



MINUTES: MADC Executive Committee (CEC) Meeting
 Meridian Police Department, Media Room or *Zoom
 1401 E Watertower St, Meridian, ID 83642
 November 20, 2025 | 3:00-3:45PM

Executive Committee Members (11 In-person): Kendall Nagy, Director | Hailey Blogg, Secretary | Anne Little Roberts, Business SR | Susie Stertz, Civic SR | Kati Chauvin, Government SR | *Healthcare SR, open position* | ~~Robert Rodriguez, Law Enforcement SR~~ | ~~Jordan Robinson, Media SR~~ | Earl Scharff, Parent SR | Jacob Cluff, Religious/Fraternal SR | Yoonwa Saechao & Tiffany Myers, School SR | ~~Danielle Fanopoulos, Substance Misuse SR~~ | Caylee May, Youth SR | **(1 On-line)** Brenda Willson, Youth Serving SR

TIME	SPEAKER AGENDA ITEMS	NOTES
3:00	Kendall Nagy, Director: Welcome Additions to agenda?	(all) sign-in
3:03	Hailey Blogg, Secretary: 8-21-2025 CEC Meeting Minutes vote (sent out via email) CEC highlight video update & schedule for 2026	(Secretary) record attendees, take minutes; special attention to action items & votes (all) vote to amend or approve minutes- motion, second, all in favor, anyone opposed? 1 st – Earl, 2 nd – Anne. All in favor. (Hailey) CEC Highlight Videos are going well but I still need to schedule Yoonwa/Tiffany, Earl, Jordan, Anne, Robert. I'd like to get them done before the ADA deadline of April 24, 2026. Do I have any volunteers that would like to get scheduled? (Anne) Is it appropriate for me, since I am on City Council? (Jake) Yes absolutely. (Anne) After January I would be open to filming. (Hailey) This is an opportunity for you to highlight an organization or resource of your choosing, since I did not get any volunteers, you will be hearing from me. If you are uncomfortable filming, please send me an email . (Kendall) Colleen Wienhoff with Wienhoff Drug Testing is retiring, would love to have everyone support and sign her card. She has been a big advocate for prevention and MADC. Mike Kislia is taking over the business. They have helped by providing drug tests for the Parent Prevention Packets, helped at the Breathalyzer event at the speedway, and sponsored MADC at movie nights.
3:05	Kendall: goal updates drug policy updates,	(Kendall) If you need any help with your goals, I would like to open it up to see if anyone has any calls for action or needs help with anything. Does the West Ada School District (WASD) need to use the Hidden In Plain Sight (HIPS) trailer for any admin training? Earl and WASD are doing great with the newsletters. Matthew from Compass Charter is eager for the information and has already reached out for the November content, so that's great. (Hailey) We are open to suggestions or topics for prevention bulletins, please send any ideas to us . (Tiffany) Could we use the trailer during an in-service day? (Yoonwa) You can bring it up to the counselors, we have two days left. Maybe the admin institute or on the Career Fair Day, on March 4 th . (Kendall) Keep us posted on dates. Three main things I'd like to discuss today: (1.) At the federal level, when the government reopened it attempted to fix the loophole for hemp. The new definition of hemp

