



Yellowstone County DUI Task Force
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Yellowstone County DUI Task Force AOD Symposium Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2026

Present: Andy Beach, Kevin Holland, Brandon Ihde, Monty Wallis, Ben Milam, Bob Drake, Andrew Loken, Haley Swan, Travis Syvester, Darla Tyler-McSherry.

Brandon called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

It is noted that a correction is needed for the June meeting minutes. It should read Robert Hayes from NHTSA may be able to serve as a potential presenter for the 2027 AOD Symposium.

The group discussed the logo options that were viewed via email. The group confirmed that Choice A with the mountains is the most popular choice. We will add both dates and get this promotion out as a Save the Date post for Facebook and Instagram and have on our www.ycdutaskforce.com website as a placeholder until we are able to add content.

Darla shared information regarding costs for Pub Station rental for an after-hours event. A suggestion was made to look into the Red Door on the west end as well as the DoubleTree.

The group discussed options for Vinnie Montez. His costs are \$5,000 plus expenses for 1 night and \$6,000 plus expenses for 2 nights. The group determined we are interested in trying to secure him for an Opening keynote and mental health breakout session on one day. Darla will follow up and report back.

The group discussed sponsorship options and agreed upon the following:

Platinum Level=\$5,000

Gold Level = \$2,500

Silver Level = \$1,000

Bronze Level= \$500

Friend of the Task Force= \$250

The group agreed that the Early Bird Registration is \$250. The deadline for Early Bird is Friday, February 12. The price afterwards is \$350 per person, and Day of Event cost is \$375.

At this point, we are moving forward in keeping the event schedule as the 2025 schedule.

Darla will reach out to Sgt. Haskell from West Fargo for his presentations on Cannabis and the SRO and Drug Indicators for the Patrol Cop. Brandon saw him present at the North Dakota conference.

It was suggested to have a presentation on healthcare workers and drug use and subsequent impaired driving. Monty volunteered to follow up.

We will have the following three (3) tracks available, though participants can attend any session of their choice: law enforcement, treatment, and prevention.

Darla will also reach out to the law enforcement personnel from Seattle who presented on HGN at the North Dakota conference.

We agreed to have a panel on Day 1 that will focus on “the state of the state”. Darla will follow up with Karen on Rocky Herron availability. Andy offered to present on Excited Delirium and can submit paperwork to get POST credit approval. Darla will follow up with Jenna and Karen on presenters for cannabis and impaired driving. Other suggested topics included: a high-profile case study, a presenter from the Crime Lab on what substances they are seeing in DUIs, and Stacy Zinn.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.



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Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes July 22, 2026

Present: Andy Beach, Kevin Holland, Brandon Ihde, Monty Wallis, Ben Milam, Bob Drake, Andrew Loken, Haley Swan, Travis Sylvester, Brennen Plucker, Brandon Gatlin Sam Atwood, Kacy Keith, Monty Wallis, Shaun Pisk, Jenna Solomon, Darla Tyler-McSherry. **Excused:** Kent O'Donnell, Sam Morris, Gabby Thompson.

Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

The Task Force received a nice hand-written thank you card from Mike Yakawich for our support for the March Against Drugs and Violence.

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

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

Members received the current budget reports via email. It is noted our current balance includes approximately \$2,200 we received as a portion of unused funds from other counties that do not have active DUI Task Forces. No questions were brought forward at this time.

Travis provided the social media report. There was a strong push of messages around the 4th of July, as part of the "100 Deadliest Days on the Road" campaign. They are working on content for Back-To-School campaigns as well as specific messages to appeal to the hunting community and the upcoming football season, too.

Haley reported an excellent turnout for the Laurel 4th of July parade. Haley and Brennen had their vehicles in the parade to represent the Task Force. Brandon and Haley hung our large banner at the Laurel Underpass. Travis will order another regular-sized logoed banner.

Brandon provided an update on Symposium planning progress. The Task Force voted to use the logo featuring mountains. Travis will get the Save the Date message out as soon as possible. We are currently reaching out to speakers including some people who presented at the North Dakota conference. The Planning Committee agreed on the following sponsorship levels: Platinum \$5,000; Gold \$2,500; Silver \$1,000; Bronze \$500 and Friends

of the Task Force \$250. Brennen stated that the state DRE Coordinator may be able to conduct a presentation.

The Ales for Trails event is Friday, August 28 at the Zoo. Darla will have a sign-up sheet circulating soon and/or have one at the August 20 meeting. Volunteers will have the opportunity to work 2-hour shifts in exchange for free admission. Kacy agreed to provide bottled water, and Andy will man the First Aid station next to our table. We will have the interactive Spin-The-Wheel game, our BAC spin charts, candy, and bottled water.

Our Strategic Plan was approved by the County Commissioners and submitted to the state. We will not know the status of our request for PILT funds to help support the Symposium for approximately another month.

Travis provided the Task Force with some potential options for promotional products. The group decided we are most interested in having logoed car windshield sunshades. Sam made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 for sunshades. Andy seconded the motion. Motion approved. Travis will move forward with these two (2) steps: 1) provide a design for the Task Force to consider; and 2) provide pricing information (quantity) and timeline.

The deadline for ordering products from www.sanmar.com for logoed apparel is July 31. Each Task Force member will pay for their own apparel, and the Task Force will pay to have our logo applied. This is a voluntary project.

The Coordinator contract discussed was tabled until the August meeting.

Brandon asked for a motion to adjourn. Kacy motioned to adjourn. Andy seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.