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23 ATTENDEES: (19 In person) Hailey Blogg, Kendall Nagy, Earl Scharff, Kati Chauvin, Danielle Fanopolous, Bernie Zimmerman, Anne Little Roberts, Christy Boyes, Caylee May, Jordan Robinson, Tracy Basterrchea, Jake Cluff, Tia Matlock, Robert Rodriguez, Syler Maben, Brenda Willson, Neven Lusambe, Stacey Pechin, Nic Tran **(4 Zoom)** Lacy Ooi, Rebecca Perl, Heather Allan, Erin Bennett

TIME	SPEAKER AGENDA ITEMS	NOTES
4:00	Kendall Nagy, Director: Additions to Agenda? Welcome & Introductions Chief Basterrechea: kratom legislation	<p>(all) sign-in, introductions (Tracy) Senator Tammy Nicols proposed a bill that would regulate Kratom and was held in committee. Then, we were trying to get someone to carry a Kratom scheduling bill, but could not find anyone until Representative Pohanka got a Kratom schedule bill printed. Tia testified and did a great job. Tammy Nichols is bringing back her bill on 3/20 to reintroduce a new bill. (Tia) Once her bill is printed, how do they decide what committee it goes to? (Tracy) It stays in the committee where she proposed it. She is bringing a different bill; the difference will be the age and maybe a couple of restrictions. Chief's Fraternal Order of Police, the Sheriff's Association, and Prosecuting Attorney's Office will all oppose it. If we all support or oppose something you'd think that it would matter but it doesn't appear to. (Tia) On her original bill, it was not allowing cities to vote. It was a statewide law. (Tracy) Idaho is very good at that. We do not want the federal government telling us what to do but we want to tell the cities what to do. (Tia) Spokane City banned it too. (Tracy) We will continue the fight, if the bills die this year and we will run a better bill next year. It took us almost 4 years for the fentanyl trafficking mandatory minimum bill to pass. (Kati) What are the restrictions? (Tracy) Age, no personal cause of action, could not sue a Kratom distributor if something happens to you. They want the natural leaf legal and they want 7OH banned. For us working in law enforcement, it is a nightmare. (Kati) Is there true testing for the difference between 7OH and kratom? (Tracy) We have not asked those questions. (Tia) I asked the coroner, there is no way to tell post-mortem because the body converts mitragynine to 7-OH when it metabolizes the plant. (Anne) At the Millenium Health dinner, the doctor shared you cannot tell the difference. Kratom builds up in the body. (Tracy) It is like any other drug, the longer you take, the more you develop dependency on it. (Anne) If you take it today, 7 days from now it will still show up. If you take it every day it is still building up in the body.</p>
4:10	Hailey Blogg, Secretary: 2/19/26 General Meeting Minutes vote (sent out via email) multiple updates	<p>(Secretary) record attendees, take minutes; special attention to action items & votes (all) vote to amend or approve minutes- motion, second, all in favor, anyone opposed? (Hailey) 1st - Kati, 2nd – Anne. All in favor. IY-LCA Update: selected a group's campaign for potential content. Theme is "Stay true, stay you." CADCA NCA: Week 2 completed, working on the final products. Emergency Preparedness Event: Crime Prevention attended and distributed Parent Prevention Packets and Operation Parent Handbooks. Heritage MS: presented to 2 classes, reaching 66 students. Discussed Natural Highs and some drug stats. Millennium Health Data Presentation: Anne and Caylee went to a similar presentation so I will let them share what they learned. Volunteer Opportunities: April 7th, Lewis & Clark MS 2 volunteers needed for Natural High booth during lunches 11:15 – 1:25. (Brenda) I can volunteer, please send calendar invite. (Hailey) West Ada School District (WASD)</p>



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		<p>Parent Night: 4/14, need at least one person to help with HIPS trailer 5-8:30. Danielle, Robert, and Brenda offered to assist. Rx Take-back April 25th: registered with DEA and working with Jordan on promo materials. Thank you to Terry Reilly for donating resources and helping fill resource bags. If anyone else would like to help with resource bag assembly, it will be Thursday April 2nd at 3PM. Jake will help.</p>
<p>4:25</p>	<p>Rebecca Perl, American Heart Association: Smoke free ordinance</p>	<p>(Rebecca) Community Advocacy Director for the State of Idaho, and would like to establish Meridian as a fully smoke-free community to protect people from exposure and 2nd hand smoke. This includes traditional tobacco and e-cigarettes. The evidence shows there is no safe secondhand consumption. Children and workers experience some of the highest levels of secondhand smoke exposure. Smoke-free policies are one of the biggest ways to make sure these communities are protected. Strong support for healthy environments. As of now, protections are inconsistent. Protection does not include harm from aerosols (electronic cigarettes). So, what is a smoke free ordinance? It addresses gaps that creates a city law to ensure all public places are free from tobacco smoke and aerosol admissions. It creates clear expectations for the public and levels playing field. Meridian values smoke-free spaces, the ordinance addresses gaps that harm families and workers. I am hoping that you will support a smoke-free ordinance in Meridan. This is a public health responsibility. Please contact me with any questions. (Earl) Is this ordinance going to say anything about standing out the front doors. Is there a safe space addressed in it? (Rebecca) No draft yet, with the support of MADC we can start working on the ordinance. (Earl) Will there be a minimum distance from businesses defined in the bill? (Anne) What is the current ordinance? (Kendall) I believe it's city parks only. (Anne) Nothing on entrances? (Kendall) Not that I know of. (Erin) I worked on trying to get a smoke-free ordinance with Meridian in 2015. With the changes at state level and usage, it is a good time to bring this back up. There is drafted language from other cities. Usually it's around 25 ft from those entrances. (Kati) I am in full support of this; we need to consider what normalizes the behavior of smoking/vaping. 316 tobacco/vape shops permitting, 61 are in close proximity to a school. These are factors to consider when looking at this. (Rebecca) This is the foundational step for Tobacco Free Communities, other ways to prevent youth from vapes/flavored tobacco. It gives us a platform to work on those issues. Please contact me if interested. Any further questions please reach out. (Brenda) When you say normalize it for youth, can you give me an example? (Kati) Main way youth see advertisements is from retail shops. That is the most common way, not from social media. Normalizing use, evidence-based prevention we don't want to show the device or the product. When they see the device, it can be a trigger for them. It normalizes use. Teaching in the classroom that most youth are not vaping or using these products. (Brenda) By limiting how close to a building, it would limit exposure. (Jake) Is there a carve out for businesses, for example the Vault? (Anne) I think the reason it got excluded, when you walk into the vault to know you're going to be hit in the face with smoke. (Jake) That would have to be exempt from the ordinance. (Anne) We could exclude cigar shops as a separate business from that ordinance. (Kendall) There is a bill H0817 being heard in the legislature that relates to tobacco products. It would amend Idaho law related to tobacco products and cigars,</p>



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		revising provisions governing the sale of cigars and updating statutory language related to tobacco product regulation.
4:20	<p>Executive Committee, Sector Representatives (SRs)</p> <p>Kati, Government SR: multiple updates</p> <p>Earl, Parent SR: newsletter updates</p> <p>Robert, Law Enforcement SR: IPSC, MVHS presentations</p> <p>Susie, Civic SR: absent</p> <p>Caylee, Youth SR: MVHS iDFY updates</p> <p>Yoonwa & Tiffany, School SR: absent</p> <p>Jordan, Media SR: Ch. 7 Interview, Rx Take-back</p> <p>Brenda, Youth Serving SR:</p>	<p>SR Action Items: help secure a sponsor for movie night</p> <p>(Kati) Idaho Prevention and Support conference (IPSC): Hailey and I are going to be presenting on caffeine and nicotine pouches. Central District Health (CDH) provided 15 scholarships. Officer Rodriguez was a recipient as well as some folks from WASD. iDFY Youth Summit is opening up for summer in June. CDH will be providing 15 scholarships for youth to apply. Pop-up event on April 1st. IY-LCA: excellent partnership with WASD. I teach in the classroom, and the students create media content for us. “Breath Easy” is the theme again, it resonates with youth. Idaho Public TV: PSA contest can win up to \$10k due April 17th. CDH: Motivational Interviewing Training, great is you are working with people in treatment and recovery.</p> <p>(Earl) Sending out newsletter content to various private schools. Sent out a request for feedback. The feedback received was on how to get info to them. They suggested using a shared document. If we have one central place, we aren’t sure if they will get it or send it out. If we send it directly to each school contact, at least we know they are getting it.</p> <p>(Robert) At the end of this month, I’ll be teaching in Life Skills classes with Hailey and Dawn Tolan. Next month IPSC, looking forward to that.</p> <p>(Susie) National Virtual School Assembly on Fentanyl Awareness April 7th at 11am</p> <p>(Caylee) Mountain View Highschool iDFY: attended the first event, had about 77 people come up to the booth and had 3 people sign up for the MADC newsletter. iDFY also had our 2nd lunch meeting, 10 people came. Talking about next year and some of them are looking for a leadership role. I attended the Millenium Health Dinner with Anne, which I’ll let her share more on.</p> <p>(Yoonwa & Tiffany) Parent Night April 14th at 6PM</p> <p>(Jordan) Chief Ch. 7 Kratom Interview. Working with Hailey on Media Release for the Spring Rx Take-back. I was on the way down to this meeting and one of the sergeants said Ketamine is on the rise, I will touch base once I hear more. (Kendall) Yes, through Ketamine clinics. (Danielle) It has changed ways to do the drugs, like through a nasal spray. (Kati) Sidenote there is a nose vape too. (Brenda) Ketamine treatments, the person using is supposed to be supervised but who knows if that is happening. (Danielle) A lot of people are not doing it for medical reasons. (Jordan) I’ll meet with the sergeant and discuss wich trends he’s seeing. (Hailey) I’d love to be included on that. I wanted to shout out Jordan and give her an additional thank you. She has been super helpful with MADC content and promos.</p> <p>(Brenda) Region 4 Behavioral Health Board (R4BHB) update. We were told that this bill is going to dissolve the regional behavioral health boards. The governor signed it and it was effective immediately. We were getting ready to provide funding. All the boards were shut down automatically. There are no more boards, they were</p>



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	<p>Jake, Religious SR: Danielle, Substance Misuse SR: Anne, Business SR:</p> <p>Open Position, Healthcare Sector Representative</p>	<p>dissolved on Tues. Department of Health and Welfare (H&W) allowed us to have one more meeting to decide what we are going to do. It is a very disturbing bill. The emergency clause was the shocker. We thought we'd have time to work with the community. Now the question is what are we going to do? All those organizations receiving funding, what are they going to do now? I am very sorry for them. We will have a meeting next month to discuss options. Thank you for all your support. (Kendall) Thank you for the update. We'll have to expand our communication and networking. You had a full board, you had quorums, and work was getting done. Are there any suggestions for alternative options? What about the health districts? MADC partners with CDH so much, is there a way to work together? Maybe we can enhance that partnership and work together more. (Brenda) Conversations happened last week, I am happy to continue. We no longer have the support from H&W. They provided people to help take notes. As the Chair, I can't do it all. They would help. We don't need them to do the work, but what is going to be the reason why we do it? I have another contact who is willing to add people to her meeting. Any collaboration would be great. Any support is great. \$105,000 is what this is saving the state in the scheme of things. (Jake) The state can fix this but they don't want to say they made the wrong call 2 years ago.</p> <p>(Jake) No updates, tracking legislative stuff.</p> <p>(Danielle) No updates.</p> <p>(Anne) Attended the Millenium Health Signal Report dinner and learned about all different types of data. Presented as nationwide, Idaho is looped in on the west coast. Trend that Fentanyl and Meth are inverse, if one goes down the other one goes up. Asked what would happen if Kratom is banned. (Danielle) If you want Kratom data he will show you data. He did a whole presentation with us. If you want specific data, they will get it to us. (Caylee) The presenter was very knowledgeable, and I learned a lot of new things. Interesting perspectives. (Kendall) Do you have an example? (Caylee) For example, safe injection sites and drugs being prescribed by doctors. (Kati) It is hard to understand those studies in other countries. What is causing homelessness? There are a lot of factors that contribute to that. (Danielle) Housing first approach. In Norway they made sure all the basic needs were met first and you didn't have to stop using until they were. Then, since their needs were met, people were coming off drugs. (Jake) I think of Seattle's spots.</p> <p>Open Position</p>
<p>4:45</p>	<p>Kendall: WASD Drug Free Signs, Legislative Updates</p>	<p>(all) help secure a sponsor for movie night, monitor legislation (Kendall) WASD asked for the last of the Drug Free School zone signs we had in stock for Star Middle School. More legislative updates, here are some prevention related bills with movement: H0879, industrial hemp referencing the farm bill from 2018. H0817, tobacco products bill, specific to tobacco and cigars, some movement this last week, H0864, Kratom ban, H0830, Kratom ban no movement. H0777 Uniformed Controlled Substances almost made it through the process, updates Schedule 1 Controlled Substances. (Kati) With that one, would the state then update</p>



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		<p>marijuana if it was re-scheduled? (Kendall) Good question, if federal law changes states typically update statutes to align. (Jake) I will check on the rescheduling of marijuana H0777. (Kendall) SB1301, Beer, revising provisions from licensed brewers. H0542 harms from addictive social media, filed for a second reading at senator state affairs committee. (Hailey) Please vote for MADC Volunteer of the year and take the MADC Annual Satisfaction Survey. (Anne) No fiscal impact, that is the state only. There are several bills that will have a fiscal impact on a city level. (Jake) Marijuana is still Schedule 1 federally. I didn't track the executive order; so I am not sure how that works.</p>
4:50	Open Discussion	<p>Learn More: Idaho Prevention and Support Conference April 8-10th CDH Family Night April 10th @ 6PM National Virtual School Assembly on Fentanyl Awareness April 7th at 11am Monte Stiles on the Ranch Podcast: Substance Abuse In Idaho</p>
5:00pm Adjourn Meeting		Next MADC Meeting April 16, 2026 at 4PM