

**MUSAP April Meeting Agenda**  
**April 7, 2010**  
**MCPS Administration Building**

***In Attendance:*** Rosie Buzzas-Flagship, Kevin Stewart-Project Success, Matt Radlowski-Project Success-Big Sky, Katherine Finch for Linda Green-UM, K. Michelle Schaeffer-St Patrick Hospital, Loraine Bond-Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Marianne Moon-MCPS, Koby Callahan-National Guard, Mac Harriman-National Guard, Trish Opitz-Parent, Liz Manley-Parent, Jules Pitts-Project Success Sentinel, Karen Orzech-Justice Court II, Barbara Mtizkus-Munro-Hellgate High, Riley McGiboney-State Farm Insurance

- Introductions-5 minutes
- Attendance Discussion

There was a discussion as to the three different levels of MUSAP. The first is **Oversight Representative** who is expected to attend 100% of the MUSAP meetings. It was recommended that this person have a Proxy available to attend in the event that Oversight Representative is unable to attend. The second level is the **Voting Member** who is able to vote based on attendance. The third level is that of a **Non-voting member**. This type of membership may better suit for those individuals that are not able to regularly attend and are unable to provide a proxy to attend in their absence. It was clearly stated that it is important to stay in contact due to difficulty planning activities and events, particularly when people don't attend and aren't able to voice an opinion. It is also important to be present in regards to voting and discussion is more beneficial when more people from a variety of backgrounds and agencies are available.

Other members discussed the fact that this is something that the group came up with just this year in order to facilitate a better, more connected and more informed working group.

It was also discussed that the following people are considered Voting Members;

Shawn Paul-Missoula Police Department

**TASK: He will need to be replaced by Scott Brodie.**

K Michelle Schaeffer-St Patrick Hospital

Marianne Moon-MCPS

Willis Hintz-Missoula County Sheriff Department

Lonie Hutchison-Missoula County DUI Task Force

Rosie Buzzas-**Oversight Representative**-Flagship

- Missoula Meets the Challenge- Overview

It was discussed that 150 people signed in and many were there that did not sign in to attend the event. The group felt that it was the best Town Hall to date. Marianne Moon stated that she was glad to see the presentation from Mariah's Challenge. She felt that the relationship among the fathers was great and showed the compassion and heartfelt intention of the presentation. Others felt that this should be presented to Missoula Schools in the fall. Rosie Buzzas states that she thinks it should go along with the Freshman orientations in the fall. She agrees to help facilitate this in the fall.

- Missoula Meets the Challenge-The Next Steps
  - Continued involvement with Mariah's Challenge
  - Missoula Marathon-July12th

This event will be discussed at the oversight meeting to determine what a good next step is. Rosie Buzzas states that she is fearful a fundraiser would interfere with non-profits already struggling and attempting to raise money already here in Missoula

- Scholarship

The logistics of the scholarship will be discussed at the Oversight Meeting. However, it is determined that we will continue with the Missoula Meets the Challenge logo and the Mariah's Challenge logo will be included as a tagline. Trish Opitz (parent) reports that she feels the message will need to continue with Leo McCarthy as he and the other fathers are the true compassion associated with the Challenge. It was agreed that MUSAP will have no part in carrying the message, just support it through events and activities and the scholarship.

**TASK: Set Oversight Meeting to continue planning and discussion around these events!**

We will rely on the local State Farm individuals that have a personal relationship with Leo McCarthy to keep things intact and direct with the mission of the Challenge.

Upcoming Events:

- Sentinel High School Band Event
  - April 21 6 to 9pm

This is billed as an alternative activity for youth and parents. There will be a band, Anthony and Shante Johnson from the Grizzly will be guest speakers for this event. There will also be a resource fair for parents and guardians to find other positive activities for youth and families. We are asking agencies and partners to be present at the resource fair. An email went out from Nina Cramer-YDN Coordinator. Please contact Nina at [ncramer@co.missoula.mt.us](mailto:ncramer@co.missoula.mt.us) or 721-3000 ext 1023 to sign up and or confirm your attendance at this event.

- Bill Boards
  - March **What's in your Fridge**- Brooks and Strand
  - April **Cops in Shops**-SW Higgins and Stephens

Next Meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> MCPS Administration Building

