



**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 19 - 20, 2008
RED LION COLONIAL HOTEL
2301 COLONIAL DRIVE
HELENA MT 59601**

**COUNCIL CONVENED AT 8:00 AM and ADJOURNED at 5:10 PM on June 19, 2008.
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 8:15 AM and ADJOURNED at 1:00 PM on June 20, 2008.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Billehus, , Janet Carlson, Sara Casey, Keough Duffy, Lisa T Hathaway, Roger Holt, Rocky Hughes, Rep. Carol Lambert, Darwin Nelson, Barb Olind, Shawn Parker, PJ Rismon-Beckley, ,Timm Vogelsberg, Jan Wenaas, Connie Wethern, and Thursday only Diana Tavary

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Melissa Clark, Kellie Karaso, Brenda Walters, and Sen. Carol Williams

LIASON MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimme Evermann and Bob Jahner

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STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Swingley and Dee Burrell

GUESTS: Roger Shelley

COUNCIL AGENDA:

The **June** agenda consisted of presentations/interviews; scoring and funding decision on FFY 2009 Calls For Investment Multi-Year Projects and Non-CFI In-House Projects, Executive Director's Report, Election of Officers for FFY 2009, People First Reports, Agency Reports and Policy Governance Review

Chair **Lisa T. Hathaway** called the meeting to order with welcome and introductions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Deborah Swingley gave the Executive Directors report which included several handouts and PowerPoint presentations. Copies are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

CALLS FOR INVESTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Members heard presentations from the following proposers and their amounts:

NCIL Services/Montana Youth Leadership Forum	\$ 20,000
Rural Institute on Disabilities/Partnerships for Transition	\$103,950
Staff/In-House - Self Advocacy	\$ 30,000

After presentations, reviewing, scoring, and considerable discussion The Council made Funding decisions. The total amount of funds available for consideration was \$173,620 and a total of \$123,950 was obligated and NCIL Services/Montana Youth Leadership Forum for \$20,000 was tabled until the October meeting.

\$123,950 for CFI Continuation and Non-CFI Funding Requests

\$30,000 In-House/ Self Advocacy Project

\$93,950 Rural Institute on Disabilities/ Partnerships for Transition year 3

AGENCY REPORTS:

Kimme Evermann, Senior and Long Term Care will submit a written report to staff to include with the minutes. SLTC is moving their offices to 2030 11th Ave and are looking at expanding services they currently have to other areas of the state using money they already have.

Bob Jahner, Vocational Rehabilitation submitted a written report which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Diana Tavary, Disability Rights Montana submitted a written report which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Sara Casey, Office of Public Instruction submitted a written report which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Timm Vogelsberg was linked to the meeting by phone on Friday. He shared with members that the last 4 months they have been moving offices and according to the University of Montana they will find them a new space within 2 years.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Motion numbers 3 & 4 made the election of officers unnecessary because members elected to change the term of service to two (2) years of service by officers retroactive. **Lisa T Hathaway** remains the Chairperson and **Connie Wethern** remains the Vice Chairperson.

PEOPLE FIRST REPORTS:

Jason Billehus, Missoula shared the chapter had a Mother's Day project which helped teenage mothers and gave them kits. Chapter members helped with the Kiwanis pancake breakfast, they held a meeting with the Hamilton Chapter. The chapter will also get a percentage of the proceeds from the July Pizza Hut coupon flyers.

Rocky Hughes, Kalispell shared that the Big Wheels Basketball fund raiser made about \$3200 along with a silent auction and a large painting which was donated to Special Friends. The Fry Bread fundraiser is coming up the end of July along with Art in the Park. One of the toppings for the fry bread includes huckleberries. All of their fundraising events are for the Special Friends Advocacy Program.

Janet Carlson, Malta shared that she was re-elected President of the Chapter, they held a winter birthday party and went swimming at Sleeping Buffalo which is a hot springs.

Darwin Nelson, Helena shared the chapter held a dance and made \$172, the Chapter is going to get their own Post Office Box instead of using Montana Advocacy Coalition's. David is the current president of the Chapter. He shared that the election for different offices is split between years. This year was the President and Vice-president and next year is the Treasurer and Secretary.

