



**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2015
MCDD CONFERENCE CENTER
2712 BILLINGS AVE
Helena MT 50601**

COUNCIL CONVENED AT 8:45 AM and ADJOURNED at 4:15PM on JUNE 11, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Berryman, Martin Blair, Cherie Bowman-Lyons, Virjeana Brown (via conference call), Janet Carlson, Bob DesJardins, Isaiah Devereaux, Kimme Evermann, Jacob Harrison, Charlene Lefthand-Irvine, Jim Marks, Tarra Thomas, Connie Wethern and Nanette Whitman-Holmes.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Erin Butts, Sen. Robin Driscoll and Matt Kuntz

MEMBERS NOT EXCUSED: Debra Ekblom

STAFF PRESENT: Deborah Swingley and Dee Burrell

GUESTS: Riley Berryman, Dennis Nyland, Amanda Dupuis

COUNCIL AGENDA

The June agenda consisted of approval of March Minutes, Election of Officers for FFY16-17, Executive Directors Report, CFI Funding/Overview, CFI Funding Presentation and decision, ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration Presentation by Bob Maffit and Lloyd Sparks from Montana Independent Living Project, Member News and Agency Reports

Chair Don Berryman called the meeting to order, and requested approval of the March 2015 minutes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Two Council members put their “hat in the ring” for Council offices; Tarra Thomas for Chair and Isaiah Devereaux for Vice Chair. Tarra and Isaiah each addressed the Council on their desire to serve as an officer of the Council. As there was only one candidate for each position a motion of election by acclamation approved by the Council. The new officers will serve for FFY16 and FFY 17.

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 Inclusive Transit Planning Round 3, MDC Transition Team, Plan of Action FFY2017-2021, and Work Plan for 5-Year Plan, Financials, Committee Sign-up Governance and Public Policy

Chair Don Berryman distributed the annual Executive Directors Evaluation form, to be completed by members and returned or mailed directly to Don. Staff supplied Don with stamped return envelopes with his address to assist Council members wishing to complete the evaluation after the meeting. Forms were mailed to members who were excused.

Deborah shared an article, which was sent to Council offices by a former Legislator, on a Hippotherapy program in Whitefish that the Council funded over a decade ago for \$13,000, and is still going strong.

The Master Calendar for FY2016 was distributed to members. Changes were made; June 16, 2016 and August Retreat – To Be Determined. A final copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

An article was sent to members from the Atlantic Monthly magazine entitled “Who Decides Where Autistic Adults Live?” A good discussion followed by the members.

Members were asked if they still wanted to meet on Thursday’s and be a one day meeting. The answer was yes.

The recent passing of Council member Shawn Parker was discussed. Staff attended the funeral and shared how much it meant to the family that the Council was represented. **Isaiah Devereaux** read a letter he wrote to Shawn with members. Staff made a remembrance board with pictures from his 10 years on the Council and it was put up during the services. A photo of the memory board is attached to these minutes.

Deborah provided a **Call for Investment Overview** which is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Dennis Nyland, Office of the Governor, Mental Health Ombudsman
Dennis handed out a brochure that describes what he does and information for members. The website is up and working and members can email him with any concerns or questions. A copy of the brochure is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

FUNDING PRESENTATION-CALL FOR INVESTMENT

Postural Care USA Inc. – Tamara Kittleson-Aldred

Tamara presented to the Council for Postural Care USA Inc. The presentation was structured for 30 minutes with a 15 minute Question & Answer period at the end. The presentation was very interactive with questions interspersed throughout. Members completed score sheets after the presentation and turned them into staff for calculation.

CFI Funding Decision:

During the lunch break the score sheets were rated with an overall collective rating of **31.87**. Members had several wants for staff to negotiate prior to a contract to be signed and finalized. The CFI was awarded with the Council final dollar amount to be determined after staff meet with DPHHS Developmental Disabilities Program, which has committed to collaborating with funding.

ADA 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Bob Maffit, Lloyd Sparks, Montana Independent Living Center (MILP)

Bob provided members with a history of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). The Council purchased ADA T-Shirts which were distributed for members to put on during the presentation and games. All handouts are attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The ADA Legacy Tour bus will be in Montana and at the ADA Celebration Events for an unspecified amount of time during the events before the bus moves to the next city.

The ADA Celebration Events will be as follows:

Billings: July 2nd at the Kmart parking lot 8am – 2pm

Great Falls: July 3rd at Lion's Park 10am – 3pm

Helena: July 3rd at State Capitol 2pm – 5pm

Missoula: July 4th at Caras Park 10am – 2pm

AGENCY REPORTS/MEMBER NEWS

Office on Aging, Kimme Evermann

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

Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities, Marty Blair

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

Maternal & Child Health, Denise Higgins

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

Vocational Rehabilitation, Jim Marks

Jim did not submit a written report.

MEMBER NEWS

Nanette Whitman-Holmes: Youngest son turned 16 years old today and is now an Eagle Scout.

Connie Wethern: Now has 4 teenagers in her home and is very busy.

Isaiah Devereaux: When he gets home he will go to the Demolition Derby with his girlfriend and watch the car he has helped to work on race.

Janet Carlson: Saw Jason Billehus at Special Olympics in Missoula where she participated in walking and bowling.

Carley Lefthand-Irvine – Niece Indigo will be in high school next year, Amanda's baby is almost 1 year old and last night went to the movies with Jacob to see Mad Max.

Jacob Harrison – Last couple of weeks he has been struggling with some issues, he tried a new job as a dish washer but the other staff were mean to him and used foul language so he quit and went back to his old job.

Tarra Thomas: The program she is working with grant funding ran out on May 31st. Maternal & Child Health added them to the state budget which was passed by the legislature. So they now have funding to continue. Her family is going to the family camp in Texas that they went to last year. She is looking forward to it.

Don Berryman: Coach Cal will be coaching 3-4 year olds in soccer again this year. Riley is going to 4H camp at Loon Lake soon.

Deborah Swingley – Handed out a booklet which was originally printed for the 10th Anniversary of the ADA.

Dee Burrell- Daughter just returned from a work trip to Brazil. Dee had cataract surgery on her left eye since the last meeting.

Jeannie Brown: Was on a conference call because she just returned late last night from Leadership Training in New York City. There is a movement to take our country back. The biggest issue she had on the trip was lack of accessible transportation for Lena and her chair. She also mentioned that with the conference call she could hear everything that was said by everyone. Good microphones.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

MOTIONS REGISTER:

1. **Cherie Bowman-Lyons/Nanette Whitman-Holmes second - Adopt March 2015 Minutes.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**

2. **Connie Wethern/Marty Blair second - Election of Officers motion by acclamation, since only one candidate is running for each office.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**

3. **Virjeana Brown/Isaiah Devereaux second - Adopt FFY 2015 calendar as modified. June was changed to June 16, 2016 and the August retreat is to be determined at a later date.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**

4. **Marty Blair/Isaiah Devereaux second - Accept the scores and approve funding for the CFI for Postural Care to Postural Care USA.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**

5. **Robert DesJardins/Jacob Harrison second - Staff negotiate with Postural Care USA on contract to cover members requests.
UNANIMOUS - ADOPTED**