

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County  
DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes  
10:00am Thursday, February 9 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Community Center Conference Room**

**Board Members in Attendance;** Ben Krakowka, County Attorney; Vera Hoscheid, Victim's Witness Advocate; Debbie Robinson, Public Health Representative; Mike Beausoleil, Commissioner District Five, Sgt. Dave Oliverson, Montana Highway Patrol

**Absent:** Bill Sather, Chief of Law;

**Members of the Public:** Jaycee Jette

**Call To Order:** County Attorney Ben Krakowka called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes from Jan 12 2023, DUI Task Force Meeting**

Deb Robinson motioned to approve the minutes from Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Dave Oliverson. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Financial Report**

County Attorney Ben Krakowka reported a balance of \$25,555.78

**MIP/DUI Report**

County Attorney Ben Krakowka updated DUI and MIP reports for January 23. Sergeant Oliverson updated the numbers of January DUIs and MIPS as recorded by The Montana Highway Patrol. Sergeant Oliverson added that MHP statistics do not reflect the number of automobile accidents which may involve alcohol.

2023	DUI	MIP
January	12 (5 ALDC, 7MHP)	2 (MHP)
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	2

During the MIP/DUI report Ben Krakowka reported that there have already been 3 felony DUI cases before the court this year when normally there are 4-5 annually. He discussed the fact that the ADLC District Court judge would like to transfer a current felony DUI cases to Butte Drug Court or Butte DUI Court. Mr. Krakowka feels that this is a 'test case' which would lead to more transferring of felony DUI cases out of the county. It is his opinion that this would have negative consequences and he is strongly opposed to this idea.

**Unfinished Business –**

- A. Follow up was provided by Sue Konicek and Katie Gruss regarding the proposal to use DUI TF funds to purchase a prize for the Southwest Montana youth Red Carpet Video Contest. They reported their opinion that in order to purchase prizes which are appropriate, waiting until applications are submitted will allow for more informed decision making regarding the types of prizes which will appeal to the contestants. Suggestions for prizes will be presented at the

March DUI TF meeting.

- B. Sue Konicek gave an update regarding recent purchases made by the DUI TF in the area of prevention. The 'Dangers of Kratom' banner for the High School has been delivered and was displayed for the group. The St. Patrick Day themed Designated Driver coasters have been ordered and will be delivered soon.

### **New Business**

- A. Ben Krakowka reported that Trooper Milligan has requested financial assistance to attend an upcoming DUI Training and Interdiction Conference in Billings. He and Sgt. Oliverson reported that she is very active with making DUI arrests and is always seeking to improve the strength of the DUI cases with which she is involved.

Deb Robinson made a motion to approve DUI TF spending up to \$600 to assist Trooper Milligan attend the two-day conference. Seconded by Mike Beausoleil, Motion approved unanimously.

- B. Katie Gruss of Southwest Montana Prevention discussed planning for an upcoming Coffee With A Cop event. Two years ago the DUI TF donated funds toward purchasing food for the event. Southwest Montana Prevention will also contribute funds for the event.

Vera Hoscheid made a motion to approve DUI TF funding in the amount of \$300 for the Coffee With a Cop event which is scheduled for April 15. Seconded by Mike Beausoleil. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Miscellaneous Announcements –**

- A. Jayce Jette of ACI explained that ACI is in need of financial assistance for the upcoming After Prom Party. Specifically, they need assistance with the costs of the inflatables for the party. The total cost of the inflatables is \$4,000. There was discussion regarding the difficulty of obtaining insurance for the inflatables and how that contributes to the high cost. There was further discussion regarding how valuable the After Prom event is in keeping youth out of trouble on Prom Night. Jaycee reported that the event is very popular and the youth are very well behaved and appreciative at the annual event. She explained that ACI will be seeking ways to make the event more sustainable in the future by applying for grants.

Sgt. Oliverson made a motion to add the approval of a contribution of DUI TF funds in the amount of \$2000 for the ACI After Prom Party to the March 9 DUI TF meeting agenda. Seconded by Ben Krakowka. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Jaycee informed the group about an upcoming Junior High School Dance on March 10<sup>th</sup> which is being sponsored by the Key Club. Volunteers are needed.

**Public Comments –** No public comments.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room at the Community Service Center, 118 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Adjournment**

Vera Hoscheid moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deb Robinson.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

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Sue Konicek, Secretary  
DUI Task Force

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Chair