

# **HB 142 Review of Advisory Councils**

## **Montana Health Coalition**

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**Statutory Authority:** 53-2-215, MCA

### **Purposes**

- Review section 1115 Medicaid waiver proposals before they are submitted to the federal government

### **General Information**

#### *Membership:*

- No specific state requirements for membership, other than inclusion of consumer advocates
- Members serve 2-year terms and may be reappointed
- Coalition meets at least annually

#### *Duties and Activities:*

- Review section 1115 Medicaid waiver proposals
- Hear and provide on health care topics in order to promote short- and long-range planning for Montana's health needs, with a special emphasis on low-income residents
- Review and offer advice on other health care initiatives and proposals dealing with state health issues and services

### **Other Information**

- Meets the federal requirement for a group that advise the Department of Public Health and Human Services and Medicaid administrators about health and medical care services
- Federal regulation establishes requirements for membership of federally required advisory group, including physicians, other health care professionals, and consumer groups

### **Budget Information**

DPHHS spent about \$2,135 for two meetings of the coalition in fiscal year 2011.

### **Recent Activities**

- Last met on March 14, 2012
- Heard updates on DPHHS Medicaid-related activities, including existing waivers and proposed waivers
- Provided comment on DPHHS activities

### Montana Health Coalition Membership

<b>Member</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Edith Clark	Sweetgrass	Consumers
Mary Dalton	Helena	State Medicaid Director
Dr. Steve Helgerson	Helena	Physician
Travis Hoffman	Missoula	Consumers
Dr. Gary Mihelish	Helena	Consumers/Other Health Professionals
Dr. Douglas Moore	Billings	Other Health Professionals
Dave Pierce	Billings	Other Health Professionals
Kaaren Rizor	Ashland	Other Health Professionals
Jane Smilie	Helena	DPHHS Public Health and Safety Division
Fawn Tadios	Box Elder	Consumers/Other Health Professionals
Kristianne Wilson	Billings	Consumers/Other Health Professionals

Council is appointed through May 31, 2012. Governor will need to authorize continuation.

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