



MONTANA HEAD START ASSOCIATION
forever enriching the lives of children, families and communities

Our Mission

The Montana Head Start Association brings together families, staff, directors and friends of all Montana Head Start and Early Head Start programs through leadership, education, information and advocacy on behalf of young children, pregnant women and families in Montana.

MTHSA Meeting Agenda (DRAFT) January 29 & 30, 2015 First Interstate Bank – 2728 Colonial Drive – Helena

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015

9:00	Welcome & Introductions Agenda Review, Timekeeper,	Ken Miller, Vice President
9:15	Association update –	Mary Jane
9:30	Update from the Governor’s Office	Siri Smillie/Shannon O’Brien
10:00	Introduce new Collaboration Director	Kathy Rich/Mary Pierce
10:15	BBAC update	Kathy Rich/Debbie/Viola
10:30	Preschool Development Grant update	OPI, programs involved
11:00	Region 8 Office update	Cheryl Lutz?
11:30	MAC update & lobbyist update	John, Debbie and Kathy McGowan
12:15	Lunch –	
1:00	Program Updates	All
1:45	Region 8 HS Association update	Carra
2:00	Region 8 TTA update	Lisa, Darcy
2:15	Conversation about Association offices, representation on councils, voting, etc.	Renee, MJ
2:45	Decision making plan, strategic plan update process?? Committee meetings if needed: Professional Development, Membership and Advocacy, Organizational Development	Everyone, Renee, MJ Everyone
4:00	Meet with Senator Edie McClafferty	Everyone

Friday, Jan. 30, 2015

We will have a short time together this morning at the bank meeting room, then go to the Capitol.

8:30 Good morning – Networking (see below for possible topics or choose your own). All

9:15 Planning for Head Start Day at the Capitol (need program displays, sell things, deliver Buttons to legislators, speakers, parents to speak and share stories – one attached for every button, plus HS info. card). All

10:00 Committee Reports

10:15 Prepare to leave for Capitol– confirm next meeting dates, next agenda items.

Have a good trip home and thanks for being here!

~This organization is only as strong and only as productive as each member ~

These are just suggestions:

Networking can be by position or by topic – here are some ideas:

- Advocacy efforts in your community – what is planned, what could be planned.
- How are you planning to celebrate 50 years of Head Start in your program and community?
- Director Retreat – early June (topics and presenters within and outside of Head Start)
- This Association needs to get on the NHSA and Region 8 awards band wagon.

Program update topics/ideas:

- Professional development needs, challenges, successes?
- Advocacy Efforts regarding Head Start, early childhood, etc in your program and community.
- Something new, outstanding, notable in your program this year – training, fundraising, staffing, problem solving, record keeping, an award or acknowledgement – something wonderful!
- CLASS observations, DRS, 5 year grants, enrollment, staff turnover – How is it going?
- What will you and your program be doing to celebrate 50th Anniversary of Head Start?

Any dinner meetings? Finance Committee? Reorg of committee structure – maybe we don't need committees – just certain topics discussed and certain people take on tasks as needed. Discussion about conference profits/share with Region 8 HS Assoc.