



Yellowstone County DUI Task Force
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Yellowstone County DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes May 15, 2025

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

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

Members received the April meeting minutes via email. Kevin motioned to approve the April meeting minutes without changes. Jenna seconded. Motion approved.

Brandon asked for any new Disclosures for Conflicts of Interest. None were brought forward at this time. Travis will send the Annual Disclosure of Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics via email for signature via Docusign. This will align the process with the upcoming submission of the annual Strategic Plan.

Members received the latest budget reports via email. We are waiting for final expenses and revenues to come through for the Symposium. Darla will check with County Finance if we are able to direct some funds as seed money for future Symposiums or similar events.

Travis provided the social media update. They will utilize the theme of the 100 Deadliest Days on the Road for the summer season. They will also tilt more of the messaging to approximately 60% towards alcohol, approximately 25% to marijuana, and approximately 15% to other drugs. They will also post messaging concerning high school and college graduations.

Brandon provided an overview of the previous hour's Symposium debriefing. Final event expenses and revenue are not in, and we hope to have those final numbers at the June meeting. Travis sent a total of \$18,665.91 from the online registration and online sponsorships to County Finance. Travis stated the completed feedback surveys (N=16) produced an average of 4.7 out of 5.0 stars.

We acknowledged the extra effort from Ryan and Kayla Hutton of Extract Ed. Their flight was cancelled, and they were concerned the next flight would not get them here in time. They decided to make an 18-hour drive so that Ryan could conduct his presentation. The group noted and appreciated their above-and-beyond efforts to help us produce a quality event.

From this discussion, the group wishes to further explore utilizing Extract Ed's experience in conducting a green lab event. Ryan Hutton from Extract Ed is very experienced in delivering this training and his company can assume liability. Brennen will check with the state DRE Coordinator to gauge interest, as DREs need this training for their certification. The group is interested in potentially hosting an event in 2026 between Symposium years. Brennen will follow up with the State DRE Coordinator, and Brandon, Darla, and Travis will coordinate efforts to compile information to share with the Commissioners to inform, educate, and gauge their interest and support. An idea presented is to use Symposium revenue to help fund the event. Follow-up will be provided at the June meeting.

Applications for the July-December 2025 RFP cycle are due June 1. They must include the following: 1) confirmation the event/project takes place in Yellowstone County; 2) demonstrate a clear nexus between the activity/project and DUI, whether through interdiction, treatment, prosecution, or prevention, and 3) provide a detailed budget.

The 2025-2026 Strategic Plan is due June 1. Brandon, Travis, and Darla are working on this project.

In the New Business section of the meeting, Karen shared that on May 30, the Mental Health Center will announce and celebrate its name change to Bridgemont.

The June meeting will begin at 11:30 AM to accommodate the RFP review and vote process. Lunch will be provided.

Brandon asked for a motion to adjourn. Andy made a motion to adjourn. Kevin seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.