



**Meridian Anti-Drug Coalition General Meeting Minutes  
Meridian Police Department  
July 19, 2018**

**Attendees (24):** Taralynn Kalar, Mike Kislia, Howard Davis, Jane Freund, Nicole Fitzgerald, Bob Strauch, Spencer Martin, Jessy Mitchell, Beth Peshman, Terry Austin, Esmeralda Herrera, Ternel Martinez, Anne Little Roberts, Scott Colaiani, Laura Abbott, John Gonzales, Bob Allison, Lane Ahl, Brandon Frasier, Bernie Wolinski, Monte Stiles, Stephany Galbreath, Kendall Nagy, Cheryl Mulvihill

TIME	SPEAKER & AGENDA ITEMS	NOTES
4:00	Kendall Nagy, Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome &amp; Introductions (sign-in)</li> </ul>
4:03	Stephany Galbreath, Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of June Meeting Minutes (sent out via email)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion by Ternel, Second by Scott, all approved June meeting minutes</li> </ul>
4:05	Guest Speaker: Nicole Fitzgerald, Idaho Office of Drug Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Epidiolex and other updates from ODP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Office of Drug Policy</a> was created in 2007 with the purpose to coordinate substance abuse policy and prevention programs within the state of Idaho.</li> <li>Mission: Implement and Develop strategic action plans and collaborates to reduce drug use and related crime, thereby improving the health and safety of all Idahoans.</li> <li>Vision: An ID that's free from the devastating social, health, and economic consequences of substance abuse.</li> <li>Smaller government agency: Nicole's position is appointed by Governor. There are 5 other employees within the office. In November there will be a new Governor in the state of ID. ODP is considered non-classified staff: theoretically a new administrator could remove ODP; however Nicole doesn't see that happening. Generally everyone understands and agrees the work ODP does plays a critical role in public health for the citizens of Idaho.</li> <li>Priority areas identified by a needs assessment process through the state epidemiologist work group: RX, Marijuana, Alcohol. Additional will be Meth.</li> <li>1.8 million annually for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment</li> <li>1.5 million annually for the Strategic Prevention Framework Grant</li> <li>2.6 million annually for the Partnerships for Success Grant: for the Regional Behavioral Health Boards to implement prevention strategies within their behavioral health efforts.</li> <li>A few other grants specific to opioids and set up 26 permanent drop boxes in retail pharmacies through the millennial fund. Funding for Naloxone for first responders and crises centers. Also using the new funding for an empowerment angle: "What's my risk of taking this?" "What is the plan to taper me off this opioid?"</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marijuana Use: one of a few states that have no marijuana access law. This is been a focus of education for the past four years. Once states have passed a CBD law, the same states see a medicinal marijuana bill and then recreational marijuana legalization.</li> <li>• Idaho Freedom Foundation: openly has said this is an incremental approach to getting marijuana legalized.</li> <li>• Monte: Wayne Hoffman is the Executive Director for the Idaho Freedom Foundation.</li> <li>• Artisanal Cannabidiol (CBD): Schedule 1 Drug. A physician doesn't know specific dosing. Contaminants such as molds or chemicals are also not regulated. There isn't research regarding medication interactions to CBD. Product purity is also a concern, as the labels are traditionally wrong on the THC levels. This industry has not shown that they can be trusted to label their products correctly. This should be a scientist's job.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Epidiolex: FDA Approved June 25, 2018</a>. We have an Expanded Access Program in the State with 33 active patients included in the research of this product. As soon as it's scheduled by the DEA it will harmonize with our scheduled drugs within the ID Board of Pharmacy. The legislature approval will be in 2019.</li> <li>• Unknowns with Epidiolex: We don't know the schedule yet (DEA has 90 days). We don't know the cost yet. We also don't know insurance coverage. Nicole has spoken to all insurers in ID and discussing insurance coverage and that it does go into place ASAP, especially for the Expanded Access Program patients.</li> <li>• 2019 Legislative Session: We will probably see a CBD Legalization bill again. Nicole hasn't heard anything about passing something more comprehensive than CBD, but it's a possibility. Marijuana decriminalization is also something that could be discussed during the next Legislative Session.</li> <li>• Mandatory Minimums: there was a bill last year to get rid of mandatory minimums for drug trafficking. This would impact our partners in law enforcement if this passed. We may also see bills related to opioids: opioid tax on the manufacturer didn't pass, but it may come back. Could see the Tobacco 21 bill come back as well.</li> <li>• ID ranked 33rd among the states and the DC for illicit drug use, the top 20 have legalized marijuana.</li> <li>• Nicole recommends emailing legislators as constituents and voicing your concerns.</li> <li>• Contact: Nicole Fitzgerald (<a href="mailto:nicole.fitzgerald@odp.idaho.gov">nicole.fitzgerald@odp.idaho.gov</a>) for further information.</li> </ul>
4:35	Updates: Staff & Volunteers	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kendall: Association of Idaho Cities Conference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AIC conference last month, some of the drug prevention presentations were recorded. <a href="#">Click here to view videos.</a></li> <li>Kendall had an opportunity to sit down with James Holtzclaw, District 20 Representative. When asked how best to educate legislators he advised <a href="#">constituents should reach out to representatives before</a> the legislature is in session. James does support the efforts of MADC.</li> </ul>
4:37	<p>Member Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kendall Nagy <del>Hailey Arnold</del> – MADC YL Welcome Letter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hailey’s letter (attached) will be included in an information / welcome packet for the new Youth Liaison’s for this new school year. Please give feedback to Kendall if you have any.</li> </ul>
4:40	<p>Cheryl Mulvihill, Anti-Drug Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upcoming Events: Meridian Speedway Breathalyzer Event (Sat) Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> PM   National Night Out (T) Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> PM   CableONE Movie Night (F) Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> PM   Library Senior Fair (F). Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30   Community Block Party Sat. Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>   Recovery Day Breakfast (T) Sept. 18th</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers are needed for Cable One Movie Night August 24<sup>th</sup> and Community Block Party September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please <a href="#">email Cheryl</a> if you or someone you know would like to help out at these fun community events.</li> </ul>
4:50	<p>Open Discussion: additional updates, feedback, ideas, questions, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jane Freund with <a href="#">Al-Anon and Alateen</a>: We work with friends and family of alcoholics. This is a great opportunity for collaboration with MADC. Our research shows that those who become Al-Anon members, 46% have been referred by a medical professional. Meridian only has one Al-Anon meeting and Jane is hoping to have more. She is hoping to build this relationship as we are all in this together.</li> <li>Kendall: suggested Earl and Kathleen may be able to help Jane look into hosting a meeting at ISU as another Meridian meeting place.</li> <li>Monte Stiles: ID is not a legalized state in large part because we have proactively educated the public despite problems with the legislator. Office of Drug Policy and Drug Free Idaho have recently produced two educational products, one of which is a 1 hour documentary called <a href="#">Chronic State</a>. This is a documentary on the impact of marijuana legalization in multiple states. Sidewayz Films created this film with interviews and footage showing the impact and unintended consequences of legalization in neighboring states. At the beginning and end of the film Idaho and the quality of life we are working to protect for all Idaho citizens is highlighted. There were 340 people at the viewing along with legislators. Many came up afterwards and left with new information. We made the</li> </ul>

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		<p>decision to push this out nationally. Kendall will get all the information out and we as a coalition will discuss how we want to share this information throughout our sectors. The second thing that was produced was a State Marijuana Education Program. This is now Live at <a href="http://keepidaho.org">keepidaho.org</a>. We don't know exactly what the budget will be to push this program out to media, but it's ready to go.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kendall: part of what we do is connect resources with people to provide the best outcome. This campaign speaks to the impact of marijuana at the local level and is a tangible resource to use as an education tool for our community. It's very exciting to have this resource thanks to the teams at ODP and DFI.</li></ul>
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**5:03pm Meeting Adjourned**  
**\*Next Meetings August 16<sup>th</sup>: 3pm Coalition Executive Committee | 4pm General (both at Meridian Police Department)**

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