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		<p>limits <i>total THC to 0.4 milligrams per product container</i> and prohibits intoxicating substances resulting from chemically converting hemp cannabinoids, which would result in many hemp-derived products that are now legal becoming controlled substances upon the effective date of the new hemp definition in 2026. (2.) Signatures are being collected for a new “medical” marijuana ballot initiative titled, the Idaho Medical Cannabis Act. Jeremy C. Chou from the law firm Given’s Persley LLP, introduced the initiative on behalf of Natural Medicine Alliance of Idaho (NMAI) It is ironic how similar their acronym is to NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Health. Amanda Watson, president and founder of Boise-based Atlas Strategic Communications, is serving as the communications lead for NMAI. (3.) Conversations are taking place across the valley regarding Kratom, including the need for education and regulations. Meridian leaders are part of those conversations. (Kati) Can we talk about 1. What was the definition? (Kendall) The 2018 farm bill defined hemp as any part of the plant or its derivatives containing no more than 0.3% delta-9 THC on a dry -weight basis. This fix comes at a good time with a new ballot initiative in Idaho and increasing ties to mental health and psychosis impacting public health. (Jake) Which lawyer from Givens Pursley introduced this? (Kendall) Jeremy Chou. (Susie) They are gaining signatures, and they are paying people \$5 per signature. (Jake) If I can help in any way, please let me know. Question about alternating languages? “Dad grass” sell CBD like joints. What is the verbiage for the federal hemp bill? (Kendall) I don’t know yet. I haven’t analyzed the new policy at that level, but if you also look into it, that would be helpful. Relating to marijuana and Kratom, there’s a podcast I listened to, Shawn Ryan #243 with Steve Robinson, and investigative reporter and they talked about very specific examples of groups driving the marijuana industry. I found it fascinating. The second part of the podcast talks about Kratom and 7OH. (Anne) I am about 45 minutes into it, and it is fascinating. (Kendall) I was thinking about real estate and the ties to the Chinese communist party and the new ballot initiative. It could be circumstance, but it is interesting to think about. It’s going to be an interesting legislative session. (Susie) I listened to a podcast about 5 strategic military bases, that the Chinese have bought all around of them. You can’t tell me that is not a coincidence. (Anne) Why would you want a pot grow so close to the military? (Kendall) If you look at increased use of high levels of THC and the impact on the brain, and recruits for armed forces, and so many young people using THC, some consider it chemical warfare. (Anne) The damage to their brain is unbelievable. (Kati) And the link to GI diseases. (Jake) Article about long-term use of marijuana and how it changes the stomach compound/biome in the stomach. It almost creates IBS. Crazy study that they go into. (Kati) It eventually leads to heart disease and diabetes. (Yoonwa) I worked with a chronic user; he had stomach aches all day long. I think it was because of the marijuana usage. (Kendall) When I’ve had the HIPS trailer out, I’ve had people who used marijuana when they were teens, who have been moved to tears due to the products out there now and concerns for today’s youth. (Jake) Former CIA agent Annie Jacobsen does national security threat podcasts. She did</p>
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	<p>Education and Prevention Report, deciphering prevention related data,</p>	<p>one on China and marijuana, it had very engaging speakers. (Kendall) So curious how the new hemp regulations and, hopefully enforcement, will affect everything. (Anne) It all started with Kentucky thinking they could save their dying tobacco industry. (Kendall) Anything you think is relevant to the group, please send it our way. (Susie) I've been tracking updates on a young man who overdosed on Kratom. (Kati) Is that local? (Anne) Yes. The testing is for certain alkaloids when they look at Kratom overdoses. (Kendall) Switching gears to cover some data points. Data from the 2024 Monitoring the Future (MTF) survey for 8th – 12th grade students, shows continuing decrease in the 3 most common drugs used by students (alcohol, marijuana, and nicotine vaping). (Yoonwa) That matches our data. (Kendall) I think drug trends are shifting. We don't put a ton of emphasis on national data when selecting local strategies, but we do watch the trends. National data does show an increase in nicotine pouch use. Abstention levels, which mean no use within the past 30 days, are the highest recorded since 2017 when the MTF survey started tracking that outcome. Data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), 2024 National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows marijuana use has surpassed alcohol use, hallucination use has increased, and opioid use has decreased. Use of synthetic drugs like 7OH may be part of why we see a decline in opioid use. Use of kratom and 7OH is not accurately tracked. Millenium Health looked at data from 1.87 million drug users diagnosed with a substance use disorder (SUD) (12 years or older) and found use of THC and the potency of THC is skyrocketing. Highest use of THC is among the 12-17 age group. Data is catching up from what we've seen on the ground. Other increases relating to THC include rising rates in women with SUDs, problematic use, and psychiatric problems. (Kati) Do you know if the study was controlled by already having mental health disorders? (Kendall) SUD, yes, but I don't know about other mental health disorders. The Oregon and Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Association (HIDTA), 2026 Threat Assessment shows fentanyl and meth are the primary drug threats to Oregon and Idaho leading to drug OD deaths. In 2023, fentanyl was linked to 51% of OD deaths in ID and 25.9% in OR. Meth was present in 38% of ID OD deaths, and 63.5% of OR OD deaths. (Kati) Does it specify carfentanyl? (Kendall) Not that I saw. Cocaine availability remains stable in the region. Heroin seizures are down as demand and availability of fentanyl has increased. There are an average of 125 drug trafficking organizations operating and investigated each year. Continual presence of firearms with drug traffickers increases risk for law enforcement. An average of 982 firearms seized annually. (Earl) Are they still finding meth labs in Idaho? (Kendall) Yes, it's mentioned but it's not as talked about. The Idaho State Police Forensics Annual Alcohol/Volatiles and Toxicology Trends for 2025 shows cannabinoids were the most confirmed type of drug in adult toxicology samples, then CNS stimulants, followed by CNS depressants and narcotic analgesics. The most common combo of drugs was CNS stimulants and cannabinoids. 63% of juvenile cases contained cannabinoids. Most common drugs of FY2025 were cannabinoids, amphetamine/methamphetamine, and fentanyl/norfentanyl. Average of 3</p>
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	holiday service project	different drugs per toxicology sample. That is where the testing is tricky. (Anne) At the North West Alcohol conference it was explained that you just switch one molecule and you have something that fools the test. (Kendall) That's why when they write the policy/law, it needs to be vague to encompass more chemical derivatives. Meridian Police Department data shows, in 2024 officers completed 718 reports were drugs and/or paraphernalia were found. Marijuana (355), followed by amphetamines/methamphetamines (178), and then marijuana edibles (108) were the most frequent drug types collected. Opioid related reports totaled 68 for 2024, which is down from 136 in 2023. Reports of overdose and overdose resulting in death have also decreased, down 48%. Overdoses were predominantly males between the ages 20-34 years. (Anne) Does that include use of Narcan? (Hailey) That is tracked, it's titled as an overdose assist, but we have not looked at the actual number. (Jake) Has there been any conversation about whether the PD is tracking the impact of drug trafficking within the US? Any conversation if that escalates, or what happens when drug addicts become desperate? Is that on the radar? (Kendall) It could be. I haven't heard anything personally. I could check at briefings. (Kendall) Service project scheduled with the Meridian Foodbank. It fits within our scheduled meeting time. It will be Thursday December 18 th at 4PM. We will meet at the foodbank and be food sorting, making signs for the food barrels, and cleaning fridges. We'll see you there!
3:40	Any Additional CEC Business Updates Discussion	
Meeting Adjourns: 3:45pm <i>MADC General meeting to follow at 4pm. *Please note, the General meeting has a different Zoom link. (The next CEC Meeting is scheduled for 3pm on February 19, 2026.)</i> Thank you for serving on the Executive Committee as a prevention advocate!		

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