

HB 142 REVIEW OF DPHHS ADVISORY COUNCILS AND AGENCY REPORTS

**Prepared for the
Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee**

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Introduction

House Bill 142, approved by the 2011 Legislature, requires interim committees to review advisory councils and agency reports that have been created by law. Under HB 142, each interim committee is to conduct a review of the councils and reports required of agencies for which they have oversight authority.

As a result, the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee is required to review councils and reports related to the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS).

In November 2011, the committee decided to review any type of advisory body that is created by law. For DPHHS, these range from formal "advisory councils" to committees, coalitions, and commissions. All told, 18 entities exist in statute to advise DPHHS on items ranging from mental health services to services for senior citizens and for people with disabilities.

This report provides individual information about 13 advisory bodies that are currently active, presented in alphabetical order by name of the group. The information includes:

- the statute creating the advisory group and the purposes it outlines for the group's creation;
- the makeup of the committee and the way in which members are appointed;
- the general activities and duties of the group, including recent activities;
- general budget information; and
- the names and hometowns of current board members.

Five advisory groups either have not met in more than a year or have not yet been appointed because they are newly created. Information about those five groups is summarized on pages 33 and 34.

Options for Committee Consideration

Based on its review of the report and of public comment, the committee could:

1. Determine that all the advisory groups perform necessary functions and should remain in statute.
2. Determine that some advisory group activities or purposes should be amended to better reflect the current role of an advisory group.
3. Determine that some advisory groups should be eliminated.

Options 2 and 3 would require that the committee authorize the drafting of legislation.

Advisory Council on Aging

Prepared by Sue O'Connell

Statutory Authority: 2-15-232 and 2-15-2206, MCA

Purposes

- Advise the Governor's coordinator of aging and the Department of Public Health and Human Services in planning, coordinating, and operating state programs that affect senior citizens

General Information

Membership:

- 11 members, a majority of whom must be 60 years of age or older
- Governor appoints members
- Members serve 3-year terms
- Meets four times per year, including two conference call meetings

Duties and Activities:

- Assists DPHHS with planning of annual Governor's Conference on Aging
- Reviews the State Plan on Aging
- Follows issues at the local, state, and federal levels that affect senior citizens
- Raises funds for mini-grants that are awarded at the annual Conference on Aging
- Assists in reviewing mini-grant applications and recommending grant funding

Budget Information

Members are paid for meals, lodging, and travel. Additional costs include the costs for meeting rooms and conference call expenses. The council's expenses in fiscal year 2011 totaled approximately \$7,200.

Recent Activities

- Last met in March 2012
- Received reports about aging-related issues in various regions of the state
- Established a subcommittee to review mini-grant requests and prioritize grant awards based on availability of funding

Advisory Council on Aging Membership

Member	Hometown	Term Expires
Betty Aye	Broadus	7/18/2013
Beverly Barnhart	Bozeman	7/18/2014
Connie Bremner	Browning	7/18/2013
Cecelia Buckley	Great Falls	7/18/2014
Marvin Carter	Laurel	7/18/2014
Gladys Considine	Missoula	7/18/2012
Jessie James-Hawley	Harlem	7/18/2014
Lauren Lynch Kippen	Butte	7/18/2013
Mary Lou Miller	Wolf Point	7/18/2012
Alex Ward	Billings	7/18/2013
JoLynne Yenne	Bigfork	7/18/2012

Advisory Council on Food Safety

Prepared by Alexis Sandru

Statutory Authority: 50-50-103, MCA

Purpose

- Assist DPHHS in the development of administrative rules or review of legislation related to retail food establishments

General Information

Membership:

- Consists of 6 members appointed by the Director
- Composed of equal numbers of representatives of food establishments and representatives of state and local government
- Serve 2-year terms

Duties and Activities:

- Meets as needed to review rule and legislative proposals
- DPHHS is required to present administrative rules and any DPHHS proposed legislation to the Council prior to its proposal or introduction
- If DPHHS learns of proposed legislation that is related to Title 50, ch. 50, MCA, that has not been proposed by DPHHS, DPHHS is required to provide copies of that legislation to the Council for review
- DPHHS is required to inform the Legislature of the Council's comments

Budget Information

Currently, there is no budget. All meetings and communications take place via phone and/or e-mail.

Recent Activities

According to DPHHS, the Council was reestablished in December 2010. Operating procedures were developed to ensure timely review of relevant legislation. Activities conducted included:

- Drafting and distributing operating principles for review (October 2010)
- Conducting a conference call to review and discuss the Council's purpose and to plan future meetings and/or conference calls (December 2010)
- Distributing the draft of HB 191 (revising the licensing and registration provisions for retail food establishments) and conferencing to discuss the bill
- Summarizing and delivering input regarding HB 191 to the House Committee during the hearing

Advisory Council on Food Safety Membership

Members	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
Mary Jane Heisler	Great Falls	Montana Tavern Association	12/2012
Dan Kaul	Livingston	Business Owner	12/2012
Thomas Campbell	Missoula	Chef & Restaurant Owner	12/2012
Laurel Riek	Helena	Lewis & Clark Co. Health Dept.	12/2012
John Rolich	Butte	Butte-Silver Bow Health Dept.	12/2012
Kelly David	Kalispell	Flathead City-Co. Environmental Health Dept.	12/2012

Board of Public Assistance

Prepared by Sue O'Connell

Statutory Authority: 2-15-2203 and 53-2-606, MCA

Purposes

- Review proposed decisions on public assistance

General Information

Membership:

- Three members
- Governor appoints members
- Governor may not appoint a DPHHS employee as a member of the board
- Meets monthly unless no appeals have been filed

Duties and Activities:

- Review and decide denials of public assistance if denial is appealed
- Provide people who have appealed eligibility decisions made by Department of Public Health and Human Services employees with prompt notice and opportunity for a fair hearing

Budget Information

The budget for board member expenses and agency support totaled about \$23,300 in fiscal year 2011. Of that, about \$3,150 was spent on per-diem and travel reimbursements for the board members. The remainder was for staff support of the board's ongoing activities.

