



**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.

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## **MTHTSA Meeting Agenda**

**April 9 & 10, 2015**

**25 W. Silver, Butte, MT**

(park in the back or on the street, it is the only new building around there and it says Emma Park on the front, enter the front door and the meeting room is on the right.)

### **Thursday, April 9, 2015**

9:00	Welcome & Introductions Agenda Review, Timekeeper,	Renee Funk
9:15	Association update –	Mary Jane
9:30	Oral Health Update	Tonette Hollingsworth, DPHHS
10:00	Collaboration Office Update	Mary Pierce
11:00	Program Updates	All
12:00	Lunch –	
12:45	Planning for Networking Clusters	All
1:30	Advocacy Planning	
2:15	Region 8 TTA update	Lisa, Darcy (possibly only written)
2:30	Conversation about Association offices, representation on councils, voting, etc.	Renee, MJ
2:45	Relationship with NHSA, awards, events Conferences, communication, etc.	John Filz & MJ(do we want to connect to them by phone?)”
3:15	Preschool Development Grant	Update from involved programs
4:00	Adjourn for the day	

**Friday, April 10, 2015**

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

All

9:00 Finances

9:30 Region 8 Office

Cheryl Lutz

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10:15 Preparation for Strategic Planning

Mary Pierce & Karen Filipovich

11:30 Meeting dates for next year, other needs?

12:00 Lunch to go

**Have a good trip home and thanks for being here!**

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

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These are just suggestions:

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

- When members leave from program employment and/or as member reps on this board – what should we do, provide?
- Director Retreat – early June (other topics besides strategic planning)
- This Association needs to get on the NHSA and Region 8 awards band wagon.
- Direction for exec. director

**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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Head Start?