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**Governor Bullock Announces Appointments**

**Montana Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program Oversight Committee**

- **Teri Calton**, Helena. Qualification: Experience working on behalf of disabled individuals. Calton is the Vice President and Market Retail Banking Manager for First Interstate Bank.

**Board of Barbers and Cosmetology**

- **Naomi Burbach**, Glendive. Qualification: Member of the public who is not engaged in the practice of barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring. Burbach is a retired letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.
- **Katie Fontana**, Great Falls. Qualification: Member of the public who is not engaged in the practice of barbering, cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, or manicuring. Fontana is a former Retail Advertising Executive for the Great Falls Tribune and now works with Cornerstone Appraisal Service.

**Montana Children's Trust Fund Board**

- **Kristina Davis**, Great Falls. Qualification: Public member. Davis is a consultant and served previously with the Children's Defense Fund in Montana.
- **Dr. Thomas Key**, Great Falls. Qualification: Public member. Key is a Physician Partner with Great Falls OBGYN Associates.

**Board of Chiropractors**

- **Sheryl Olson**, Helena. Qualification: Representative of the public who is not engaged in the practice of chiropractic. Olson is retired from the state of Montana Department of Administration.

### **Economic Development Advisory Council**

- **Jim Atchison**, Colstrip. Qualification: Southeast Montana Development Corporation Region Representative. Atchison is the Executive Director of Southeastern Montana Development Corporation.
- **Shari Eslinger**, Bozeman. Qualification: Prospera Business Network Region Representative. Eslinger is and Engineering Technician for KLJ Engineering.
- **Pam Haxby-Cote**, Butte. Qualification: Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development Region Representative. Haxby-Cote is the Executive Director at Butte Local Development Corporation.
- **Jack Nickels**, Billings. Qualification: Beartooth Resource Conservation and Development Region Representative. Nickels is a Consultant and Realtor in Billings.
- **Wade Sikorski**, Baker. Qualification: Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation Region Representative. Sikorski is a farmer/rancher and a retired University professor.
- **Vice Chairman Dana Wilson**, Crow Agency. Qualification: Montana tribal government. Wilson is the Vice Chairman of the Crow Tribe.

### **Montana Historical Records Advisory Council**

- **Anne Foster**, Gardiner. Qualification: Public archives. Foster is an Archivist for Yellowstone National Park.
- **Heather Hultman**, Bozeman. Qualification: Research institution. Hultman is an Archival Assistant for the Merrill G. Burlingame Special Collections at MSU Library.
- **Jon Ille**, Hardin. Qualification: Research institution. Ille is an Archivist and History Instructor at Little Big Horn College.
- **Aubrey Japp**, Butte. Qualification: Public archives. Japp is Administrative Assistant for the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives.
- **Kathryn Kramer**, Great Falls. Qualification: Private archives. Kramer is an Archivist with the C.M. Russell Museum.
- **Kristi Scott**, Great Falls. Qualification: Private archives. Scott is the Curator of Art at Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art.

### **Board of Medical Examiners**

- **Tanja Brekke**, Bozeman. Qualification: Licensed acupuncturist. Brekke is the owner in private practice of Traditional Oriental Medicine, Inc.
- **Dr. James Burkholder**, Helena. Qualification: Doctor of Medicine. Burkholder is family physician retired from private practice.

- **Dr. James Upchurch**, Hardin. Qualification: Doctor of Medicine with experience in emergency medicine. Upchurch is the Medical Director for the Northern Region Smoke Jumpers with USDA Forest Service.

#### **Board of Occupational Therapy Practice**

- **Heather MacMonegle**, Conrad. Qualification: Occupational therapist actively engaged in the practice or teaching of occupational therapy. MacMonegle is an Occupational Therapist with Big Sky Special Needs Cooperative.

#### **Board of Outfitters**

- **Rob Arnaud**, Bozeman. Qualification: Outfitter licensed to provide fishing and hunting services. Arnaud is the owner/operator for Montana Hunting Company.
- **Robin Cunningham**, Gallatin Gateway. Qualification: Outfitter licensed to provide fishing services but not hunting services. Cunningham is a fishing outfitter.

#### **Private Land Public Wildlife Advisory Council**

- **Senator Duane Ankney**, Cosltrip. Qualification: Legislator. Ankney is State Senator for Senate District 20 in Southeast Montana.
- **Ed Beall**, Helena. Qualification: Sportsman. Beall is a manager and owner of Capital Sports and Western in Helena.
- **Representative Zach Brown**, Bozeman. Qualification: Legislator. Brown is a representative for House District 63 in Southcentral Montana.
- **Ed Bukoskey**, Rosebud. Qualification: Sportsman. Bukoskey was the Vice President of the Northern Rosebud Community Foundation.
- **Cynthia Cohan**, Butte. Qualification: Sportsman. Cohan is retired Colonel with the United States Air Force.
- **Dusty Crary**, Choteau. Qualification: Landowner and Outfitter. Crary is a rancher and outfitter in Teton County.
- **Larry Feight**, Whitehall. Qualification: Landowner. Feight is President at High Country Agriculture Marketing.
- **Dr. Daniel Fiehrer**, Helena. Qualification: Sportsman. Fiehrer is a retired Dentist and ranch owner.
- **Bill Geer**, Lolo. Qualification: Sportsman. Geer is a retired wildlife biologist.
- **Blake Henning**, Missoula. Qualification: Sportsman. Henning is the Vice President of Lands and Conservation for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- **Denley Loge**, Saint Regis. Qualification: Landowner. Loge is a family rancher and Section Supervisor for the Montana Department of Transportation.

