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GOALS

- 1) Form an effective, vision-driven, action-oriented substance abuse coalition, inclusive of prevention, treatment, and law enforcement.
- 2) Through the coalition plan and membership, position our community to secure additional resources.
- 3) Substantially reduce drug-related crime and addiction.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

- 21 Member Executive Committee
- 31 Member Steering Committee
- 216 General Members from 89 Organizations
- Consultants secured: Project Management (Becky Bey), Assessment (Katie Loveland), Planning (Jane Smilie and Katie Loveland); Decision Support System (Scigaia, Gary Gannon); Collective Impact Governance (Deborah Halliday)
- Community Assessment Completed
- Sequential Intercept Mapping Completed
- Plan to be completed by January 30. Public launch February 12, 10 AM Mansfield Center (St. Vincent Healthcare)
- Grants secured: HIDTA 1; HIDTA 2; Drug Free Communities

CONTACTS

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Yellowstone County

METH Tsunami

CRIME

- The number of meth-related drug violations in Montana increased 427% from 2010-2015.
- Violent crime has been dramatically on the rise in Yellowstone County – up 81% from 2010-2017. Law enforcement attribute this to methamphetamine, which is the number one drug being taken off the streets – 129.7 lbs seized in 2018 compared to 33.2 lbs of marijuana (the number two drug seized).

RECIDIVISM

- The total number of positive methamphetamine tests for adults in Billings Probation and Parole grew 865% from 2010-2018.

CHILD NEGLECT

- Child neglect cases in Yellowstone County grew 149% from 2014-2018 compared to a 50% growth rate statewide. 80% of neglect cases in Yellowstone County are due to drugs, and 80% of those are due to methamphetamine.

TREATMENT

- Meth is the # 1 illicit drug of choice for patients in treatment in Yellowstone County.

METH INITIATION

One of the strongest risk factors for meth initiation is family normalization of substance misuse

- One in three (37%) of Yellowstone County students report that they personally know an adult who has used marijuana, cocaine or other drugs in the last year
- One in five (20%) know an adult who has dealt or sold drugs in the past year.
- Thirty seven percent of students report that someone in their family has severe alcohol or drug problem.

**Substance Abuse Connect
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

First	Last	Title	Organization
Jessica	Fehr	Judge	13th Judicial District Drug Court
Jan	Begger	Chief Operating Officer	Alternatives, Inc
Reg	Gibbs	City Council Member, Ward 4 Founder and President	Billings City Council, Rocky Mountain Rehab
Luke	Kobold	Director of Strategic Planning	Billings Clinic
Rich	St. John	Chief of Police	Billings Police Department
Brenda	Koch	K-12 Executive Director	Billings School District 2
Brenda	Roche	Neuropsychologist/Clinical Psychologist	Issue Expert
*Becky	Bey	Project Management Consultant for Substance Abuse Connect Government Relations Specialist at KLJ	KLJ Engineering
*Katie	Loveland	Assessment Consultant for Substance Abuse Connect, MPH, MSW	Loveland Consulting
Chris	Evans	Deputy Chief Region IV Billings	Montana Department of Corrections Probation & Parole Division
Lenette	Kosovich	Executive Director	Rimrock
Heather	Fink	Director Health Provision, Public Health Services	RiverStone Health
Amy	Solomon	Physician, Addiction Specialist	RiverStone Health
April	Keippel	Mission & Community Benefit Program Manager	St Vincent Healthcare
Karen	Sylvester	Prevention Specialist	The Mental Health Center
Kurt	Alme	US Attorney	U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Montana
*Kristin	Lundgren	Director of Impact	United Way of Yellowstone County
Mike	Chavers	Executive Director	Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch
Scott	Twito	County Attorney	Yellowstone County

*Becky Bey and Katie Loveland serve as consultants for the coalition under the HIDTA grant. United Way provides backbone leadership to manage consultants, coordinate across funding opportunities, sustain and grow the coalition.

