



**MERIDIAN ANTI-DRUG COALITION**  
**STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY**

**MINUTES:** Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition General Meeting  
 Meridian Police Department, Media Room or \*Zoom  
 1401 E Watertower St, Meridian, ID 83642  
 May 21, 2026 | 4-5PM

**24 ATTENDEES** (19 In person) Hailey Blogg, Kati Chauvin, Anne Little Roberts, Jake Cluff, Brenda Willson, Danielle Fanopoulos, Caylee May, Bernie Zimmerman, Yoonwa Sachaeo, Cheryl Mulvihill, Tia Rustici, Katherine Holderness, Stephanie May, Nick Tran, Syler Maben, Trevor Weitzel, Charles May, Leslie May, John May (5 Zoom) Josh, Chris, Matt Pierce, Pat, M

| TIME        | SPEAKER   AGENDA ITEMS   | NOTES  |
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|             | <b>Kati Chauvin: filling in as Secretary</b>   | <b>(Secretary)</b> record attendees, special attention to action items & votes   |
| <b>4:00</b> | <b>Hailey Blogg, Director:</b> Additions to Agenda?   Welcome & Introductions   <a href="#">4/16/26 General Meeting Minute</a> vote (sent out via email) | <b>(all)</b> vote to amend or approve minutes- motion, second, all in favor, anyone opposed? 1st – Caylee. 2nd – Jake. All in favor. <b>(Hailey)</b> Sergeant Trevor Weitzel will be today’s guest speaker and he will be discussing a Drug Recognition Expert’s (DRE) perspective on Marijuana and Kratom.  |
| <b>4:05</b> | <b>Sergeant Trevor Weitzel, Meridian Police Department, Drug Recognition Expert: Guest Speaker</b>   | <b>(Sgt. Weitzel)</b> When looking at these substances, we want to see what is happening locally and what is currently happening in our community. For marijuana, Idaho is one of the last standing states where marijuana is completely illegal. Pretty much every state surrounding Idaho marijuana is legalized. You can drive 45 minutes up the road to Treasure Valley Cannabis Company which is in Ontario, OR and purchase marijuana products. Happy Hippo is a business in Meridian, that sells Kratom products. <b>(Leslie)</b> What is Kratom? <b>(Sgt. Weitzel)</b> Kratom is plant that can be made into tea or pills and is a herbal supplement. Kratom hits on the opioid receptors in your brain. I have seen kratom products and on the back of the packaging it states to treat this product like an opioid. Kratom can be modified and can hit on several drug receptors making it like a stimulant in some instances or a depressant. <b>(Danielle)</b> Kratom is worse to detox than heroin. <b>(Sgt. Weitzel)</b> As a Drug Recognition Expert, I am trained to determine if people are under the influence of different types of drugs. There are a few tests to do that. The Walk and Turn Test and Modified Rhomberg Balance are two examples. Typically, if a person is suspected of being under the influence of drugs, a warrant will be obtain for a blood test. Blood results typically do not match with impairment of cannabis use. Cannabis dosing is something that always amazes me. The packaging a lot of times will say ¼ of a gummy. Who eats ¼ of a gummy? Kratom challenges as a DRE, it’s legal, it does not fit into a DRE category, it has different effects – it can be a stimulant or depressant, and it’s perception to natural. The active compound in kratom is mitragynine and it affects the opioid receptors. Common forms are tea, powder, and pills. The side effects can cause addiction, dependence, withdrawal, cardiac arrest, confusion, hallucinations, and |



