

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County  
DUI Task Force Meeting Minutes  
10:00am Thursday, March 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

**Absent:** Bill Sather, Chief of Law; Sgt. Dave Oliverson, Montana Highway Patrol

**Members of the Public:** Jaycee Jette, Katie Gruss

**Call To Order:** County Attorney Ben Krakowka called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

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

Vera Hoscheid motioned to approve the minutes from Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Mike Beausoleil . Motion passed 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 February 23.

2023	DUI	MIP
January	12 (5 ALDC, 7MHP)	2 (MHP)
February	5 (ADLC)	1 (ADLC)
<b>TOTAL</b>	17	3

During the MIP/DUI report Ben Krakowka reported that the District Court Judge continues to express interest in sending Deer Lodge County Felony DUI offenders to Drug Court in Butte. Mr. Krakowka feels that the fact that the offenders will have had his/her driver's licenses revoked it will be very difficult for them to travel to Butte.

**Unfinished Business –**

- A. Vera Hoscheid made a motion to approve DUI TF funding in the amount of \$2000 to ACI to assist with the costs of the inflatables for the Prom After Party. Seconded by Debbie Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- B. Katie Gruss gave an update regarding the Red Carpet Video contest being sponsored by Southwest Montana Prevention. Katie Gruss and Sue Konicek wish to personalize the prizes. Discussion centered around the financial assistance to be provided for prizes by the DUI Task Force. The amount discussed was \$900 (1<sup>st</sup> place: \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$150) .

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Mike Beausoleil made a motion to approve placing the issue of DUI TF assistance with the funding for prizes on the April DUI TF Agenda. Seconded by Debbi Robinson. This amount will designate the DUI TF as a "Gold Sponsor" of the Red Carpet Contest and Event. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

- A. Katie Gruss initiated discussion about the recently released results of the Montana Prevention Needs Assessment survey which is administered every two years to 8<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in Anaconda. She expressed concern about a statistic that reflects a very low perception of risk of being caught by the police when engaging in underage drinking. 73% of the responders in 2022 believed that they would not be caught by the police if drinking beer wine or liquor in their neighborhood. Ben Krakowka offered his opinion that the new Justice of the Peace is proving to be very effective at holding young offenders responsible for their offenses.

Katie Gruss also offered information regarding youth drinking associated with this year's Prom. She reported that it is well known that there were many parties held on the Saturday after Prom. She also reported that some of these house parties were hosted by parents. There was discussion about of the need for raising awareness of The Social Host Ordinance and the fact that parents can be charged with Negligent Endangerment or Criminal Endangerment if they host a party that involves underage drinking.

- B. Sue Konicek discussed the current vacancy on the DUI TF. There is a vacancy for a licensed addiction counselor or a licensed Prevention Specialist on the Task Force. It was suggested that Keith Lopez be asked to serve on the Task Force. There was also discussion regarding the need to replace Chief Sather with a different representative from County Law Enforcement as Chief Sather does not desire to serve on the DUI TF. Ben Krakowka will approach Bill Sather about the topic. It was suggested that Detective Staley would make a good addition to the Task Force.

### **Old Business**

- A. Sue Konicek brought samples of the drink coasters which were purchased by the DUI TF and Southwest Montana Prevention. They will be passed out in local bars before St. Patrick's Day

### **Miscellaneous Announcements –**

- A. Jayce Jette reported on the Prom After Party. It was slightly less successful than in years past. 150 students attend throughout the evening. ACI is looking at ways to improve the After Party. ACI will be holding a Nerf Wars event soon.

**Public Comments –** No public comments.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor conference room at the Community Service Center, 118 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

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**Adjournment**

Vera Hoscheid moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deb Robinson.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

*Sue Konicek*

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Sue Konicek, Secretary  
DUI Task Force

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Chair