



Yellowstone County DUI Task Force  
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**Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes**  
**July 17, 2025**

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

Brandon called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.

Members received the June meeting minutes via email prior to the meeting. Andy motioned to approve the minutes without corrections. Andrew seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Brandon asked for any new Conflicts of Interest to report. None were reported. Travis stated we are current and complete with the annual signatures of the Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics document we sign via DocuSign.

Members received the latest budget reports via email prior to the meeting. No questions were brought forward at this time. Darla reported that according to County Finance figures, our Symposium revenue totaled \$39,060.91. Our total expenses were \$27,765.23. This yielded a net revenue of \$11,295.68.

Travis provided the social media report. We have a presence on Facebook, Instagram, Google, YouTube, and some Snapchat. The Sylvestri team utilizes six-second bumper rolls on YouTube. Their creative team continues to do well, and they have added another team member. The campaigns are split around 50% for alcohol, 30% for marijuana, and 20% for opioids and Kratom. It was discussed to bridge our Community 7 shows over to YouTube. Travis and Darla will coordinate efforts.

Haley and Brandon provided a recap of the Laurel 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. There were about 80 entries, and the route took some floats about 1 ½ hours to complete. There was a good community presence. The Task Force has approved a budget of \$300, and only somewhere

of \$60-\$80 were spent. Brandon and Haley coordinated with the railroad to hang our banners at the railroad underpass.

We are waiting to hear from the County Attorney's office regarding the Task Force's interest in hosting a Green Lab. Travis stated if we are able to host such an event, he believes there would be a strong interest in law enforcement personnel from Wyoming for this type of training. We will continue to have this on the monthly agenda until we get clear guidance and explore opportunities to host.

The March Against Drugs and Violence took place last weekend and was well attended. Jenna and Andrew attended on behalf of the Task Force.

The Ales for Trails event takes place on Friday, September 5. The Task Force agreed to have our table and provide free bottled water, have interactive educational games, and offer free BAC calculator wheels. We will utilize our stand-up banner. Darla will contact Kacy about having donated bottled water.

Brandon was approached about the Task Force participating in the Safe Kids Day at Montana Fair on August 9. Andrew and Darla indicated interest. Darla will send an email with time slots and people are to respond by Sunday, July 20 so that Brandon can let the organizers know whether we have the manpower to support this project.

For New Business, Andy reported that a total of \$625 was raised to support Brennen in his recent accident. These funds are personal donations, and no Task Force funds were used.

Brandon reported that Cole Catlin is resigning from the County Attorney's office to pursue other projects. The County Attorney's Office will designate a new person for this role, and they will complete the application process.

Travis stated he has an extra black and white printer he is willing to donate to the DUI Processing Center. He will coordinate with Darla to store it with other Task Force supplies until it is needed.

Darla will bring other Task Force supplies/products to the next meeting, including pencils, stickers, BAC calculators and the PPE kits.

Travis stated Bridgemont submitted a grant application for law enforcement mental health. It would be a capacity building grant and provide trainings and support. It would be a 2-year project. On behalf of the Task Force, Darla wrote a letter of support.

Brandon stated that since search warrants can be issued for blood on suspected first offense DUIs, the County Attorney's office has asked if the Task Force may be able to help

support with the selection of randomization for judges to contact. Travis stated their team can probably help with this process.

Travis shared information about the process for applying for opioid settlement funds through a grant application. He suggested the Task Force apply as a group vs. individual departments doing so. We could use funds to help support some of the RFP work we currently support, i.e., DRE callouts. The group agreed to move forward with this process. Travis will send Darla information about the link and application. Task Force members are asked to get a verbal commitment from their organization's leadership by the August meeting.

Kacy extended a wedding invitation to Task Force members for her August 16 date, which includes a motorcycle ride up the pass. Contact Kacy directly for more information.

Brandon asked for a motion to adjourn. Sam Atwood motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sam Morris seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.