



**BEST BEGINNINGS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
HOLIDAY INN; BALL ROOM  
HELENA, MT  
January 9 – 10, 2013**

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**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

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

**Facilitated by: Kirsten Smith, Bloom Consulting**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2013**

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| <b>8:30 - 9:00</b>   | <b>Welcome, Introductions, and Review Agenda</b><br><i>Debbie Hansen, Best Beginnings Coordinator</i><br><i>Patty Butler, Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief</i>  |
| <b>9:00 – 10:00</b>  | <b>Review Updated State Needs Assessment</b>   |
| <b>10:00 – 10:25</b> | <b>Confirm Practical Vision</b><br><i>“What do we want to see in a 3 – 5 years as a result of our action?”</i>   |
| <b>10:25 – 10:35</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>10:35 – 12:00</b> | <b>Contradictions workshop.</b><br><i>“What is blocking us from moving toward our vision?”</i><br>(Use gaps identified in state needs assessment as starting place to discuss needs and underlying root causes of these issues.) |
| <b>12:00 – 1:00</b>  | <b>Working Lunch</b>   |
| <b>1:00 – 3:00</b>   | <b>Develop Strategic Directions</b><br>(Will create separate strategic directions for advisory council committees to operationalize the practical vision for the shorter term future.)   |
| <b>3:00 – 3:10</b>   | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>3:10 – 4:45</b>   | <b>Continue Strategic Directions Work</b>  |

**4:45 – 4:55            Feedback on Today’s Progress**

**4:55 – 5:00            Public Comment**

**5:00                    Meeting adjourned.**

Thank you for all of your hard work.

Meeting resumes at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday.



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**Thursday, January 10, 2013**

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| <b>8:00 – 8:15</b>   | <b>Welcome/Announcements</b><br><i>Debbie Hansen, Best Beginnings Coordinator</i>   |
| <b>8:15 – 9:00</b>   | <b>Review and Complete Strategic Directions Work</b><br><i>Facilitator: Kirsten Smith, Bloom Consulting</i>   |
| <b>9:00 – 10:00</b>  | <b>Focused Implementation and Action Planning</b><br>Define major accomplishments for year one for each strategic direction; develop first year timeline and assignments. |
| <b>10:00 – 10:10</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>10:10 – 12:00</b> | <b>Continued Focused Implementation and Action Planning Work</b>  |
| <b>12:00 – 1:00</b>  | <b>Lunch (on your own)</b>  |
| <b>1:00 – 3:00</b>   | <b>Continued Focused Implementation and Action Planning Work</b>  |
| <b>3:00 – 3:10</b>   | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>3:10 – 4:45</b>   | <b>Complete Focus Implementation and Action Planning Work</b>   |
| <b>4:45 – 4:55</b>   | <b>Feedback on Strategic Planning Work</b>  |
| <b>4:55 – 5:00</b>   | <b>Public Comment</b>   |
| <b>5:00</b>          | <b>Meeting adjourned.</b>   |

**Thank you very much. Please drive safely home.**