Recent Activities

- Last met on March 15, 2012, to review decisions and appeals
- Next meeting scheduled for May 17, 2012

Board of Public Assistance Membership

Members	Hometown	Term Expires
Amy Christensen	Helena	1/1/2013
Helen Barta Schmitt	Sidney	1/1/2015
Scott Sorensen	Whitefish	1/1/2013

Children's System of Care Planning Committee

Prepared by Sue O'Connell

Statutory Authority: 52-2-303 and 52-2-304, MCA

Purposes

- Develop an integrated system of services for youth who are seriously emotionally disturbed, are at risk for placement outside of their homes, and need services from more than one state agency

General Information

Membership:

- Eight members required by law, all representing state agencies and programs
- Director of Department of Public Health and Human Services may appoint other members , including members of the public
- Statutory members appointed by state agencies
- DPHHS split the committee into two subcommittees in 2007: the statutorily required committee and a community committee with an emphasis on participation by family members and youth served by the mental health system

Duties and Activities of Statutory Planning Committee:

- Develop policies to eliminate or reduce barriers to creating a system of care
- Promote development of an array of services that allow youth to remain in state
- Encourage development of local interagency teams
- Plan for increasing the capacity to provide high fidelity wraparound services
- Provide training and technical assistance opportunities throughout the state
- Meet monthly

Duties and Activities of Community Planning Committee:

- Collaborate with stakeholders, families, and youth to improve the delivery and quality of mental health services for youth
- Inform stakeholders about the activities of the Children's Mental Health Bureau
- Meet two to three times per year

Budget Information

Members of the Community Planning Committee are reimbursed for travel expenses. In fiscal year 2011, costs for three committee meetings totaled about \$9,600.

Recent Activities

The Community Planning Committee last met on Feb. 2-3, 2012. In the past year, it has reviewed existing mental health services in Montana, identified possible gaps in services, and discussed which services are most effective. In February, it set priorities for its future work, including support of efforts to expand high-fidelity wraparound services and to increase crisis response capacity in communities. The Statutory Planning Committee meets monthly.

Children's System of Care Statutory Planning Committee Membership

Members	Department	Division/Bureau
Bonnie Adee	DPHHS	Children's Mental Health Bureau
Joan Cassidy	DPHHS	Chemical Dependency Bureau
Sarah Corbally	DPHHS	Child and Family Services Division
Mary Dalton	DPHHS	Medicaid and Health Services Branch
Kandis Franklin	DPHHS	Children's Mental Health Bureau
Jennifer Hensley	Governor's Office	Mental Health Ombudsman Office
Hank Hudson	DPHHS	Economic Security Branch
Cindy McKenzie	Department of Corrections	Youth Services Division
Jamie Palagi	DPHHS	Public Assistance Bureau
Dennis Parman	OPI	Superintendent's Office
Bob Peake	Judicial Branch	Court Administrator's Office
Cil Robinson	Board of Crime Control	Juvenile Justice
Bob Runkel	DPHHS	Developmental Services Division
Jeff Sturm	DPHHS	Developmental Services Division
Lou Thompson	DPHHS	Addictive and Mental Disorders Division
Alternate Members	Department	Division/Bureau
Jannis Conselyea	DPHHS	Developmental Services Division
Karen Duncan	Corrections	Youth Services Division
Julie Fischer	Board of Crime Control	Board of Crime Control
Mary Gallagher	OPI	Early Assistance Program
Brian Garrity	Governor's Office	Mental Health Ombudsman Office
Deb Henderson	DPHHS?	Early Childhood Services
Mick Leary	DPHHS	Child and Family Services Division
Beth McLaughlin	Judicial Branch	Court Administrator's Office
Chuck Michaud	DPHHS	Chemical Dependency Bureau
Glenda Oldenburg	DPHHS	Addictive and Mental Disorders Division

Children's Trust Fund Board

Prepared by Alexis Sandru

Statutory Authority: 2-15-2214 & Title 52, chapter 7, part 1, MCA

Purpose

- Created in 1985 to reduce and eliminate the maltreatment of Montana children

General Information

Membership:

- 7 members (one board member position is currently vacant)
- 2 members must be chosen from state government agencies involved in education and social work relating to children
- Governor appoints members, ensuring geographic distribution of appointees
- Serve 3-year terms, but may be reappointed

Duties and Activities:

- Meets 4 times per year
- Administers the child abuse and neglect prevention program
- Statutorily mandated to keep costs to a minimum by utilizing existing DPHHS office space, personnel, equipment, and supplies (grant administrator is an employee of DPHHS, CFSD)

Budget Information

Revenue/Funding:

- Federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grant (CBCAP)
- Special revenue from income tax check-off donations, other donations, interest earnings from endowment, and a portion of divorce filing fees

Expenditures:

- Reimburse two members who travel to quarterly meetings at \$350/meeting for both (third traveling member pays her own way as an in-kind donation)
- Meal expenses are approximately \$100 total per meeting
- Meeting space is provided at no additional cost

