

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2013
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COUNCIL CONVENED AT 10:10 AM and ADJOURNED at 11:50 AM on January 10, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Billings: Tarra Thomas

Butte: Don Berryman

Glasgow: Connie Wethern and Isaiah Devereaux

Great Falls: Melissa Clark and Shawn Parker

Helena: Darwin Nelson, Jeff Sturm, Marla Swanby, Diana Tavary and Nanette Whitman-Holmes.

Missoula: Jason Billehus

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Keough Duffy, Janet Carlson, Sylvia Danforth, Debra Ekblom, Kimme Evermann, Bob Norbie, Barb Olind, Jan Wenaas and Rudy Shiner

STAFF PRESENT:

Helena: Deborah Swingley and Dee Burrell

GUESTS PRESENT:

Great Falls: Sister Johnelle Howanach

COUNCIL AGENDA:

The **March** agenda consisted of the Approval of January 2013 minutes, Executive Director's Report, Funding Overview, Agency Reports and Member News.

Chair Connie Wethern convened the meeting with welcome and introductions were made by each site.

The minutes for the January 2013 meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Deborah Swingley gave the Executive Directors report which included handouts that were emailed to members prior to the meeting and a PowerPoint presentation, which was visible to members. The membership was updated on the Governor's office timeline for appointments they are stressing attendance at meetings. The members were also given the financials for the 30% administration/planning funds. The financials are for the actual 49% of award received not for what we are waiting to receive. Copies are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

FUNDING PROPOSALS:

Dual Diagnosis Task Force: was approved by members after discussion.

AGENCY REPORTS:

Diana Tavary, Disability Rights Montana (DRM) did not have a written report. A staff member of DRM, Jillian, sends a weekly legislative update in which anyone can sign up to receive.

Jeff Sturm, Developmental Disabilities Program did not have a written report.

Marla Swanby, Office of Public Instruction did not have anything to report.

MEMBER NEWS:

Tarra Thomas is gearing up for the spring season.

Jason Billehus, Missoula: The comedy act with Mike Beers is getting rolling. Oklahoma People First has started a Marriage Penalty Project.

Melissa Clark, Great Falls: shared that Sister Lynn Mousel is still living in the house with Sister Johnelle who is currently having serious heart & health issues. Melissa now has her own place to live but spends 3-4 days a week with Sister Johnelle. Melissa is going to Great Falls University in the fall for sign language. Wendy Olind is now living in Great Falls at Farm in the Dell.

Darwin Nelson, Helena: shared that he was elected President of the Helena Aktion Club.

Nanette Whitman-Holmes, Helena: shared that her youngest son won the Geography bee at his school and his picture was on the front page of the Helena Independent Record.

MISC:

Deborah Swingley shared with members the Council's Facebook page has edited versions of the videos that were made a few years ago. Also pictures from the 40+1 Event are posted on the site. Members were invited to check out the page. A link is on the Council's website.

MOTIONS REGISTER:

1. **Marla Swanby/Bob Norbie** second – Approve October 2012 minutes.
UNANIMOUS – ADOPTED