



**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 26 - 27, 2006**  
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**COUNCIL CONVENED AT 1:30 PM and ADJOURNED at 5:00 PM on January 26, 2006.**  
**COUNCIL CONVENED AT 8:45 AM and ADJOURNED at 12:00 PM on January 27, 2006.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Billehus, Melissa Clark, Janet Carlson, Sylvia Danforth, Mamie Flinn, Karen Lundby, Dan McCarthy, Darwin Nelson, Barb Olind, Shawn Parker, Diana Tavary, Suzie Twedt, Ramona Weber, Jan Wenaas, Thursday only Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Jeff Sturm and Senator Carol Williams and Friday only Joann Dotson.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Keough Duffy, Kim Evermann, PJ Rismon-Beckley, Lisa T Hathaway, Rocky Hughes, Connie Wethern, Dennis Moore, Timm Vogelsberg, Brenda Walters and Rep. Don Roberts.

**GUESTS:** Sister Johnelle Howanach, Othelia Schulz and Colleen Forrester

**STAFF PRESENT:** Deborah Swingley and Dee Burrell

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**COUNCIL AGENDA:**

The **January** agenda consisted of passing of gavel to Chair Jan Wenaas, Update on Service System Changes, Planning Retreat Report and Discussion, People First Reports, Board of Directors Report, Evaluation Committee Report, selection of FFY 2007 Calls for Investment and a presentation by Raylynn Lauderdale from the Montana Advocacy Program.

Council approved minutes of October meeting.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Update of Service System Changes by Jeff Sturm, Developmental Disabilities Program**

Jeff provided members with handouts of a PowerPoint presentation which are attached to and made a part of these minutes. A few items discussed which were not part of the presentation are:

- Centers for Medicaid/Medicare (CMS) have made a lot of changes in the past and more are coming. CMS visited the State of Montana 6 times in 2005.
- The new waiver application will be submitted on January 27, 2006. CMS has 90 days to get back to DDP if anything is wrong with the application.
- The waiver designation is 1915c.
- Different funding streams place children out of state that require intensive care. There is not a central tracking system and they are not sure but think that there are 55 children currently out of state. These children are aging out of children's services and are returning to the state.

**People First Language, Raylynn Lauderdale, Montana Advocacy Program**

*Agnes Piddlestop* had a discussion with *Chair Jan Weenies* about appropriate language to use when discussing persons with disabilities. Members had a good discussion after the skit.

**FFY 2007 CALLS FOR INVESTMENT:**

The Council reviewed the proposed available fund balance for FFY07 taking into consideration in-house obligations. The resulting fund balance identified was \$344,980.

CFI Self-Advocacy Organization	\$60,000
CFI Youth Leadership Program	\$20,000
CFI Transition Training	\$60,000
CFI Innovative Concepts	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total	\$150,000

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Copies of the Board of Directors and Evaluation Committee Reports are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

## **PEOPLE FIRST REPORTS:**

### **Missoula Chapter - Jason Billehus**

**Jason** shared with members that the Missoula chapter is working on helping persons to cross the busy streets. The Senate elections will be held in February. Jason was involved in the portfolio development for Health Care resources.

### **Helena Chapter - Darwin Nelson**

**Darwin** shared with members the elections for Senators and Officers will be held. Darwin is running for Treasurer of the Senate. The Helena chapter is joining with the Kiwanis Aktion Club. They held their Christmas party at the Golden Corral.

### **Malta Chapter - Janet Carlson**

**Janet** shared with members that she and three other members went to the Mona Monopoly conference, the chapter had a fruit basket fund raiser and members went to the city council meeting to see the Mayor of Malta.

### **Great Falls Chapter - Melissa Clark**

**Melissa** shared that she is not a member but was unsure if the chapter is still active.

Note: Staff called the state wide coordinator for People First and verified that the Great Falls chapter is still very active.

## **MISC:**

**Melissa Clark** shared with members that she reached her first \$100 goal in her "Pennies for Children" campaign. Melissa collected 10,000 pennies which she donated to 2 charities. A copy of an article in the great Falls Tribune and a letter to the editor are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**Chair Jan Wenaas** shared with members a book "Damaged Angels" with a section on Melissa Clark and Sister Johnelle Howanach.

## **MOTIONS REGISTER:**

1. **Jason Billehus/ Shawn Parker** second - Approve October minutes.  
**Unanimous - Adopted**
  
2. **Bernadette Franks-Ongoy/Diana Tavary** second - Recommendation of full Council, regarding Eagle Mount Helena contracts, request a financial review of FFY 2005 contract funds as to performance targets and embargo FFY06 funds until review is completed at which time the full Council will decide to continue funding and/or request the return of FFY05 funds.  
**Unanimous - Adopted**
  
3. **Jason Billehus/Ramona Weber** second - Approve Evaluation Committee report.  
**Unanimous - Adopted**
  
4. **Ramona Weber/Melissa Clark** second - Approve Board of Directors Report.  
**Unanimous - Adopted**
  
5. **Ramona Weber/Melissa Clark** second - Adjourn for the day on Thursday, January 26, 2006.  
**Unanimous - Adopted**
  
6. **Sylvia Danforth/Jeff Sturm** second - Assign funds to Calls For Investment as proposed on PowerPoint presentation handout in the four identified areas of emphasis; Education, Employment, Self-determination and Community Inclusion.  
**Unanimous - Adopted**
  
7. **Jason Billehus/Darwin Nelson** second - Adjourn meeting on Friday, January 27, 2006.  
**Unanimous - Adopted**