FUTURE BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Members want Andrew Hudson to come to a meeting and do a presentation since he is not moving to Denver.
- Members want information on Guardianship and End of Life issues.

MISC:

- Members decided to move the location of FFY 2009 meetings back to the Wingate Inn.
- The Master Calendar for FFY 2009 was adopted.
- **Sara Casey** volunteered to proof read the amended Policies.

- **Shawn Parker** shared with members that the Same Difference theater group went to New York and performed with students. They are in Billings now and will then go to Nebraska. They will be performing at the MYLF conference.

MOTIONS REGISTER:

1. **Jason Billehus/ Keough Duffy** second - By Consensus move the FFY 2009 meeting location to the Wingate Inn.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED
2. **Timm Vogelsberg/ PJ Rismon-Beckley** second - Consider all 6 options for Self Advocacy and prioritize so members only have 2 options for Action and any option which receives less than 50% majority would be eliminated. (Note: since members are only prioritizing options the conflict of interest does not come into play.)
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED
3. **Jason Billehus/ Darwin Nelson** second - Modify Policy 3.2 Term of Service so that Officers are elected for a 2 year term rather than a 1 year term with possible additional year.
Yes - 9, No- 6
ADOPTED
4. **PJ Rismon-Beckley/ Rep. Carol Lambert** second - Modify Policy 3.2 Term of Service to read "Members elected to Council offices will take office at the first scheduled meeting of the new Federal Fiscal Year and serve terms of two (2) years."
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED
5. **PJ Rismon-Beckley/ Sara Casey** second - Policy 5.2 Contract Funding to strike all references to Executive Committee and replace with Screening Committee.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED
6. **Sara Casey/ PJ Rismon-Beckley** second - Policy 5.2 Contract Funding Subsection Contract Payments, change the last sentence to read "The Executive Director will update the Council on any contracting issues during a scheduled meeting."
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

7. **Carol Lambert/ PJ Rismon Beckley** second - Policy 6.1 Council Meetings and Agenda Development, change the first paragraph to read, "...The full Council will begin its meeting on Thursday and continue its meeting on the second day."
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

8. **PJ Rismon-Beckley/ Jason Billehus** second - Policy 6.1 Meetings and Agenda Development, to strike "This meeting structure" and bullets.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

9. **Timm Vogelsberg/ PJ Rismon-Beckley** second - Adopt Policies as amended.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

10. **Timm Vogelsberg/ PJ Rismon-Beckley** second - Adopt By-Laws.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

11. **Sara Casey/ Jason Billehus** second - Adjourn for the Day at 5:10pm.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

12. **PJ Rismon Beckley/ Darwin Nelson** second - To not hold the scheduled August meeting.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

13. **Jan Wenaas/ Rocky Hughes** second - Fund Rural Institute Partnerships in Transition year 3 for \$93,950 and have Executive Director contact them for a revised budget and scope of work.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

14. **Darwin Nelson/ PJ Rismon-Beckley** second - Tabled North Central Independent Living Services - Montana Youth Leadership Forum.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

15. **PJ Rismon-Beckley/ Sara Casey** second - Staff send a letter for more specific information from the 16 students attending this years' MYLF conference. What they liked, what they got out of it and what has improved in their lives. Also ask for a summary of successes on persons who have attended in previous years.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

16. **Rep. Carol Lambert/ Sara Casey** second - Continue the In-House project for Self Advocacy. Conflict of Interest was called by: Jason Billehus, Janet Carlson, Keough Duffy, Rocky Hughes, Darwin Nelson, and Timm Vogelsberg.

UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

17. **Rep. Carol Lambert/ Connie Wethern** second - In-House Self Advocacy Project, fund Option #1 in entirety not to exceed \$30,000. Provide funding for a portion of Roger Shelley's FTE. Increased time with Chapters would allow for increased TA for the Chapters or training to increase abilities to promote effective fund raising and self-sufficiency. Provides no funding to the Chapters. Conflict of Interest was called by: Jason Billehus, Janet Carlson, Keough Duffy, Rocky Hughes, Darwin Nelson, and Timm Vogelsberg.

UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED

18. **Connie Wethern/ Jason Billehus** second - Adjourn meeting at 1:00 PM.

UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED