



**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2009
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COUNCIL CONVENED AT 9:30 AM and ADJOURNED at 5:00 PM on January 15, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Berryman, Jason Billehus, Sara Casey, Melissa Clark, JoAnn Dotson, Keough Duffy, Lisa T Hathaway, Roger Holt, Kellie Karasko, Darwin Nelson, Shawn Parker, PJ Rismon-Beckley, Diana Tavary and Connie Wethern,

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Janet Carlson, Sylvia Danforth, Kimme Evermann, Rocky Hughes, Barb Olind, Jeff Sturm, Timm Vogelsberg, Jan Wenaas and Sen. Carol Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Swingley and Dee Burrell

GUESTS: Sister Johnelle Howanach

COUNCIL AGENDA:

The **January** agenda consisted of Executive Director's Report, Agency Reports, Governance & Public Policy Committee Reports, Updates on Education Project by Ellen Condon and Quality Assurance Project by Roger Shelley.

Chair **Lisa T. Hathaway** called the meeting to order with a welcome to new member **Kellie Karasko** and introductions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

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

AGENCY REPORTS:

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

Roger Holt, PLUK did not submit a written report. The main service they provide is family support consultants. All services are free and have no eligibility requirements. PLUK is doing outreach on the tribal reservations. They are hiring students as work study students to support staff in the field. The autism waiver has been approved. PLUK is developing materials and training for the waiver. Currently the information on the new rates which go into effect July 1, is inaccessible even to the providers. They are trying to develop a summary on how to interpret the rates. Roger did a presentation at the national TASH conference with Andree LaRose on collaboration and how we can do it better. Child Development Center (CDC) did a presentation for parents and others on how to recognize autism and what to look for.

JoAnn Dotson, Title IV, Maternal & Child Health submitted a written report which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. JoAnn also included a booklet entitled Family Health Advisory Council report on Maternal & Child Health Services in the State of Montana. The report is also available on their website at: www.fchb.mt.gov . She also shared with members that the New DPHHS Director Anna Whiting-Sorrell has expanded the new born screening program. Montana currently screens infants for 28 conditions.

Diana Tavary, Disability Rights Montana asked Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Executive Director of DRM to give the report. A written report was submitted, which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Governance Committee

PJ Rismon-Beckley, Chair gave the report. Policy number 5.2 Contract Funding was amended to include a Reporting Format paragraph as follows:

"CONTRACTOR REPORTING

Contractors will provide written quarterly reports and one in-person presentation before the Council each year. All contractors will follow the same format for both written and in-person reports, utilizing the staff supplied Contractor Reporting Format."

The report and changes were accepted and the motion carried.

Public Policy Committee

Don Berryman, Chair gave the report. The Position Statements were discussed and revised. A motion was made to accept the Position Statements as amended by January 26, 2009 and then release the statements. A written report was submitted and made a part of these minutes.

UPDATES ON 2009 PROJECTS:

Roger Shelley, Quality Assurance Project

Roger did a presentation on the Self Advocacy project with the first quarter results. He gave a detailed report including the barriers he has encountered. Council discussion was lively around this matter. Handouts are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Ellen Condon, Education Project

Ellen did a presentation on the Partnership in Transition project. She started with objectives and outcomes from the first year of the project to the present. This provided members with a complete overview of the project. Council discussion was lively around this project. Members were reminded that at the conclusion of the Council's commitment, we will have invested approximately \$700,000 toward transition. Handouts are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

MOTIONS REGISTER:

1. **Don Berryman/Jason Billehus** second - Adopt the Governance Committee report and Amend Policy 5.2 Contract Funding.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED
2. **Sara Casey/ Jason Billehus** second - Adopt Public Policy Committee Report as presented and amend the Position Statements.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED
3. **PJ Rismon-Beckley/Keough Duffy** second - Adjourn meeting.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED