

NEWS RELEASE
GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK
STATE OF MONTANA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Governor Steve Bullock today announced the following appointments.

Family Support Services Advisory Council

- **Jennifer Banna**, Missoula. Qualification: Parent Representative. Banna is a Parent Partner with Parents Let's Unite for Kids (PLUK).
- **Dr. Corey Fish**, Bozeman. Qualification: Health Care Representative. Fish is a Pediatrician at Acorn Pediatrics and serves as a Clinical Associate Professor for the University of Washington.
- **Peggy Grimes**, Missoula. Qualification: Experience with Homelessness Advocacy. Grimes is the President of Endless Sky L3C and the former Chief Executive Officer for the Montana Food Bank Network.
- **Ryane Holzworth**, Laurel. Qualification: Quality Improvement Specialist. Holzworth is the Quality Improvement Specialist for the Developmental Disability Program in Billings.
- **Jody Jones**, Polson. Qualification: Head Start Representative. Jones is the Special Services Coordinator for Early Childhood Services for the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes.
- **Debra Kercher**, Great Falls. Qualification: Parent Representative. Kercher is a Senior Court Clerk at the Great Falls Municipal Court.
- **Dr. Christine Lux**, Bozeman. Qualification: Personnel Preparation Representative. Lux is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health and Human Development for Montana State University.
- **Melisa Synness**, Helena. Qualification: Parent Representative. Synness is the Executive Director of Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies.

Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees

- **Jude Sheppard**, Chinook. Qualification: Public Representative. Sheppard is the Executive Director of the Blaine County Museum.

Livestock Loss Board

- **Elaine Allestad**, Big Timber. Qualification: Livestock Industry Representative. Allestad is a Rancher.

- **James Cross**, Kalispell. Qualification: Wildlife Conservation Representative. Cross is a wildlife biologist.
- **Larry Trexler**, Hamilton. Qualification: Livestock Industry Representative. Trexler is a Ranch Manager.

Rail Service Competition Council

- **Commissioner Tony Berget**, Libby. Qualification: Knowledge of Mineral Industry Transportation. Berget is a Lincoln County Commissioner.
- **Mayor Jerry Jimison**, Glendive. Qualification: Knowledge of Class I Railroads. Jimison is Mayor of Glendive.
- **Michael O’Hara**, Fort Benton. Qualification: Knowledge of Farm Commodity Transportation. O’Hara is a farmer in Chouteau County.

Statewide Independent Living Council

- **Jarrett Clark**, Denton. Qualification: Disabilities Community Representative. Clark is an office assistant with Central Montana Co-op and a board member of the North Central Independent Living Services.
- **Lori Gaustad**, Billings. Qualification: Disabilities Community Representative. Gaustad is part of the Family Support Intake Team for Parents Let’s Unite for Kids (PLUK).
- **Tom Osborn**, Black Eagle. Qualification: Independent Living Center Representative. Osborn is the Executive Director of North Central Independent Living Services.
- **Troy Spang**, Ashland. Qualification: Native American Grants, Section 121 Representative. Spang is the Director of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.
- **Elizabeth Varnum**, Hamilton. Qualification: Disabilities Community Representative. Varnum is an Independent Living Specialist with Summit Independent Living Center.

Trauma Care Committee

- **Rick Haraldson**, Sidney. Qualification: Montana Hospital Association Representative. Haraldson is the CEO of Sidney Health Center.

Traumatic Brain Injury

- **Charles Gutierrez**, Vaughn. Qualification: Survivor or Family of Survivor. Gutierrez is a retired Major with the United States Air Force, and served in operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.
- **Melveena Malatare**, Browning. Qualification: Advocate for Brain-Injured Persons. Malatare is a Licensed Addiction Counselor and Domestic Violence Director for the Blackfoot Tribe.
- **Darcy Merchant**, Billings. Qualification: Injury Control or Prevention Program. Merchant is an Environmental Health Specialist for the Billings Area Indian Health Service.
- **Kathy Smith**, Great Falls. Qualification: Advocate for Brain-Injured Persons. Smith is an RN Case Manager for Spectrum Medical.
- **Dr. James Wright**, Butte. Qualification: Advocate for Brain-Injured Persons. Wright is a Retired Colonel with the United States Air Force, Medical Corps and served as a Surgeon.

Board of Veterans' Affairs

- **Denny Lenoir**, Helena. Qualification: Congressman Steve Daines' Office Representative. Lenoir is the Director of Veterans' Affairs for Congressman Steve Daines.

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