Recent Activities

- Strategic planning meeting held on February 29, 2012
- Board meeting held March 1, 2012
- Local community-based programs and family resource centers RFP posted March 26, 2012
- Implementing Shaken Baby Prevention and the Period of Purple Crying in Montana

Members	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
Betty Hidalgo	Helena	Medical (public)	1/2013
Roberta Kipp	Browning	Education (public)	1/2013
Debora Hansen	Helena	DPHHS, Early Childhood Services/Best Beginnings Advisory Council	1/2013
JoAnn Eder	Red Lodge	Non-profit/Foundations (public)	1/2013
Mary Gallagher	Helena	Office of Public Instruction	1/2013
Rosie Buzzas	Missoula	Public	1/2013
Lisa Stroh	Chinook	Public	1/2015
Robin Suzor	Helena	Grant Administrator, DPHHS, CFSD	n/a

Committee on Telecommunications Access Services for Persons with Disabilities

Prepared by Sue O'Connell

Statutory Authority: 2-15-2212, MCA, and Title 53, chapter 19, part 3

Purposes

- Oversee administration of the Montana Telecommunications Access Program, which provides equipment to make it easier for people with disabilities to use a standard telephone and to ensure they are able to contact emergency services and public safety agencies

General Information

Membership:

- 13 members, with committee makeup specified in statute to include a range of interested parties
- Governor appoints members
- Members serve 3-year terms
- Committee meets four times per year

Duties and Activities:

- Establish policies and procedures for administration of the program
- Analyze and approve a budget for administration of services under the program and monitor program expenditures
- Contract with qualified providers to design and put in place telecommunications relay programs that meets the needs of persons with disabilities
- Conduct outreach activities, as mandated by the Federal Communications Commission, to Montanans who are deaf, hard of hearing, or blind, to Montanans with speech or mobility disabilities, to families of people with disabilities, and to other state agencies in order to help the agencies comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act

Budget Information

In fiscal year 2011, committee-related expenses totaled about \$13,675, including about \$5,000 for the \$50 daily honorarium that committee members receive. The expenses also included travel reimbursement for members, as well as the costs of interpreters and captioning services to accommodate the needs of members.

Recent Activities

- Last met on Feb. 16, 2012

Committee on Telecommunications Access Services for Persons with Disabilities

Member	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
Drew Arnot	Missoula	Independent Services Provider	7/1/2014
Ron Bibler	Great Falls	Disabilities Community	7/1/2013
Chris Caniglia	Helena	Non-Disabled Business Person	7/1/2013
Charles Charette	Lame Deer	Disabilities Community	7/1/2014
Robert Ellesch	Great Falls	Disabilities Community	7/1/2012
Charlotte Harasymczuk	Billings	Disabilities Community	7/1/2014
Pat Ingalls	Butte	Audiologist	7/1/2014
Christy Keto	Havre	InterLATA Carrier	7/1/2012
Pat McGlenn	Helena	Largest Service Provider	7/1/2012
Julia Saylor	Helena	Senior Citizen	7/1/2012
Eric Eck	Helena	Public Service Commission	7/1/2012
Linda Kirkland	Helena	Department of Administration	7/1/2013
James Marks	Helena	DPHHS	7/1/2013

Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council

Prepared by Alexis Sandru

Statutory Authority: 53-21-702, MCA

Purpose

- Statutorily created in 1999 to provide input to DPHHS in developing and managing a public mental health system

General Information

Membership:

- Appointed by DPHHS
- 27 members (as of January 2012), half of whom are required by statute to be mental health services consumers, former recipients of mental health services, or immediate family members of mental health services recipients
- Other members include advocates for mental health consumers and their families, mental health providers, legislators, the public, and DPHHS representatives
- Appointments must satisfy federal requirements for state oversight entities
- Geographic representation considered when appointing members
- Serve 4-year terms

Duties and Activities:

- Meets two times per year
- Required to provide the Legislative Finance Committee (and other designated interim committees, if any) with summaries of each meeting and recommendations made to DPHHS (DPHHS must provide these same committees with its rationale for not accepting or implementing any Council recommendation)
- Reviews and makes recommendations on the plan for federal mental health funds
- Advocates for adults with mental illness and seriously emotionally disturbed children
- Monitors, reviews, and evaluates at least annually the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within Montana

Budget Information

Federal law requires states to perform mental health planning as a condition of receipt of federal Mental Health Block Grant funds. Montana's annual grant totals about \$1.2 million.

Fiscal year 2011 expenditures were as follows:

- Members' travel, lodging, and per diem: \$5,350.62
- Teleconferencing: \$4,861.04
- Meeting space and catering: \$2,344.57
- Staff time (salary & benefits): \$19,536

Recent Activities

- Identifying solutions to crisis stabilization services for children
- Developing recommendations for effective youth transitions
- Planning and developing Council priorities for fiscal year 2013

Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council Membership

Members	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
Christine Bates	Wolf Creek	Children's Providers	6/30/2014
Thomas Camel	Ronan	Native Americans	6/30/2012
Monique Casbeer	Missoula	Western Service Area Authority	N/A
Joseph Chalupa	Billings	Parent of Child 16 & Under	6/30/2012
Chris Daem	Billings	Parent of Child 18 & Under	6/30/2014
Jodi Daly	Butte	Central Service Area Authority	N/A
Patricia Fandrich	Butte	Developmental Disabilities/Vocational Rehabilitation Services	N/A
Leslie Edgcomb	Helena	Housing Programs	N/A
Jim FitzGerald	Helena	Mental Health Provider/ Children	6/30/2013
Bill Hodges	Hardin	Mental Health Advocates	6/30/2014
Suzanne Hopkins	Lewistown	Consumers	6/30/2014
Andy Hunthausen	Helena	Local Government	N/A
Esther Kramer	Scobey	Consumers	6/30/2012
Mick Leary	Helena	Social Services	N/A
Brett Linneweber	Livingston	Criminal Justice	12/2015
Vacant	N/A	Office of Public Instruction	N/A
Melinda Mason	Florence	Mental Health Providers	6/30/2012
Dorothy McCartney	Great Falls	Families of Consumers	6/30/2014
Michelle Miller	Butte	Parent of Child	6/30/2012
Gary Popiel	Bozeman	Family of Consumers	6/30/2013
Robert Ross	Billings	Community Health Center Provider	6/30/2012
Robert Runkel	Helena	Social Services	N/A
Rep. Diane Sands	Missoula	Legislator	6/30/2012
Jo Shipman	Lewistown	Eastern Service Area Authority	6/30/2012
Lou Thompson	Helena	Mental Health	N/A
Karen Ward	Missoula	Family of Consumers	6/30/2013
Patrick Wayne	Missoula	Consumers	6/30/2014

Montana Health Coalition

Prepared by Sue O'Connell

Statutory Authority: 53-2-215, MCA

Purposes

- Review section 1115 Medicaid waiver proposals before they are submitted to the federal government

General Information

Membership:

- No specific state requirements for membership, other than inclusion of consumer advocates
- Members serve 2-year terms and may be reappointed
- Coalition meets at least annually

Duties and Activities:

- Review section 1115 Medicaid waiver proposals
- Hear and provide on health care topics in order to promote short- and long-range planning for Montana's health needs, with a special emphasis on low-income residents
- Review and offer advice on other health care initiatives and proposals dealing with state health issues and services

Other Information

- Meets the federal requirement for a group that advise the Department of Public Health and Human Services and Medicaid administrators about health and medical care services
- Federal regulation establishes requirements for membership of federally required advisory group, including physicians, other health care professionals, and consumer groups

Budget Information

DPHHS spent about \$2,135 for two meetings of the coalition in fiscal year 2011.

Recent Activities

- Last met on March 14, 2012
- Heard updates on DPHHS Medicaid-related activities, including existing waivers and proposed waivers
- Provided comment on DPHHS activities

Montana Health Coalition Membership

Member	Hometown	Representing
Edith Clark	Sweetgrass	Consumers
Mary Dalton	Helena	State Medicaid Director
Dr. Steve Helgerson	Helena	Physician
Travis Hoffman	Missoula	Consumers
Dr. Gary Mihelish	Helena	Consumers/Other Health Professionals
Dr. Douglas Moore	Billings	Other Health Professionals
Dave Pierce	Billings	Other Health Professionals
Kaaren Rizor	Ashland	Other Health Professionals
Jane Smilie	Helena	DPHHS Public Health and Safety Division
Fawn Tadios	Box Elder	Consumers/Other Health Professionals
Kristianne Wilson	Billings	Consumers/Other Health Professionals

Council is appointed through May 31, 2012. Governor will need to authorize continuation.

Regional Trauma Care Advisory Committees

Prepared by Alexis Sandru

Statutory Authority: 50-6-411, MCA

Purpose

- Reduce the incidence of trauma injuries in Montana and promote and advance excellence in the care of injured patients

General Information

- Consist of Western, Central, and Eastern RTACs, which are organized along geographic medical referral patterns

Membership:

- Designated trauma facility appoints members
- Statutorily required to appoint one representative to an RTAC for a 4-year term
- Members include representatives from both designated and nondesignated hospitals
- Facilities identify appropriate trauma program staff to participate, including trauma coordinators/registrars, physicians, and EMS responders
- Serve 4-year terms, may be removed for cause, and may be reappointed
- Formal appointments are problematic; members are retained for as long as they remain active in their positions
- Receive no compensation for services or reimbursement for expenses

Duties and Activities:

- Meet four times per year
- Establish standards, policies, procedures, and protocols for regional trauma care system
- Conduct regional quality care improvement and make recommendations to regional trauma care facilities based upon reports provided by DPHHS
- Advise the Trauma Care Committee regarding Montana's trauma care system
- Establish trauma care education and prevention programs and advise health care facilities and providers about trauma care
- Perform other duties required by DPHHS and conduct other activities to ensure quality trauma care

Budget Information

There are not any budgeted costs for conducting RTAC meetings other than staff travel to the meetings. Hospitals cover the costs for their staff to participate. The "hosting" hospital sites (Missoula, Great Falls, and Billings) provide meeting rooms, refreshments, and meals, as well as Telemed for those who are not able to attend in person.

EMS and trauma staff attend each RTAC meeting. However, due to workload and/or

weather, only two to four of the meetings for each RTAC are attended in person. Motor pool and travel expenses for staff are approximately \$35 for Great Falls; \$50 for Missoula, and \$90 for Billings. Annual costs for staff to attend all RTAC meetings are approximately \$350 to \$700, depending on the number of meetings attended.

Recent Activities

- Reviewing clinical care trauma cases, performance improvement, and peers at each meeting
- Continuing education for identified clinical and regional trauma topics
- Identifying regional trauma issues
- Reviewing 2011 air medical activation guidelines
- Reviewing 2012 trauma field decision/team activation criteria
- Reviewing anticoagulation reversal procedures and transfusion procedures
- Reviewing local and regional performance improvement activities
- Reviewing regional trauma registry data and performance improvement indicators

Regional Trauma Care Advisory Committees Membership

WRTAC Members	Hometown	Representing	Member Since
John Bleicher, RN	Missoula	Trauma Coordinator, St. Patrick Providence Healthcare	2001
J. Bradley Pickhardt, MD, FACS	Missoula	Medical Director, St. Patrick Hospital	2001
Michelle Schaefer	Missoula	Trauma Registrar, St. Patrick Providence Healthcare	2002
Jon Gildea, DO, TMD	Missoula	Community Medical Center	2010
Traci Jasnicky, RN, TC	Missoula	Community Medical Center	2011
Frank Raiser, MD	Butte	Chair, TMD, St. James Healthcare	2008
Sue Ankeny, RN, TC	Butte	St. James Healthcare	2010
Chris Bogers, RN, DON, TC	Deer Lodge	Deer Lodge Medical Center	2012
Kathy Kirkley, RN, TC	Dillon	Barrett Hospital	2004
Joy Fortin, RN, TC	Kalispell	Kalispell Regnl. Med. Center	2011
Jen Lamkin	Kalispell	Trauma Registrar, Kalispell Regnl. Med. Center	2011
Judy Smith, FNP, TC	Whitefish	North Valley Hospital	2010
Ron Handlos, PA-C, TMD	Philipsburg	Granite Co. Med. Center	2009
Brian Spuhler, RN, TC	Philipsburg	Granite Co. Med. Center	2011
Nerissa Kovacevich, RN, TC	Plains	Clark Fork Valley Hospital	2010
Susan Woods, RN, TC	Polson	St. Joseph Hospital	2004

WRTAC Members	Hometown	Representing	Member Since
Leah Emerson, RN, DON	Ronan	St. Luke Community Hospital	2004
Ted Woirhaye, RN, TC	Sheridan	Ruby Valley Hospital	2009
Roberta Malek, RN, TC	Superior	Mineral Community Hospital	2009
Tim Donovan, MD	Missoula	St. Patrick Providence Healthcare	2009
Megan Hamilton, RN, REMT-P	Missoula	St. Patrick Providence Healthcare	2010
Jessica Suess, MD	Missoula	Community Medical Center	2010
Don Whalen, EMT-P	Missoula	Missoula Emergency Services	2004
William Torres, JR	Hamilton	EMS Medical Director	2011
Reece Roat, EMT	Frenchtown/ Kalispell	Frenchtown/Kalispell ALERT	2010
Larry Peterman	Missoula	Life Flight	2004
Linda Chambers	Kalispell	ALERT Flight	2012
Lynette Sharp	Missoula	Care Flight	2011
Angela Coleman	Superior	Ambulance	2004

CRTAC Members	Hometown	Representing	Member Since
Chad Engan, MD, FACS	Great Falls	Chair, TMD, Benefis Healthcare	2007
Lauri Jackson, FNP	Great Falls	Trauma Coordinator, Benefis Healthcare	2006
Marie Haynes	Great Falls	Trauma Registrar, Benefis Healthcare	2008
Pat Alduenda, PA-C	Helena	St. Peter's Hospital	2012
Krissy Lowery, RN, TC	Helena	St. Peter's Hospital	2008
Julia Drishinski, RN, DON, TC	Shelby	Marias Medical Center	2010
Laura Erickson, RN, TC	Conrad	Pondera Medical Center	2008
Jean Hannon, RN, TC	Havre	N. MT Healthcare	2011
Julie Peterson, RN	Choteau	Teton Med. Center	2008
Dirk Johnson	Great Falls	Great Falls EMS	2010
Leigh Keiter, RN, TC	White Sulphur Springs	Mtn. View Med. Center	2011
Kayla Johnson, RN, TC	Chester	Liberty Co. Hospital	2010
Tim Sinton, PA-C	Choteau	n/a	2004
Scott Schandelson, RN	Great Falls	Mercy Flight	2004
Jolene Wetherwax, EMT	Browning	Blackfeet EMS	2008

ERTAC Members	Hometown	Representing	Member Since
Billy Oley, MD, TMD, Chair	Red Lodge	Beartooth Billings Clinic	2007
Dennis Maier, MD, FACS	Billings	Trauma Med. Director, St. Vincent Healthcare	2001
Mike Wilcox, MD, FACS	Billings	St. Vincent Healthcare	2011
Robert Hurd, MD, FACS, TMD	Billings	Billings Clinic	2001
Brad Vongergen, RN, TC	Billings	Billings Clinic	2005
Andrew Goss, RN	Billings	Trauma Outreach, Billings Clinic	2010
Sally Hageman, RN, TC	Billings	St. Vincent Healthcare	2010-2012
Chuck Bratsky, RN	Billings	Trauma Outreach, St. Vincent Healthcare	2012
Kim Winters, RN, TC	Big Timber	Pioneer Medical Center	2010
Sam Miller, RN, TC	Bozeman	Bozeman Deaconess Hospital	2009
Jose Ortiz, MD, TMD	Colstrip	Colstrip Clinic	2007
Julie Crockett, RN, TC	Colstrip	Colstrip Clinic	2011
Denise Donahue, RN, TC	Columbus	Stillwater Community Hospital	2010
Teresia Moore, EMT, TC	Culbertson	Roosevelt Memorial Medical Center	2009
Mindy Price, RN, TC	Forsyth	Rosebud Healthcare Center	2010
Elaine Schuchard, RN, TC	Glasgow	Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital	2001
Ashley Quanbeck, MD, TMD	Hardin	Big Horn County Memorial Hospital	2011
Lorna Theriault, RN, TC	Harlowton	Wheatland Memorial Hospital	2007
Kiera Pattison, RN, TC	Livingston	Livingston Memorial Hospital	2011
Heather Wicks, RN	Livingston	Livingston Memorial Hospital	2011
Lisa Fawcett, RN, TC	Plentywood	Sheridan Memorial Hospital	2008
Chris Mehl, EMT	Plentywood	EMS Director, Sheridan Memorial Hospital	2008
Chris Benton, RN, TC	Red Lodge	Beartooth Billings Clinic	2007
Lois Leibrand, RN, TC	Scobey	Daniels Memorial Hospital	2007
Kay Hatter, RN, TC	Sidney	Sidney Healthcare Center	2009
Tracy Strand, RN, TC	Wolf Point	Trinity Hospital	2008
Pam Tumbaugh, RN, TC	Poplar	Poplar Community Hospital	2003
Nonette Brown, RN	Poplar/Wolf Point	n/a	2005
Delilah Duffy, RN, TC	Lewistown	Central Montana Hospital	2009

