

**STATE OF MONTANA**

**HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 20, 2021**

**11:30 a.m.**

Meeting was called to order by Representative Frank Garner.

Roll call was taken. Senators Keenan and Glimm, Representatives Moore, Garner, and Caferro, Director Adam Meier, General Counsel Anita Milanovich, and Charlie Brereton were present. Senator McNally was excused.

Representative Garner moved three items:

1. Allow Representative Garner to serve as temporary chair for this meeting only.
2. Accept proxy votes.
3. Use Mason's rules allowing for majority vote.

Director Meier seconded the motion.

There were no objections to this motion.

Director Meier requested the commission to approve the full \$1,176,997 allocation for the WIC Fruits and Vegetable Benefit. The American Rescue Plan has issued funding to increase benefits for fruits and vegetables up to the amount of \$35 per month for women and children participating in WIC for June through September 2021. States may also use funding to pay for associated costs to administer the benefit change. Participating WIC clients will receive the additional benefits directly on their EBT cards.

There were no comments from the public.

Senator Keenan moved to approve the full allocation of \$1,176, 997 for the purposes of funding the WIC benefit for June, July, August, and September 2021.

Director Meier seconded the motion.

The Chair called for voice vote. The motion passed unanimously. Senator McNally voted yes by proxy.

The next meeting of the commission will take place on June 3, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.