

Madison County DUI Task Force
January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

On Monday January 27, 2020, a meeting of the Madison County DUI Task Force came to order at 10:00 AM in the commissioners' conference room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, MT with appointed members of the board Esther Lince, Wes Collett, and Phil Fortner present. The members were appointed by the Madison County Commissioners on December 31, 2019 for initial staggered terms. Subsequent terms would be for three years.

Others in attendance were Commissioner Dan Allhands (Task Force Liaison), Commissioner Jim Hart, and Bronwen Pfau.

There was no old business, approval of minutes, or approval of claims.

It was agreed upon that Esther Lince would assume the role of Chairperson for a 3 year term, Wes Collett would assume the role of Co-Chairman for a 2 year term, and Phil Fortner would assume the role of Secretary/Treasurer for a 1 year term. Job descriptions were provided for the positions.

Possession Of Or Unlawful Attempt To Purchase Intoxicating Substance- Phil Fortner agreed to provide the penalties/consequences for a conviction of the offense.

Esther Lince brought up the discussion of involving junior members to the DUI Task Force, possibly one student from each high school. A suggested process could be by application, an essay of why they would like to be part of the task force, and recommendation by the each school. Wes Collett agreed to contact the county attorney's office regarding a release of liability to the task force and/or parental waiver. The time line goal for bringing on junior members was summer 2020.

Esther Lince advised that an Alcohol Community Awareness Fair will take place at Sheridan Schools on April 25, 2020.

Wes Collett spoke about and provided information about www.Every15minutes.com, a program designed to instill into teenagers the dangers of consuming alcohol and texting while driving. The program is similar to the mock traffic accidents that have been conducted at the Ennis Schools.

Esther Lince advised that starting January 29th through March 4 on Wednesday nights 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM, a comprehensive family enrichment program called Creating Lasting Family Connections will be held at the Sheridan Elementary.

Bronwen Pfau of B's Safe Sober Ride, Inc. and Ruby Valley Taxi provided the task force with a monetary donation request letter to help with her vehicle maintenance costs.

The next task force meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2020 @ 5:30 PM at the administrative building.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM.