

BIOGRAPHIES OF INVITEES BEFORE THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

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PANELISTS: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS

Bill Bronson, Commissioner, City of Great Falls

Bill Bronson is an attorney in private practice. He received degrees in economics, public administration and law from the University of Montana. He has served as a Great Falls City Commissioner since January 2008, and is currently the vice-president of the Montana League of Cities and Towns.

John Faulkner, Great Falls Airport Authority

John Faulkner has over sixteen years of progressively responsible airport experience. As Airport Director since June of 2010, John is responsible for overseeing the daily operation of the Great Falls International Airport. John is also an active member of the American Association of Airport Executives and has served on the organization's national Finance Committee since 2003. He also completed the organization's Accredited Airport Executive Program (A.A.E.) in 2005.

Cyndi Johnson, Pondera County Commissioner

Cynthia (Cyndi) Johnson has been a Pondera County Commissioner since 2001. She and her husband, Ken, farm dry-land wheat east of Conrad. Prior to Cyndi's local government career, she worked in long-term care administration. She attended MSU - Bozeman and Billings, became a licensed Long Term Care Administrator in 1985, and received her Retirement Housing Professional Certification from the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging in 1991.

Steve Malicott, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce

Percy "Steve" Malicott has 12 year's experience in the Chamber industry with the last three years as the President/CEO of the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. The Great Falls Chamber has been evolving over the past few years and is a serious advocate for business. They have their own lobbyist to represent them during Legislative Sessions and throughout the year, under the direction of the Business Advocacy Committee, in order to protect business interests at the local, state and federal levels. The Great Falls Chamber is one of the few Chambers that is growing under current economic conditions and continues to become more involved in the legislative process. The Great Falls Chamber is currently working redistricting issues and legislative initiatives.

Larry Bonderud, Mayor of Shelby

Shelby Mayor Larry Bonderud has served the City of Shelby in various capacities since 1977. He was elected Shelby's 12th Mayor in November of 1989. Currently he serves as the President and a director of the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority and he is a past president of the Montana League of Cities and Towns. He also serves as a director of the Montana League of Cities and Towns. Governors Schwinden, Stephens, Racicot, Martz, and Schweitzer each appointed him to serve on various state boards and special interim legislative committees.

Mayor Bonderud is a practicing optometrist in Shelby, Conrad, and Browning, Montana. He has served on the State Board of Optometry for eight years, has been named one of the top 100 alumni in the 100 year history of the Southern California College of Optometry, and was presented the 1994 American Community Leadership Award in recognition of excellence in community leadership.

HEALTH CARE/MEDICAID SPEAKERS

Susan Black Barton, Medicaid Health Improvement Program Manager, Riverstone Health, Billings

Susan Black Barton has been with RiverStone Health for nearly 11 years, first working with Hospice and the Community Health Access Partnership and, for the past 2 years, as the manager for the Medicaid Health Improvement Program (MHIP). She oversees a staff of Registered Nurse Care Managers, Social Worker Care Managers, and an administrative assistant.

Prior to joining RiverStone Health, Ms. Barton served as the Director for the Eastern MT Area Health Education Center. She also worked as an elementary school teacher and as an adoption social worker.

Mary Dalton, Medicaid Manager, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Helena

Mary Dalton is the Department's Medicaid and Health Services Branch Manager. She oversees four of the 11 Divisions within the Department and the Healthy Montana Kids program and serves as the State Medicaid Director. Mary has been with the Medicaid program for over 25 years and in her current position for the past 3 years.

OTHERS

John Goodnow, Ceo, Benefis Health System

John Goodnow, CEO of Benefis Health System in Great Falls, has been a hospital administrator for more than 30 years, at a wide range of facilities and with a record of improving finances, increasing patient satisfaction, and forging relationships with other organizations and communities.

Mr. Goodnow earned a bachelor's degree in Biological Science and Administrative Health Sciences from the University of California-Davis in 1974 and a master's degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan in 1976. He became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in 1987.

Mr. Goodnow's experience ranges from community hospitals to teaching hospitals. While he has worked primarily in the not-for-profit arena, his experience does also include some work with for-profit entities.

The Benefis Health System includes two owned acute care hospitals in Great Falls, one managed hospital, and an alliance of 14 affiliated hospitals (the Northcentral Montana Healthcare Alliance, NMHA). The Benefis Health System also includes an employed medical group, a senior campus, a home care/durable medical equipment company, a free-standing cancer center, a hospice, and a health club. Benefis Health System also is a partner with Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, St. Peter's Hospital of Helena, and Northern Montana Hospital of Havre in a new collaborative venture, the Montana Healthcare System (a "virtual" system). The Benefis Health System is the largest private employer in Great Falls, with a large service area as one of the state's premier tertiary referral centers.