



**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2017  
VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**COUNCIL CONVENED AT 9:05 AM and ADJOURNED at 11:30PM on  
JANUARY 12, 2017.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Butte: Don Berryman  
Bozeman: Virjeana Brown  
Dillon: Robert DesJardins  
Glasgow: Connie Wethern and Isaiah Devereaux  
Great Falls: Cherie Bowman-Lyons  
Kalispell: Blake Reese  
Havre: Trenton Butler  
Phone: Heather Juvan  
Helena: Martin Blair, Erin Butts, Jacob Harrison, Dennis Nyland, Tarra  
Thomas and Nanette Whitman-Holmes

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Janet Carlson, Rebecca deCamara, Kimme Evermann,  
Charlene Lefthand-Irvine and Jim Marks

**MEMBERS NOT EXCUSED:** Debra Ekblom

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Helena: Deborah Swingley and Dee Burrell

**GUESTS:**

Havre: Michael Yegerlehner  
Helena: Sara Harrison

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**COUNCIL AGENDA**

The January agenda consisted of approval of October 2016 Minutes, Review Ground Rules, Executive Directors Report, CFI Call for Investment Discussion and Agency Reports.

Chair Tarra Thomas called the meeting to order, and requested approval of the October 2016 minutes. Tarra also did a review of the ground rules and acknowledged the members at the different locations.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

**Deborah Swingley.** The ED report included handouts and a PowerPoint presentation. Copies are attached to and made a part of these minutes. A few highlights include FFY2017-2021 5-Year Plan of Action update, Annual Award, Financial overview (70%) Funds, CFI Potential Topics, 2017 Legislative Session and Membership.

### **CFI/Call for Investment Discussion**

Members discussed the 2 Draft CFI's for First Responder Disability Awareness Training and Support of Self-Advocacy. Members provided suggested revisions to Council staff. Staff will incorporate the changes and send the revised draft to the membership for a final review with a deadline to respond.

### **MISC**

A change was requested for the March meeting date and members agreed to move the meeting to March 16, 2017.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

### **Office of Public Instruction, Erin Butts**

Erin submitted a written report which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

### **Dennis Nyland, Office of the Governor, Mental Health Ombudsman**

Dennis will submit a written report after the meeting.

### **Martin Blair, University Center on Excellence, Rural Institute**

Marty submitted a written report after the meeting which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

### **Developmental Disabilities Program**

A written report was submitted and is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

**MOTIONS REGISTER:**

1. **Don Berryman/ Jacob Harrison second - Approve October 2016 Minutes.  
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**
  
2. **Marti Blair/ Heather Juvan second - Accept as a topic for a CFI for the current fiscal year - First Responders Awareness Training.  
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**
  
3. **Jeannie Brown/ Dennis Nyland second - Accept a maximum funding amount of \$50,000 for the CFI for First Responders Awareness Training.  
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**
  
4. **Marti Blair/ Cherie Bowman-Lyons second -Accept as a topic for a CFI for the current fiscal year - Support of Self Advocacy.  
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**
  
5. **Cherie Bowman-Lyons/ Bob DesJardins second - Accept the CFI for Support of Self Advocacy as written.  
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**