



Eastern Montana Area Health Education Center (EMT-AHEC)
*Connecting students to careers, professionals to communities
and communities to better health*
MT ORH/AHEC Report March 2017

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Taylor Jones, AmeriCorps Member

Eastern Montana AHEC Director and HCMT Workforce Coordinator: Mary Helgeson

- Continue working with 10 Critical Access Hospitals in our region
- Education with employers on healthcare apprenticeships
- Work with Health 360 (formerly Connecticut AHEC) on bringing an AmeriCorps member to Billings to teach Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Sit on the RiverStone Health Wellbeing Committee; Trauma Informed Care Committee; Rural Health Initiative Committee; Billings Works Education Committee

Youth Mental Health First Aid AmeriCorps Member: Taylor Jones

- Eleven trainings with a total of 121 people
- Continue making contacts in the Billings region for future trainings

Continuing Education and Outreach Coordinator: Nikole Bakko

Kindergarten – 12th grade:

- Red Lodge REACH Camp
- Strengthening RiverStone Health partnership with Orchard School
- *STEM Saturdays*; Skyview High School; K-6 at the Career Center
- *Educator for a Day* – Business members spend half day at local schools
- *Girls in Science* – Girls grades 4-8. Full day of STEM activities
- *Curriculum-in-a-Box* demos at elementary schools
- MedCareers – high school seniors shadowing at RiverStone hospice home and dental clinic
- Jobs for Montana Graduates Conference
- Boy Scout Merit Badge camp

Continuing Education: Nikole Bakko

- Basic X-Ray Techniques Workshops twice/year. Approximately 40 total attendees
- One Day Continuing Education Class twice/year. Approximately 55 total attendees

WWAMI/AHEC Students: Suzie Thomas

- Five 3rd year track students; sixty 3rd year rotating students; five 4th year track students; 2 R/UOP students; 1 medical student from Mongolia (partnership with MSU and BioRegions International)
- Six *Frank Discussions*: dinner/learning events at the WWAMI student house
- Various site visitors from the University of Washington School of Medicine
- Coordination of all other discipline student rotations (Pharmacy, dental, PA, undergraduate)
- Proctor exams for WWAMI students every 4-6 weeks
- Big Sky WWAMI Conference

Health Professions Career Coach: Pat Reuss

- Continues to meet with prospective students for HealthCARE Montana
- Fairs: Little Big Horn College, Veteran's Mini-Summit; Billings Jobs Jamboree, Stand-Down, MSUB, etc.
- Member of the HCMT Marketing Committee

EMT AHEC Advisory Council:

- Meeting dates for 2017: February, April, June, August, October, December
- Council members: **Scott Anderson**, Principal Billings Career Center; **Madeline Boehm**, DLI/HealthCARE MT; **Bo Bruinsma**, DLI/HealthCARE MT; **Dr. Carl Castles**, Professor, MSUB; **Liz Ching**, Governor's Office of Economic Development, **Norma Cleveland**, HealthCARE MT Transformation Specialist, City College; **Crystal Colliflower**, Admin Officer, Northern Cheyenne Service Unit; **Blakely Daniels**, HR Manager, St. Vincent Healthcare; **Delilah Duffy**, Chief Nursing Officer, Central Montana Medical Center; **Cheryl Graner**, HR Asst, Mental Health Center; **Dr. Mike Hartman**, HealthCARE MT Transformation Specialist, Chief Dull Knife College; **Bill Hodges**, Dr. Big Horn Hospital Foundation; **Jay Lemelin**, Adult Education Director; **Dianna Linder**, Dr. of Grants, Billings Clinic; **Libby Markus**, VP Health Services, St. John's Lutheran Ministries; **Sharon Peterson**, Montana BioScience Alliance; **Calley Thompson**, Admissions Counselor, Rocky Mountain College PA Program; **Ryan Tooke**, CEO Rosebud Health Care Center; and **Ryan Van Ballegooyen**, Manager Billings Job Service.