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GOVERNOR STEVE BULLOCK
STATE OF MONTANA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Governor Steve Bullock today announced the following appointments.

Family Support Services Advisory Council


- **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.


- **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.

• **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 Blackfeet 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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