- **Joe Perry**, Brady. Qualification: Sportsperson. Perry is a dry land barley farmer.
- **Bob Ream**, Helena. Qualification: Sportsperson. Ream is a retired professor of wildlife biology, and a Professor Emeritus at the School of Forestry at the University of Montana.
- **Richard Stuker**, Chinook. Qualification: Landowner. Stuker is a rancher and a member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- **Carl Zabrocki**, Billings. Qualification: Sportsperson. Zabrocki is a volunteer hunter educator.

#### **Board of Public Education**

- **Superintendent Tammy Lacey**, Great Falls. Qualification: District 2, Democrat. Lacey is the Great Falls Superintendent of Schools.

#### **Board of Sanitarians**

- **Megan Bullock**, Boulder. Qualification: Registered sanitarian. Bullock is a Registered Sanitarian for Jefferson County.
- **Stephanie Ler**, Sidney. Qualification: Registered sanitarian. Ler is the Environmental Health Director for the Richland County Health Department.

#### **State-Tribal Economic Development Commission**

- **Councilman Lonnie Headdress**, Poplar. Qualification: Fort Peck Tribe Representative. Headdress is on the Tribal Executive Board for the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribe.
- **Chairman Gerald Gray**, Billings. Qualification: Little Shell Tribe Representative. Gray is the Chairman of the Little Shell Tribe.
- **Councilman Clarence Sivertsen**, Belt. Qualification: Little Shell Tribe Alternate. Sivertsen is a Councilman for the Little Shell Tribe.

#### **Trauma Care Committee**

- **Chris Benton**, Red Lodge. Qualification: Eastern Regional Trauma Care Advisory Committee. Benton is a Registered Nurse and the Trauma Coordinator for Beartooth Billings Clinic.
- **Kevin Box**, Whitehall. Qualification: Member of the Montana Emergency Medical Services Association. Box is the President of the Montana Emergency Medical Services Association.
- **Dr. Chad Engan**, Great Falls. Qualification: Central Region Trauma Care Advisory Committee. Engan is a general surgeon in private practice in Great Falls.
- **Joy Fortin**, Kalispell. Qualification: Member of the Montana Trauma Coordinators. Fortin is the Trauma Coordinator for Kalispell Regional Medical Center.
- **Justin Grohs**, Great Falls. Qualification: Individual employed by a Montana private ambulance operator. Grohs is the General Manager of Great Falls Emergency Services.

- **Dr. Barry McKenzie**, Billings. Qualification: member of the Montana Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons. McKenzie is the Trauma Medical Director for Saint Vincent Healthcare, a part of their medical staff and a surgeon with Surgical Associates, P.C.
- **Sam Miller**, Bozeman. Qualification: Member of the Emergency Nurses Association. Miller is an Emergency Services Registered Nurse for Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.
- **Dr. Frank Raiser**, Butte. Qualification: Western Regional Trauma Care Advisory Committee. Raiser is a surgeon with SilverBow Surgical Associates.
- **Sara Running Crane**, Saint Xavier. Qualification: Nurse or physician representing the Indian Health Service. Running Crane is an Emergency Nurse and Medical Surgical at Crow Northern Cheyenne Hospital.
- **Dr. Zachary Sturges**, Bozeman. Qualification: Member of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Montana Chapter. Sturges is an attending Physician for Absaroka Emergency Physicians.

#### **Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council**

- **Brandon Adair**, Helena. Qualification: Survivor of traumatic brain injury or family member of survivor of traumatic brain injury. Adair is a student at Carroll College and has been an advocate and mentor for survivors.
- **Dr. Richard Felix**, Saint Ignatius. Qualification: Advocate for brain-injured persons. Felix is the Medical Director for Neurobehavioral Medicine Services at Saint Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry for the University of Washington School of Medicine.
- **Charles Gutierrez**, Vaughn. Qualification: Survivor of traumatic brain injury or family member of survivor of traumatic brain injury. Gutierrez is a retired Major with the United States Air Force, and served in operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.
- **Tana Ostrowski**, Missoula. Qualification: Survivor of traumatic brain injury or family member of survivor of traumatic brain injury. Ostrowski is a provider in acute brain injury rehabilitation.

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