



**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2016
MCDD CONFERENCE CENTER
2712 BILLINGS AVE
Helena MT 50601**

COUNCIL CONVENED AT 8:30AM and ADJOURNED at 4:15PM on JUNE 9, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Berryman, Martin Blair, Virjeana Brown, Trenton Butler, Janet Carlson, Rebecca deCamara, Bob DesJardins, Isaiah Devereaux, Jacob Harrison, Heather Juvan, Charlene Lefthand-Irvine, Jim Marks, Tarra Thomas, Connie Wethern and Nanette Whitman-Holmes.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Cherie Bowman-Lyons, Erin Butts, Sen. Robyn Driscoll, Debra Ekblom, Kimme Evermann, Denise Higgins, Matt Kuntz and Rep. Edie McClafferty and Blake Reese.

Note: Identified attendance is of members present at business meeting prior to retreat.

LIASON MEMBER PRESENT: Dennis Nyland

STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Swingley and Dee Burrell

GUESTS: Amanda Dupuis, Kevin Jones

COUNCIL AGENDA

The **August** agenda consisted of approval of June Minutes, Overview of Training, Funding consideration for Posture 24/7 Year 2. 2017 Master Calendar and an Accessibility Presentation by Charlene Lefthand-Irvine.

Chair Tarra Thomas called the meeting to order. A motion was passed to Approve the June minutes.

Chair Tarra Thomas presented **CEO/ Executive Director Deborah Swingley** with an award for 30 years of service to the Council. Deborah came to work for the Council in August 1986.

Deborah gave the members an overview of the training they would receive from David and Wendy Watson-Hallowell for the afternoon and tomorrow morning.

Master Calendar 2017 was approved for Federal Fiscal 2017.

FUNDING CONSIDERATION

Tamara Kittleson-Aldred and Arwen Kittleson-Aldred of Posture 24-7 gave members a presentation for Year 2 funding for the Postural Care project. The final average score was 32.4 out of a possible 35. The project was funded for 2017.

ACCESSIBILITY PRESENTATION:

Charlene Lefthand-Irvine had a presentation on Accessibility with a Google Docs visual power point.

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Deborah shared the passing of former Senator Bea McCarthy who was on the Council for 8 years. She was a fixture in Montana politics and very well respected.

Members were asked about entertaining a review of the Council Mission and Purpose Statements. The question was asked if this was something the members wished to pursue now or at a later point in time. Don Berryman proposed having a retreat and facilitator to assist the Council in the process at a future retreat. A motion/second was made (see motions register) discussion followed and passed by unanimous vote.

Bob DesJardins was presented with an apron with his name on it. At the Consumer Caucus dinner the evening before he had to play waiter and get everyone utensils and napkins because of poor service.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

MOTIONS REGISTER:

1. **Don Berryman/ Jacob Harrison second – Approve June 2016 minutes.
UNANIMOUS APPROVED**

2. **Connie Wethern/ Jacob Harrison second – Approve Master Calendar
for 2017.
UNANIMOUS APPROVED**

3. **Bob DesJardins/ Don Berryman second – Fund Posture 24-7 for Year
2.
UNANIMOUS APPROVED**

4. **Don Berryman/ Jacob Harrison second – proposal to bring in a
facilitator and review the Council Mission and Purpose Statements at a
future retreat.
UNANIMOUS APPROVED**