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|                    |  | <p>mental impairment. 7 Hydroxy (7-OH) is an active metabolite of mitragynine (kratom). It has the nickname of “gas station heroin” and is 13 times more powerful than morphine. Overdose symptoms and naloxone can be effective. Any questions? <b>(Kati)</b> Does Narcan work when used on 7-OH overdoses? <b>(Sgt. Weitzel)</b> Yes in some instances. <b>(Tia)</b> What are the signs of impaired driving with Kratom? <b>(Sgt. Weitzel)</b> It’s going to look like heroin and fentanyl in high doses such as nodding, falling asleep, reactions are slower. Low doses would be like caffeine use such as chattery or stimulation. <b>(Tia)</b> How do you determine kratom DUI? <b>(Sgt. Weitzel)</b> Field sobriety tests and blood tests which can be by consent or search warrant. It can take a couple of weeks to get results. <b>(Tia)</b> How much is the blood test? <b>(Sgt. Weitzel)</b> Not sure, the defendant would get a fee but highly doubt it’s the same amount that the test costs. <b>(Kati)</b> Would the blood test differ between kratom and 7OH? <b>(Sgt. Weitzel)</b> The blood test only picks up the percentage of mitragynine, but you couldn’t articulate if it’s kratom or 7-OH. <b>(Leslie)</b> Why is kratom legal? <b>(Jake)</b> Reach out to your legislators. Is there anything we can do to help law enforcement? What can we do to advocate for law enforcement? <b>(Sgt. Weitzel)</b> I don’t want to see a nanogram level for cannabis be implemented in DUI statutes. Colorado (anything over 5 nanograms is a DUI), our code right now says if you are under the influence and unsafe to operate a vehicle then that is a DUI (it isn’t quantifiable). Video is way better to show to a jury. <b>(Hailey)</b> No questions online. Any further questions, please <a href="#">email</a>.</p> |
| <p><b>4:40</b></p> | <p><b>Executive Committee, Sector Representatives (SRs)</b><br/> <b>Caylee, Youth SR:</b> multiple updates</p> <p><b>Kati, Government SR:</b> Parent Night 5/11 Update, Cessational Summer events</p> <p><b>Susie, Civic SR:</b> absent</p> <p><b>Anne, Business SR:</b> Kratom Update</p> | <p><b>SR Action Items: 2026-2027 Goals</b></p> <p><b>(Caylee)</b> Mountain View Idaho Drug Free Youth (IDFY), Kati came in and did a youth focus marketing group and they gave honest feedback. It was fun and good to hear others’ ideas. Hailey and I presented at Idaho Power to give an overview of MADC and provide resources. I am also looking for a replacement for Youth Sector Representative. <b>(Hailey)</b> Caylee and Syler graduated high school on Monday, congratulations! <b>(Kati)</b> Parent/guardian night was not as heavily attended as usual. Central District Health (CDH) is hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Cessational Summer Challenge for teens. This comes along with some pop-up events at Stella's and Cinemark as well as a Pool Party. Please share our events and if a Natural High Booth wants to attend our pool party on 5/29, that would be fun. <b>(Hailey)</b> Susie wanted to share the ELKS are getting involved in JROTC and Ribbons for Drug Awareness. <b>(Anne)</b> Met with the owners of Happy Hippo they were very nice.</p>   |