Service Area Authorities

Prepared by Alexis Sandru

Statutory Authority: Title 53, chapter 21, part 10, MCA

Purposes

- Collaborate with DPHHS and Local Advisory Councils (LACs) for regional planning and oversight of mental health services within a service area
- Promote consumer and family leadership within the mental health care system in order to advance access to mental health services and individual choice

General Information

- Divided into three regions: Western Service Area Authority (WSAA), Central Service Area Authority (CSAA), and Eastern Service Area Authority (ESAA)

Membership:

- DPHHS approves a leadership committee within each service area, which, in turn, establishes a board and adopts bylaws
- Includes mental health services providers, county commissioners, consumers of mental health services, and family members of consumers of mental health services
- Includes representatives of LACs
- Regional members are not appointed or elected -- membership is open
- Board members are elected by a leadership committee and serve 1-3 years, with reelection possible

Duties and Activities:

- Leadership committees meet one to four times per year
- Boards meet monthly
- Receive proposals and/or recommendations from LACs regarding issues affecting local communities
- Serve in a collaborative and planning role for DPHHS

Budget Information

Each SAA has nonprofit status, serves as an instrumentality of the state, and receives funding from the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD) to cover meeting expenses, including travel and per diem. Fiscal year 2011 contract amounts were \$35,000 for ESAA, \$25,000 for CSAA, and \$25,000 for WSAA. AMDD hosts an annual meeting for the combined SAA boards, paid for by the SAAs. AMDD staff attend the SAA meetings, but do not have responsibilities other than to provide DPHHS updates. Typical staffing functions are provided by the SAAs.

Recent Activities

- Community education and advocacy
- Developing legislative priorities and serving as advocates for persons with severe mental illness within service area regions

Western Service Area Authority Membership

Members	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
Howard Gaines	Dillon	Consumer	9/2012
Joe Estenson	Kalispell	Consumer	9/2012
Royalee Bishop	Polson	Consumer	9/2012
Richard Halseth	Superior	Consumer	9/2012
David Cockrell	Missoula	Consumer	9/2012
Sara Brigham	Stevensville	Consumer	9/2012
Tom Russell	Butte	Provider	9/2012
Kerry Brown	Anaconda	Consumer	9/2012
Stacey Wheeler	Bonner	Consumer/Family Member/Provider	9/2012
Sylvia Carollo	Missoula	Consumer	9/2012
Brenda Desmond	Missoula	Criminal Justice	2012
Chris Hartzmann	Troy	Consumer	2012
Paul Meyer	Missoula	Provider	2012
Tyler Steinebach	Superior	Consumer	2012
Denelle Pappier	Hamilton	Consumer/Family Member	2013
Courtney Rudbach	Kalispell	Provider/Other Representative	2013
Geri Stewart	Missoula	Consumer/Other Representative	2013
Rena Ayres	Missoula	Family Member/Provider	2014
Tom Camel	Ronan	Consumer	2014
Monique Casbeer	Missoula	Consumer/MHOAC Rep.	2014

Central Service Area Authority Membership

Members	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
Alicia Smith	Bozeman	Consumer	2014
Andrea Lower	Bozeman	Court Services/Diversion	2015
Brett Linneweber	Livingston	County Attorney	2015
Jacob Wagner	Bozeman	Consumer/Peer Provider	N/A
James Gustafson	Great Falls	Consumer/Peer Provider	N/A
Jeanette Kotecki	Cascade	Family Member	2014
Jeffrey Krott	Helena	Consumer	2013
Jim Wilkerson	Helena	Family Member/Provider	2015
Jodi Dali	Bozeman/Livingston	Provider (MHC)	2015
Louise Livingood	Logan	Family Member	2015
Marlene O'Connell	Great Falls	Provider	2012
Mavis Young Bear	Ft. Belknap	Provider/Family Member	2013
Mike Murray	Helena	Co. Commissioner	2015
Molly Protheroe	Helena	Consumer	2012
Robin Johnson	Great Falls	Consumer/LCPC	2013
Sidney Blair	Great Falls/Helena	Provider/C4MH	2015
Tom Peluso	Bozeman	Family Member	2014
Betsy Garrigues	Bozeman	Children's Advocate/Family Member	2015
Cindy Smith	Havre	Provider	2013
Joe Moll	Great Falls	Consumer/Peer Provider	2012
Lenore Stiffarm	Ft. Belknap	Consumer/Family Member	2014
Aneta Jones	Havre	Consumer/Peer Provider	N/A

