

ADLC DUI Task Force Board Meeting
November 12, 2015 – 10 a.m.
118 E. 7th Street, Suite 2D

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by County Attorney Ben Krakowka.

Roll Call

Board Members in attendance: **Ben Krakowka**, County Attorney; **Joanne Heaney**, Victim's Witness Advocate representative; **Keith Lopez**, Western Montana Mental Health Chemical Addiction Counselor; **Trooper Dave Oliverson**, Montana Highway Patrol; **Patricia Mulvey**, ADLC Commissioner; and **Heidi Nielsen**, Citizen-at-Large and DFC Project Director.

Public Attendees: **Michelle Harrington**, Tri-County Addiction Services; **Karen Yeoman**, former ADLC DUI Task Force representative; and **Matthew Buerkle**, DFC Project Coordinator.

Those excused from attendance: **Tim Barkell**, Chief of Law Enforcement

Those absent from attendance: **Marti Spotted Eagle**, Public Health Representative

Approval of Minutes

It was motioned by Joanne Heaney and seconded by Keith Lopez that the minutes for the October 8, 2015 meeting be approved as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Ben Krakowka stated that there is a balance of \$25,537.00 in the DUI Task Force budget. The DUI TF received \$1,000 more than expected, including a huge boost from the legislature, that places the budget at 317% above normal. Keith Lopez asked if not having the MIDAC for Goosetown this year contributed to the surplus. This was confirmed as a contributing factor. Ben added that he and Assistant Chief Bill Sather talked about ideas for putting the DUI TF budget to good use. They would like to send two officers to DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) training. Both agreed that Officer Vauthier and Officer Doemel would be excellent choices. The training is expensive, and they are both young officers who could serve the county for a long time with the training they receive. Ben noted that they are both excellent at testifying and respectable when on the stand. The group agreed that DRE training was a good option.

MIP and DUI Reports

Ben Krakowka reported that there are a total of 34 DUIs and 39 MIPs to-date for 2015. The monthly totals are as follows:

January -	1 DUI and 4 MIPs
February -	4 DUIs and 3 MIPs
March -	8 DUIs and 9 MIPs
April -	2 DUIs and 3 MIPs
May -	0 DUIs and 10 MIPs (7 MIPs were from a house party on Alder)
June -	3 DUIs and 0 MIPs
July -	8 DUIs and 8 MIPs
August -	2 DUIs and 2 MIPs
September -	4 DUIs and 0 MIPs
October -	2 DUIs and 0 MIPs
November -	0 DUIs and 0 MIPs to-date (one DUI is possibly pending, contingent on outcome)

For public comment, Karen Yeoman commented that there has been lots of activity in the BSW parking lot and back alley by her home almost every evening, with teens chasing people in their vehicles or playing chicken down the alley. She's concerned for the safety of young pedestrians who use the alley. She also noted that the BSW employees have to take buckets out every morning to pick up all the litter that the youth leave there from the night before. Michelle Harrington added that there's a lot of

youth activity there during the summer months, too. Ben Krakowka surmised that the youth are probably meeting there before heading out to Granite County, since the youth know that there are not officers patrolling the party sites in Granite County. Ben also added that he will check to see if patrol can add that site to their routes in the evenings, particularly for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Karen said that would be very much appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Ben Krakowka noted that police will be doing an extra callout for the night of the SnoBall Dance (11/25) as well as for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Heidi Nielsen updated the group on the Coffee with a Cop event planning for December. She read the emails that she had received from Tim Barkell on the subject. If the event remains on a Thursday, then December 3rd or 17th would be the dates to choose from. The group agreed that the best date was the 17th and they were okay with a primary venue being at the local McDonalds. As such, Heidi agreed to move forward with the planning of the event and will keep the DUI TF updated.

New Business

The group discussed the status of local compliance checks for vendors and considered ideas for getting them going again. Michelle Harrington noted that the DUI TF was waiting on the Havre HELP Committee to come in with their own officers to collaborate compliance checks with local law enforcement and Tim Barkell. Karen Yeoman asked if compliance checks are required by the state and Michelle Harrington stated that they are not required as a part of the state plan. Michelle added that Tri-County Addiction Services provide RASS trainings as needed. Dave Oliverson offered to talk to Scott Dunkerson (the Sheriff of Granite County) about working together for compliance checks. Ben Krakowka said the counties would probably need to see if they could trade kids between Deer Lodge and Granite County for the compliance checks so that they weren't recognized by the vendors. He added that recognizing the kids would be important, such as letters of recommendation from himself and Tim Barkell (in addition to their teachers) to their colleges of choice. The group agreed that was a great idea.

Public Comment

Michelle Harrington asked about prevention ads for Christmas and New Year's again. Ben Krakowka noted how much he liked last year's four-leaf clover ad. The group agreed that holiday ads would be a good idea. Michelle said that she would collaborate with ACI again to bring some ad ideas to the December DUI TF meeting for the group to choose from. For Thanksgiving, Heidi Nielsen said that ACI would take care of prevention ads since there was not enough time to gather ads for the DUI TF to approve.

Matt Buerkle stated that ACI, Inc. would be hosting the SnoBall After-Party on November 25th and asked if the DUI Task Force would be interested in donating \$200 to help cover the event costs. Keith Lopez made the motion to help fund the event. Patricia Mulvey seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next DUI Task Force Meeting is scheduled for December 10th at 10 a.m. in the ACI office located at 118 E. 7th Street, Suite 2D unless otherwise noticed.

Adjournment

Moved by Keith Lopez and seconded by Joanne Heaney that the meeting be adjourned at 10:24am. Motion carried unanimously.



Heidi Nielsen, RN, BSN, CLNC, CLC
Anaconda DFC Project Director, DUI Task Force Citizen-at-Large

ADLC DUI TASK FORCE – ATTENDANCE FORM

Date: November 12, 2015

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6	Matthew Buerkle	on file
7	Patricia Mulvey	on file
8	Dave Oliverson	on file
9	Heidi Nilsen	on file
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