overview of the Symposium Planning meeting. He attended the North Dakota conference and reported that it was an informative event, and he made several contacts for potential presenters for our event. He will be reimbursed for \$173.21 for fuel costs, as approved at the May meeting. The ND event was for law enforcement only. Darla will send the PDF of the North Dakota schedule and speaker info along with the meeting minutes. Brandon noted that AAA was the sponsor of the ND lunch; perhaps it is a potential sponsor for our event. The Chair and Coordinator of this event will attend ours and we will compensate them for their registration fee. The group discussed using QR codes to enter questions for panelists/presenters and the emcee reads the question. The group also discussed a potential after-hours comedy event featuring Vinnie Montez and/or Dominic Syracuse. Brandon stated it may be possible for us to have trailer in ND that houses the car that carried 5 victims of a DUI crash brought to the Symposium.

Darla shared that our FY 2027 Strategic Plan is on the Commissioners agenda for approval. A signed copy will be sent with the meeting minutes.

Setup for the Laurel 4th of July parade begins at 10:00 on Saturday, July 4. Contact Haley if you'd like to volunteer.

Kacy is collecting information for apparel through SanMar. Each Task Force member will pay for their own apparel, and the Task Force will pay to have our logo applied.

The Ales for Trails event takes place this year on Friday, August 28. We will have our table and water and potentially swag items along with the interactive spin the wheel game. Darla will send out a volunteer sign up as the time gets closer. Historically, the shifts are 4:00-6:00, 6:00-8:00 and 8:00-10:00 or until the water supply is exhausted. Kevin volunteered to help and Kacy agreed to sponsor the water.

Travis will compile potential options and pricing information for swag items for us to consider at the next meeting.

For New Business items Kevin said that the Montana Law Enforcement Museum is hosting a golf tournament next weekend in Butte. A 4-person team registration is \$100.

Andrew said that STEER & CAMO Court are hosting a golf tournament. Contact Andrew for more information.

The Task Force will consider the Coordinator contract at the July meeting. The current contract runs through November 30.

Brandon asked for a motion to adjourn. Andrew made a motion to adjourn. Kevin seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.