Eastern Service Area Authority Membership

Members	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
John Ronneberg	Big Timber	Consumer	2012
Jody Ferestad	Billings	N/A	2012
Diane Ronneberg	Big Timber	Consumer	2013
Dave Pierce	Billings	SC Mont. Mental Health	2012
Rev. Karalee Mulkey	Broadus	Advocate	2012
Colleen Forrester	Glasgow	ESAA Secretary & NCILS	2013
Bobbie Becker	Glendive	LIFTT & ESAA Treas.	2013
Adam Gartner	Glendive	Dawson Co. Commr.	2012
Bill Hodges	Hardin	Big Horn Co. Pub. Health	2013
Jo Shipman	Lewistown	Advocate/MHOAC Rep.	2014
Carl Seilstad	Lewistown	Fergus Co. Commr.	2013
Mary Jean Golden	Lewistown	Consumer	2012
Janice Reichelt	Malta	N/A	2014
Frank Lane	Miles City	EMCMHC/Consumer	2013
Carla Bichler	Miles City	Consumer/Provider	2014
Philip Richmond	Roundup	Consumer	2014
Esther Kramer	Scobey	Consumer/MT-MHA	2014
Judy Lapan	Sidney	Co. Public Health Dept.	2015

Tobacco Prevention Advisory Board

Prepared by Alexis Sandru

Statutory Authority: 17-6-610, MCA

Purposes

- Gather information and advise DPHHS regarding administration of the Tobacco Use Prevention Program under 17-6-606, MCA

General Information

Membership:

- Consists of 15 members who are appointed by the Director
- Serve 3-year terms, subject to reappointment for one succeeding term
- A board member may not have been paid by the tobacco products industry during the 10-year period preceding appointment

Duties and Activities:

- Required to meet at least once per year
- Gathers information, makes recommendations regarding appropriations from the state special revenue accounts, and provides input/feedback related to administration of the Tobacco Use Prevention Program

Budget Information

The total cost of a meeting is approximately \$1,800, including per diem for members, meeting room expenses, staff costs, etc. No staff positions are solely or partially dedicated to supporting this Board.

Recent Activities

Met on 2/6/2007, 3/11/2008, 9/10/2009, 2/4/2010, and 11/18/2010. According to DPHHS, conducting a Board meeting was not prioritized in 2011 due to workload/budget issues. The Board plans to conduct at least one meeting in 2012.

Tobacco Prevention Advisory Board Membership

Members	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
Robin Morris	Columbus	Boys & Girls Club	12/31/2012
Melanie Reynolds	Helena	Urban Co. Health Depts.	12/31/2014
Dr. Sharon Patton	Great Falls	School Administrators of MT	12/31/2014
Dr. Richard Sargent	Helena	MT Healthcare Providers	12/31/2012
Marianne Roose	Eureka	MT Association of Counties	12/31/2013
Dr. Robert Shepard	Helena	MT Family Practice	12/31/2012
Kristin Page-Nei	Missoula	American Cancer Society	12/31/2012
Cristen Morigeau-Two Teeth	St. Ignatius	American Indian TPS	12/31/2013
Jan Parmelee	Thompson Falls	Health Dept. TPS	12/31/2013
Rick Gale	Bozeman	Non-Health Dept. TPS	12/31/2014
Brett Christiansen	Dillon	Youth & Young Adults	12/31/2012
John Beck	Livingston	Mental Healthcare	12/31/2012
Ron Gleason	Chester	Healthcare Administration	12/31/2013
Jeanne Seifert	Glendive	Rural County Health Depts.	12/31/2014
Marjorie Spotted Bird	Poplar	Tribal Member	12/31/2013

Trauma Care Committee

Prepared by Alexis Sandru

Statutory Authority: 2-15-2216, MCA

Purpose

- Reduces the incidence of trauma injuries in Montana and promote and advance excellence in the care of an injured patient

General Information

- Members include representatives of the three regional trauma care committees: Western RTAC, Central RTAC, and Eastern RTAC

Membership:

- Consists of health care representatives
- Appointed by the Governor
- Serve 4-year terms and may be reappointed
- Receive no compensation, but are reimbursed for expenses

Duties and Activities:

- Meets four times per year
- Provides direction to DPHHS regarding trauma care, implementation of a hospital data collection system, and the design and implementation of a statewide quality improvement system for trauma care
- Analyzes the effect of the trauma care system on patient care, morbidity, and mortality
- Oversees and provides recommendations to the regional trauma care advisory committees

Budget Information

Telemed attendance is available. Members are reimbursed for travel and lodging, if needed, and lunch is provided. Meeting costs average \$820 per meeting.

Recent Activities

- Providing guidance for the development and implementation of trauma facility designation, air medical activation guidelines, and field trauma decision/trauma team activation criteria
- Promulgating "normothermia" trauma patient management strategies
- Considering IV fluid management guideline development
- Reviewing trauma system PI indicators and making recommendations
- Implementing trauma education activities in Montana
- Reviewing trauma registry data, injury prevention activities, emergency preparedness activities, and pediatric equipment/guidelines

Trauma Care Committee Membership

Members	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
Dennis Maier, MD	Billings	Committee on Trauma, American College of Surgeons	11/2/2015
Brad VonBergen, RN	Billings	Eastern Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2012
Sam Miller, RN	Bozeman	Eastern Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2015
Tim Sinton, PA	Choteau	Central Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2015
Lauri Jackson, RN	Great Falls	Central Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2012
Leah Emerson, RN	Ronan	Western Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2015
Brad Pickhardt, MD	Missoula	Western Region Trauma Advisory Committee	11/2/2015
Kristin Lowery, RN	Deer Lodge	Montana Trauma Coordinators	11/2/2015
Fred Bartoletti, MD	Anaconda	Montana Medical Association	11/2/2012
Sid Williamson, MD	East Helena	American College of Emergency Physicians	11/2/2015
Elaine Schuchard, RN	Glasgow	Emergency Nurses Association	11/2/2015
Open	N/A	Montana Hospital Association	N/A
Don Whalen	Great Falls	Montana Private Ambulance Operators	11/2/2015
Becky Arbuckle	Bigfork	Montana Emergency Medical Services Association	11/2/2015
Roberta Schupe	Harlem	Indian Health Services	11/2/2015

Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council

Prepared by Sue O'Connell

Statutory Authority: 2-15-2217, MCA

Purposes

- Advise the Department of Public Health and Human Services on ways to improve and develop services regarding traumatic brain injury, including coordination of services between public and private groups
- Encourage citizen participation through public hearings and other types of community outreach and prevention activities
- Encourage research, public awareness, education, and prevention activities
- Advise DPHHS on the use of grant funds and funds in the traumatic brain injury account, which includes revenue from a \$1 donation that can be made by individuals when they register a vehicle

General Information

Membership:

- Nine members, six of whom must be members of the public
- Governor appoints public members
- Committee makeup specified in statute to include a range of interested parties
- Public members serve 3-year terms
- Council meets four times per year

Duties and Activities:

- Discuss issues of concern to the field of traumatic brain injury
- Work with the Brain Injury Association of Montana and the prevention staff at DPHHS
- Make recommendations to DPHHS on matters involving traumatic brain injury

Budget Information

Members are paid for meals, lodging, and travel. Council expenses in fiscal year 2011 totaled about \$8,700.

Recent Activities

- Last met on Feb. 23-24, 2012
- Discussion of potential legislation in 2013 relating to sports concussions and establishing a requirement for an athlete to refrain from playing until examined by medical personnel trained in brain injuries.

Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council Membership

Members	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
Ian Elliott	Billings	Survivor	1/1/2013
Julia Hammond	Helena	Survivor	1/1/2015
Cindy Laukes	Missoula	Injury Control/Prevention	1/1/2015
Melveena Malatare	Browning	Advocate	1/1/2014
Kathy Smith	Great Falls	Advocate	1/1/2014
James Wright	Butte	Advocate	1/1/2013
James Driggers	Helena	DPHHS	No specified term
Tana Ostrowski	Missoula	Traumatic Brain Injury Program	No specified term
Francisco Roman	Helena	OPI	No specified term

Statutory Advisory Groups Not Currently Active

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Some advisory bodies established in statute have not been active in recent years. Those entities, their purposes, and the current status of each are summarized below.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Statutory Authority: 40-5-906, MCA

Purposes

- Advise DPHHS about the policy, direction, control, and management of the child support case registry and payment processing unit
- Advise DPHHS on forms, data processing needs, contract terms, and cooperative agreements related to child support enforcement
- Under the law, DPHHS may enter into contracts to establish, operate, or maintain the case registry and payment processing unit and related functions if there is a board to act in an advisory capacity

Status

- Board has been disbanded
- DPHHS is unable to identify when the board was disbanded but believes it may have been in 2004
- The Child Support Enforcement Division uses state employees, rather than a contractor, to operate the case registry and payment processing unit.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY GROUP

Statutory Authority: 50-4-810 and 50-4-811, MCA

Purposes

- Oversee the DPHHS grant process for creating and supporting new nonfederally funded community health centers and expanding services at existing CHCs
- Make recommendations on applications for grant funds

Status

- Advisory group was created in 2007 and was active in 2007 and 2008
- Legislature has not appropriated funds for the grant program since 2007, so group has been inactive since 2009

MONTANA 2-1-1 COMMUNITY COALITION

Statutory Authority: 53-1-703, 53-1-704, 53-1-710, and 53-1-711, MCA

Purposes

- Assist the Department of Public Health and Human Services in developing a strategic plan for putting in place, operating, and evaluating a 2-1-1 system to provide public information on and referral to local resources related to disaster, emergency, safety, health, or human services topics

- Provide a report to the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee and the Legislature each biennium

Additional Information

- Created by 2005 Legislature
- No funding provided for advisory coalition
- Governor did not appoint coalition members because of lack of funding; DPHHS established an informational work group that met three times

Status

- Coalition submitted a report to the Legislature on Nov. 1, 2006
- DPHHS has not continued to work on 2-1-1 activities since completion of the report. However, individual 2-1-1 call centers continue to serve various areas of the state.

MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Statutory Authority: 53-6-710, MCA

Purposes

- Review requests for proposals for Medicaid managed care programs
- Review contracts proposed to be awarded for managed care
- Hold a public hearing in the area affected by a proposed managed care effort and submit a report of its findings related to the public comment process to the Legislature, the Legislative Auditor's Office, and DPHHS

Status

- Council created by Senate Bill 351 in the 2011 Legislature
- DPHHS is considering members for appointment; no managed care proposals are pending

COMMISSION ON PROVIDER RATES AND SERVICES

Statutory Authority: Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 2, MCA

Purposes

- Monitor the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to providers of Medicaid services in order to ensure that state funds are spent appropriately, providers are treated fairly, and consumer and taxpayer expectations are met
- Create a protocol for recommending provider reimbursement rates
- Recommend reimbursement levels, rate equity among service levels, and cost-effective methods of regulating and auditing provider services

Status

- Meetings are held at the call of the presiding officer
- The last meeting appears to have been held in September 2010
- DPHHS says it is waiting for the Commission to prioritize its requests for information