



# Best Beginnings State Advisory Council

April 11, 2013 – 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

April 12, 2013 – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Holiday Inn Ballroom – Last Chance Gulch

Helena, Montana

## Agenda

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| <b>8:00 – 8:30</b>   | <b>Check-In, Coffee and Refreshments</b><br>Debbie Hansen  |
| <b>8:30 – 8:45</b>   | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br>Patty Butler, ECSB Chief   |
| <b>8:45 – 9:15</b>   | <b>Opening Remarks from DPHHS Administration</b><br>Jamie Palagi                      Denise Higgins<br>Sarah Corbally                      Patty Butler   |
| <b>9:15 – 10:00</b>  | <b>Strategic Planning Presentation</b><br>Kirsten Smith, Bloom Consulting  |
| <b>10:00 – 10:15</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>10:15 – 12:00</b> | <b>Community Council Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eastern Montana – 3</li><li>• Early Childhood Coalition of the Greater Helena Area</li><li>• Flathead Best Beginnings Community Council</li><li>• 1 2 3 Invest in Me!</li><li>• Butte Community Council</li><li>• Missoula Best Beginnings Council</li><li>• Early Childhood Community Council, Gallatin Area</li></ul> |
| <b>12:00 – 1:00</b>  | <b>Working Lunch</b><br>Family Forum Report – Debbie Hansen<br>CCDF State Plan Overview – Patty Butler   |
| <b>1:00 – 2:15</b>   | <b>Facilitated Panel Discussion – Community Councils Sustainability</b><br>Dianna Frick and Debbie Hansen  |
| <b>2:15 – 2:30</b>   | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>2:30 – 3:30</b>   | <b>Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Support</li></ul>  |

- High Quality Care and Early Childhood
- Health
- Social, Emotional, Mental Health
- Professional Development
- SCOPA

**3:30 – 4:00**                      **Council Discussion**

**4:15**                                **Public Comment**

**4:30**                                **Meeting Adjourned**

## **A g e n d a**

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**8:00 – 8:30**                      **Check-In, Coffee**

**8:30 – 11:30**                    **Committee Work**

- Professional Development – Holiday Inn Ballroom
- Health – Arcade 1<sup>st</sup> floor Conf. Rm.
- Social Emotional Mental Health – Arcade 4<sup>th</sup> floor Conf. Rm.
- Family Support – Arcade 5<sup>th</sup> floor Conf. Rm. A
- High Quality Early Care and Education – Arcade 5<sup>th</sup> floor Conf. Rm. B
- Strategic Communication, Outreach and Public Awareness – Sweet & Savory

**11:30 – 12:30**                    **Council Discussion**

**12:30**                                **Public Comment**

**1:00**                                **Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting – October 10, 2013 – Holiday Inn, Helena**

### **MISSION**

**The Best Beginnings Advisory Council’s strategic goal is to ensure Montana has a comprehensive, coordinated, early childhood system that provides a governance structure and leads to strong collaboration in order to best meet the needs of Montana’s youngest citizens.**

**Americans with Disabilities Act** - The Department of Public Health and Human Services is committed to providing meeting access through reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact the Early Childhood Services Bureau at (866) 239-0458.

**Public Comment** - in accordance with 2-3-103 (1), MCA, the Department will hold a public comment period. Please note that this is the public’s opportunity to address the work of the Best Beginnings Advisory Council

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Sara Groves – Montana State Library  
Patty Butler – Early Childhood Services Bureau  
Terri Barclay – Office of Public Instruction  
Rebecca de Camara – Developmental Services Division  
Denise Higgins – Family and Community Health Bureau  
Dianna Frick – Family and Community Health Bureau; Home Visiting  
Becky Fleming Siebenaler – Child Care Licensing  
Mary Musil – Child and Adult Care Food Program  
Caitlin Jensen – Head Start Collaboration  
Libby Hancock – Early Childhood Project  
Stephanie Wilkins – Public Assistance  
Sarah Corbally – Child Protective Services  
Christy Hill Larson – Early Childhood Project; Special Projects  
Shelly Meyer – Statewide Health Consultant  
Holley Woosley Vennes – Parent  
Collette Box – Child Care Center  
David B. Cook – Child Care Group Home  
Debbie Richert – Head Start Association  
Dr. Cindy O’Dell – Early Childhood Higher Education  
Connie Sturgis – Montana Child Care Association  
Eileen Donohue – Child Care Resource and Referral Network  
Kriste Jensen – Business  
Sharon DiBrito - MtAEYC  
Michelle Parks – CACFP Sponsors  
Carol Townsend – Philanthropy  
Deborah Neuman – Family Support  
Jeanne Christopher – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Community  
Lucinda Burns – Northern Cheyenne Tribal Community  
Josette Bill – Chippewa Cree Tribal Community  
Viola Wood – Fort Peck Tribal Community  
Susan Ritter – Military Child Care  
Kelly Hart – Pregnant and Parenting Teens  
Brenda Stockert – Eastern Montana-3 Community Council Coordinator  
Katy Bugni – Lewis and Clark County Community Council Coordinator  
Lynette Petritz – Silver Bow County Community Council Coordinator  
Amy Cory – Gallatin County Community Council Coordinator  
Erin Riggs – Flathead County Community Council Coordinator  
Steve Schmidt – Missoula County Community Council Coordinator  
Kayla Gieseke – Ravalli County Community Council Coordinator

## **BBAC Staff**

Debora Hansen – Best Beginnings Advisory Council Coordinator