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| <p><b>Jake, Religious SR:</b> signature gatherers at Albertsons</p> <p><b>Jordan, Media SR:</b> absent</p> <p><b>Brenda, Youth Serving SR:</b> FYIdaho Health Fair</p> <p><b>Danielle, Substance Misuse SR:</b> Oak Ridge Recovery Open House</p> <p><b>Yoonwa &amp; Tiffany, School SR:</b> End of year data, prep for next year</p> <p><b>Robert, Law Enforcement SR:</b> absent<br/><i>(Open Position, Healthcare SR)</i><br/><i>(Open Position, Parent SR)</i></p> | <p>They have donated \$6k to Senator Nicols who is working to put side boards on Kratom and working against making it illegal. They want kratom legal but not 7-OH, their platform is that kratom has health benefits such as helping people with joint pain. <b>(Jake)</b> Signature gatherers at Albertsons and it does look like they have enough signatures from each district. <b>(Hailey)</b> There have been a couple calls from concerned citizens regarding how aggressive the signature gatherers have been. <b>(Jake)</b> Signature gatherers might approach the conversation with people by stating let's get it on the ballot so we can then have a conversation about it. <b>(Jordan)</b> absent. <b>(Brenda)</b> <a href="#">FYIdaho</a> Mental Health Fair on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Vendors, raffles (Boise Hawks, Wahooz, Roaring Springs), Food, and a Big Yard Sale. The proceeds go to the Boise Brickhouse. <b>(Danielle)</b> <a href="#">Oak Ridge Recovery Open House</a> on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please RSVP. <a href="#">Oak Ridge</a> is now open. <b>(Yoonwa &amp; Tiffany)</b> 9/16 is the Counselor Kickoff Meeting. Will send the violation data sometime in the next week or two. Violations have gone down about 60% in the last two years, so we may see a slight increase or we will level out. Should have the final violation data by next week. <b>(Robert)</b> absent. <b>(Open Positions)</b> <b>(Hailey)</b> Earl is stepping down from the Executive Committee. Earl, thank you for years of support and volunteer efforts. There is an individual interested in the Parent Sector Representative role - Stacey Kolodzick. She is unable to attend the meeting in person today because her son is getting an award at school. Her letter of interest: <i>My name is Stacey Kolodzick, and I'm honored to be here today to express my interest in serving as a Parent Sector Representative for the Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition. First and foremost, I'm a mom of four active kids—two teenagers and two younger boys—who are deeply involved in sports, school, and our community. Like many parents, I'm navigating the realities of raising kids in today's world—where peer pressure, social media, and accessibility to substances are very real challenges. This role isn't just something I'm interested in professionally—it's something I live every single day. Professionally, I bring over 20 years of experience in sales, outreach, and relationship-building, along with a strong background in marketing and community engagement. I've spent my career connecting with people, building trust, and helping guide others toward better decisions—whether in real estate, health &amp; wellness, or community initiatives. I'm also deeply rooted in the Treasure Valley community. Through my work and personal life, I've built meaningful relationships with families, youth, and local organizations. I understand how</i></p> |
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|                    |  | <p><i>important it is to meet people where they are—with empathy, education, and practical support. What draws me to the Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition is the opportunity to be part of something proactive and impactful—to not only raise awareness, but to help create real change for our kids and families. I believe prevention starts at home, but it’s strengthened through community collaboration. As a parent representative, I would bring a voice that is honest, engaged, and solution-focused. I’m passionate about helping parents feel supported, informed, and empowered to have tough conversations and build strong, healthy environments for their children. Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be truly grateful for the opportunity to contribute, learn, and serve alongside this coalition. (Cheryl) How did she hear about MADC? Has she attended meetings in the past? (Hailey) Stacey used to work for Moonlight Mountain Recovery, and she was voted in as the Healthcare Sector Rep. last September. She had let us know shortly after we voted her in that she was leaving Moonlight Mountain to be a stay-at-home mom. She reviews meeting minutes and newsletter information, so she does track MADC. If we’d like to have Stacey as the Parent Sector Representative, I would need a motion. (Danielle) I motion. (Cheryl) 2<sup>nd</sup> (Hailey) All in favor, motion passes. Congratulations Stacey!</i></p> |
| <p><b>4:50</b></p> | <p><b>Hailey:</b> Rx Take-back Day &amp; survey results</p> <p>CADCA Week 3 Training<br/>511 Event<br/>Idaho Power Present<br/>Hillsdale Spring Carnival</p> | <p><b>(Hailey)</b> Spring Rx Take-back Day Survey Results: thank you to the Crime Analysis Unit for the report. The survey was created to anticipate where community members usually drop unused medications. Some highlights: 269 cars drove through, 235 completed surveys. 57% of people responded this was their first time participating in the event. When asked ‘What do you typically do with unused medications,’ 58% drop off at RX event or permanent drop box. That means people are using the resources available in the community. 40% of people responded they keep or hold on to their meds. When asked, ‘Do you store your medications in a locked and secure location?’ 71% said no. Shout out to Central District Health for providing prescription lock boxes. We are able to give those out right away when the answer to that question is ‘no.’ I completed the final week of <a href="#">CADCA National Coalition Academy</a> training, still working on products that are due in August. Attended a tabling event at the 511 store at the Village, 5 people attended our booth and good conversations were had. Idaho Power Presentation, received headcount after meeting – 84 attendees. Thank you for the opportunity Stephanie. Caylee did a great job co-presenting as well. Partnered with the</p>   |



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|                                      | <p>Aug. Guest Speaker Ideas</p> <p><b>Upcoming:</b> <a href="#">Public Works Week Expo 6/4</a>, Youth Academy Presentation 6/11</p> | <p>Meridian Police Department at Hillsdale Elementary School Carnival, over 240 conversations and handed out Operation Parent Handbooks and a variety of resources for parents to help engage in prevention conversations this summer. Working on filling the Anti-Drug Coalition Coordinator/Secretary position. Does anyone have any guest speaker suggestions? In the past we have discussed maybe Interfaith Sanctuary, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or Juvenile Corrections. Also tours, we toured the Coroner’s office in the past and that was educational. If you have any suggestions, please <a href="#">email</a>.</p> |
| <p><b>4:55</b></p>                   | <p><b>Open Discussion:</b> community partner announcements</p>  | <p>(<b>Kati</b>) Youth marketing focus groups and how students provided feedback of needed more realistic often termed scary messaging. Brief discussion around scare tactics vs scary topics and how to market that. (<b>Hailey</b>) As a reminder, the June meeting is cancelled. See you all on July 16<sup>th</sup>.</p>  |
| <p><b>5:00pm</b> Adjourn Meeting</p> |   | <p>May is Mental Health Awareness &amp; Suicide Prevention Month<br/> <b>*June meeting is cancelled, the next MADC meeting is July 16<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>   |