



**Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition **General** Meeting Minutes  
Meridian Police Department  
November 17, 2016**

**General Meeting Attendees (26):** Kendall Nagy, Katie Barnes, Stephany Galbreath, James Rawson, Michelle Steeler, Bethany Gadzinski, Jeff Crabtree, Mary Liz Jones, David Gomez, Kristy Schmidt, Ginny Gobel, Chaksm Haidari, Lisa Hevern, Howard Davis, Brandon Frasier, Roeky DeTwiler, Earl Scharff, Scott Colaianni, Taylor Hill, Rachel Winter, Kathlene Bailey, Gina Huang, Ann Pardew-Peck, Jason Zelus, Natalie Marti, Jeannie Buschine

TIME	SPEAKER & AGENDA ITEM(S)	ACTION & PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
4:00	Katie Barnes, Prevention Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome &amp; Introductions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sign-in sheet signed by all attendees</li> </ul>
4:03	Stephany Galbreath, MADC Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Minutes: Motion by Monte Stiles, Second by Mary Liz Jones, All approved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• motion and vote to approve minutes</li> </ul>
4:05	SRO Update: Officer Gomez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Meridian high school has over 40 violations so far this year. Acid tablets are being crushed and put in Gatorade at school. They are \$10 a tab and easy to conceal in phone cases. CBD oil, as the kids refer to it (which is actually Honey Butane Oil), is becoming more common within high schools as well. Kids are vaping these oils, which have high levels of THC in them. Anyone under the age of 21 in possession or under the influence of alcohol has changed from a misdemeanor to an infraction. This infraction is a \$487.50 ticket, due within three weeks vs a misdemeanor which typically takes 6+ months. With this infraction, there are instant ramifications for those in possession of or under the influence of alcohol before the age of 21 versus the current misdemeanor charges given for those smoking or in possession of marijuana. West Ada School District Drug Policy for any drug charge, requires a weeklong in school suspension and multiple drug classes (per administration recommendations).</li> <li>• Officer Gomez's next presentation on Internet safety is December 6th at Sawtooth Middle School @6:30pm.</li> </ul>	
4:15	Monte Stiles, Marijuana Policy Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a culture we have lost faith in Law Enforcement and the education system, thus large businesses are taking advantage of the ability to manipulate people. During the 60's and 70's there was a change in society. The mentality was "everything goes" with increased</li> </ul>	

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	<p>acceptance of substance use. By the 80's society decided they had enough of the substance abuse, starting a decade of strong drug prevention efforts. This made a significant impact; drug abuse with High Schoolers dropped 50% within that decade. Drug education works and changes society's norms. The drug legalization movement started in California in 1996. This began the mentality of "accepting the drug culture." The commercialization of pot has pushed this agenda of legalization and is picking up steam with all the money they have been gaining.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• States MA, NV, and CA all approved recreational use of marijuana during the election. Drug prevention advocates have used the wrong strategies to fight this continuing issue; it is now a political battle not a matter of prevention education. All of this is changing the culture and nature of drug prevention. There is less support from the public towards drug prevention efforts. Though this is a political issue, it's important that we understand why we do what we do to help impact the community. An idea to help further our drug prevention efforts: work with businesses in ID to put out a national campaign discussing "Come to ID with your business, where marijuana isn't legal." Marijuana use is not a victimless crime.</li> <li>• NV changed their campaign prior to the election when polls indicated their approach was not working: 67% support of legalizing marijuana down to 52% in six weeks with their new politically focused prevention campaign. There are models of drug prevention campaigns that work. ID is behind compared to where we should be with not allowing marijuana legalization to pass. Youth are a key feature for our efforts. Monte suggests we work on focusing our efforts with building our youth membership.</li> </ul>	
4:50	<p>Kendall Nagy, MADC Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Ribbon Week: 28 schools coordinated with MADC with over 17 presentations and over 2,000 students presented to.</li> <li>• DEA RX Take-Back &amp; Crime Stoppers Shred Event: 581lbs were collected; up from 98 lbs last spring.</li> <li>• Reality Party: MADC and DFI each host one Reality Party a year to further impact the entire Treasure Valley; we had 39 attendees which is comparable to Meridian's Population and past years of attendance. Survey results will be presented during the next MADC meeting.</li> </ul>	

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City Council Update: Kendall gave the annual update to council on MADC's efforts.</li></ul> |  |
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<b>5:00pm Meeting Adjourned. Thank you for being an active part of MADC, working to prevent substance abuse in our community!</b>		
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