Yellowstone County DUI Task Force
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Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2026

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

Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

Members received the September meeting minutes via email. Monty motioned for approval without changes. Bob seconded. Motion approved.

Members received the latest budget reports via email. No questions were brought forward.

Travis was not able to attend today's meeting and provide a social media report.

Brandon asked for any new Disclosures for Conflicts of Interest. None were reported.

Applications for the January-June 2027 RFP cycle are due November 1. The applications must address the following three conditions: 1) confirmation that the activity/project takes place in Yellowstone County; 2) there is a clear nexus between the activity/project and DUI, whether interdiction, treatment, or prevention, and 3) include a detailed budget. Applications can be sent to dtylermcsherry@hotmail.com or mailed to PO Box 20982, Billings, MT. 59104. Late applications will not be accepted.

The Angel Tree/Award of Merit takes place on Thursday, December 17 at noon. Since the Courthouse is undergoing renovations, the usual ceremony site is not available. Darla had a conversation with the contact at the County to find an alternative location. He is currently exploring the lobby of the Ostlund Building. Members also expressed interest in having at located at City Hall, as there are County offices in that building. Monty will contact the City for ceremony space as well as an area for lunch. We will need space on that day from about 10:30-1:30.

The Award of Merit nomination letters are due November 1, and can be sent to dtylermcsherry@hotmail.com or PO Box 20982, Billings, MT. 59104.

Darla and Brandon will coordinate with Cameron for names of DUI victims to be included in this year's ceremony.

The group discussed the holiday media campaign. Monty made a motion to approve up to $5,000 for this project, which includes both radio and TV. We will use our existing PSA. Brennen seconded. Motion approved.

This year's Holiday Parade takes place on Friday, November 27. The theme is "Christmas Under the Big Sky." Haley agreed to serve as point for this project. Registration fees are due by November 12. Monty made a motion to approve up to $300 to support this event. Bob seconded. Motion approved.

Brandon provided an update on the Symposium planning process. The schedule is almost completely filled. We want to conduct a big promotional push before the end of the year to help entice participants to register prior to the February 12 Early Bird Deadline.

We received a Letter of Interest from Beth Allen at Rimrock Foundation. Brandon read her Letter of Interest at the meeting, and confirmed she also completed the Qualtrics form. Both of those documents will be attached to the October meeting minutes, and voting will take place at the November meeting.

Brandon asked for a motion to adjourn. Brennen made a motion to adjourn. Sheriff O'Donnell seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM.