

**ADLC DUI Task Force Board Meeting**  
**February 11, 2016 – 10 a.m.**  
**118 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2D**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by County Attorney, Ben Krakowka.

**Roll Call**

Board Members in attendance: **Ben Krakowka**, County Attorney; **Patricia Mulvey**, ADLC Commissioner; **Marti Spotted Eagle**, Public Health Representative; and **Heidi Nielsen**, Citizen-at-Large and ACI's Drug Free Communities Project Director.

Public Attendees: **Matthew Buerkle**, ACI's DFC Project Coordinator; **Michelle Harrington**, Tri-County Addiction Services; **Michelle Heald**, Western Montana Mental Health Chemical Addiction Counselor; **Karen Yeoman**, former ADLC DUI Task Force representative; and **Rose Nyman**, former ADLC Commissioner.

Those excused from attendance: **Joanne Heaney**, Victim's Witness Advocate Representative; and **Trooper Dave Oliverson**, Montana Highway Patrol.

Those absent from attendance: **Tim Barkell**, Chief of Law Enforcement; and **VACANCY** for Western Montana Mental Health Chemical Addiction Counselor Representative.

**Approval of Minutes**

Without a quorum, no motions for approvals or voting will occur at this meeting.

**Financial Report**

There was no financial report available as Chief Tim Barkell's duties required his presence in Butte during the meeting. The previous balance was \$24,049.93 with no known changes to date.

**MIP and DUI Reports**

Chief Tim Barkell was not available to provide a report. The report is tabled until next month. However, Ben Krakowka noted that he was aware of a couple of MIPs and a couple of DUIs. He added that one of the MIPs was hospitalized for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and that there is now a request for prosecution of the alcohol provider for criminal felony endangerment. The alcohol provider is notorious for purchasing for minors and is not a near peer, but rather in his 50s. Ellen Donohue will be prosecuting the case.

**Upcoming Events**

Officer DUI Appreciation Awards were discussed. Ben Krakowka noted that of their top three officer choices, one wrote several more than the others. The top officer will be revealed at the next DUI TF meeting. Also, Heidi Nielsen read the recommendation from Dave Oliverson for MHP Trooper Joseph Wyant as being a good choice due to all his efforts as a DRE and SFST instructor, adding that his input has enabled case convictions. Furthermore, Heidi noted that Rose Nyman had found some historical values on gift certificates for Officer Appreciations given in the past per previous DUI TF minutes. The group agreed to review them and vote on final gift amounts at the next meeting.

Basketball divisions start in the next couple of weeks and the 32<sup>nd</sup> Wayne Estes Basketball Tournament is set to run March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The group agreed that the Wayne Estes Tourney has been very calm for the last several years.

St. Patrick's day (3/17) falls on a Thursday night this year, followed by AHS Prom on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Ben surmised that there would probably be some officer callouts for the 17<sup>th</sup> and that Tim Barkell would update the group regarding that at our next meeting. Heidi Nielsen noted that ACI will be holding a Prom After-Party on the 18<sup>th</sup> from 11pm-2am at the Memorial Gym to help keep the kids out of trouble. Heidi added that the after-party will include huge inflatables, sumo wrestling, video games and lots of food. She elaborated that ACI is looking for chaperones and that the prevention event runs nearly \$2,400. She will bring a funding support request for DUI TF consideration at next month's meeting. Marti Spotted Eagle offered to help chaperone the event.

## **New Business**

As a result of a new grant for compliance checks, ADLC law enforcement recently completed 52 compliance checks. Ben Krakowka said that a notice letter was first sent out to all the businesses with liquor licenses, and then the compliance checks were conducted entirely undercover. Of those checked, five (5) failed. In some cases, the 19-year-old buyer showed a valid ID and *still* succeeded in an underage purchase. Ben was very disappointed. He said that the cases were submitted yesterday and that the citations would be issued to the businesses in the next week. Ben went on to say that some of the businesses already have a couple of violations and are in danger of losing their licenses. Moreover, the businesses won't know that they failed the compliance checks until they receive the citations. At this point, they don't even know that a compliance check was even done. By running the compliance checks in this manner, the group wholeheartedly agreed that it prevents the grapevine warnings that businesses have historically sent to one another during compliance checks. Therefore, it provides a clearer picture of what is actually going on in the local alcohol service industry. Furthermore, the grant for compliance checks provides enough funding to run them up to two times a year, so law enforcement hopes to do them again in 4-6 months. During the second run, though, a notice doesn't need to be sent out beforehand. Thus, Ben said there will be an even truer sample of how the local liquor licensees are routinely providing alcohol service.

Martie Spotted Eagle stated that the Health Department is offering *Group Connections* from 1pm-5pm every Thursday. These family focused events offer crafts, awareness, and access to local public health services.

## **Public Comment**

Rose Nyman asked if there would be a State DUI Conference this year. Michelle Harrington replied that there will be an Alcohol Summit this spring and that she will resend the announcements to the DUI Task Force.

Rose Nyman also noted that in her social host research for the benefit of Ben Krakowka and the kids he's working with, that she found that Helena was the first county to pass a social host ordinance. She will send a link on the information the Heidi Nielsen to pass on to Ben. Ben stated that kids here are going into the woods or over to Granite County because they now know it's too risky to drink in town. The concern is that kids are drinking and driving more. On a positive note, Ben has had a marked decrease in allegations of sex without consent since cracking down on house parties. He said that he used to have 4 or 5 rape cases a year, but he only had one this last year.

It was also noted that the more MIPs a youth has, the more likely they will get a DUI. Michelle Heald wondered if there was a way to prohibit drinking while a person was between a charge and the hearing / case disposal. Ben said that ADLC uses the 24/7 Program, which (when initiated by court order) works quite well to prohibit drinking. Ben said that most people on the 24/7 Program avoid cheating because if they violate the program (blow hot), then the person will spend 2 weeks in jail – or the time remaining until his/her hearing.

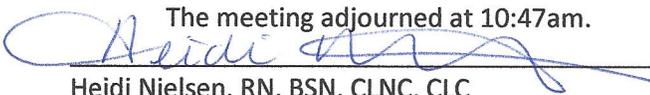
Matt Buerkle said that he met with his youth coalition last night, whom help to plan prevention activities. One thing the youths would like is an alternate campout at the same time as the Junior-Senior campout. But the kids would like to see all grades at the alternate campout. Matt also heard that there was a Boy Scout camp down toward Wisdom and was wondering if anyone was familiar with that site. Finally, anyone more familiar with outdoorsy stuff – campfires, tents, etc. – please contact Matt.

## **Next Meeting**

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

## **Adjournment**

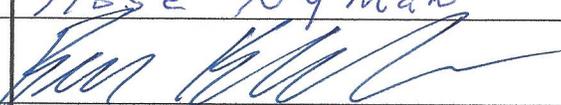
The meeting adjourned at 10:47am.

  
Heidi Nielsen, RN, BSN, CLNC, CLC

Anaconda DFC Project Director, DUI Task Force Citizen-at-Large

## ADLC DUI TASK FORCE – ATTENDANCE FORM

Date: February 11, 2016

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