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Bullock Names Department Heads

HELENA - Governor-elect Steve Bullock and Lieutenant Governor-elect John Walsh today announced their picks to lead the departments of Administration and Health and Human Services along with the Director of the Montana Lottery.

"We're assembling a group of Montanans who have the skills to lead our state to an even brighter future," said Bullock. "The administration we're building is committed to putting Montana families first and I couldn't be happier with the folks who have agreed to help me out. I look forward to rounding out our team in the days ahead."

Sheila Hogan, of Helena, has been tapped to lead the **Department of Administration**. Hogan has been the Executive Director of the Career Training Institute in Helena since 1992. In 2009, Hogan received the Interagency Committee for Change by Women's Excellence in Leadership Award for achievement in the Private Sector. Since 2007, she has been a member of the St. Peter's Hospital Board of Directors. Hogan, a Butte native, holds a Bachelor of Science from Montana Tech. She is married to Jim Edwards; they have 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

Richard Opper will lead the **Department of Health and Human Services**. At his previous post at the Department of Environmental Quality, Opper led a division of hundreds of employees and oversaw standards that maintain the health of the state's land and water. He previously held leadership posts at the Missouri River Basin Association and the Northern Lights Institute. In 2012, he was chosen to participate in the Henry Toll Fellowship Program, which selects 40 state leaders around the country for training in state government. He holds a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree from Montana State University. Opper and his wife, Sally Mueller, have one son, Issac.

Tracy Stone-Manning was picked on December 14th to succeed Opper at DEQ.

Angela Wong will continue to head the **Montana Lottery**, a post she has held since February 2011. Under Wong, the Montana Lottery has seen historic sales increases resulting in record transfers to the state's general fund. Wong has an extensive background in business, marketing and public relations. Wong was an energy development specialist with the Montana Department of Commerce and the brand manager for the Office of Tourism. Wong, a Helena native holds a degree in International Relations from Carroll College.

In addition to today's picks, Bullock has so far selected the directors of Budget; Commerce; Corrections; Labor and Industry; Natural Resources and Conservation; Transportation; Environmental Quality and Revenue, in addition to a host of policy advisers and personal staff.

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