

# COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES & INSURANCE

MONICA J. LINDEEN  
COMMISSIONER



OFFICE OF THE MONTANA  
STATE AUDITOR

To: Montana Medical Home Working Group

From: Commissioner Monica J. Lindeen

Date: August 22, 2011

Thank you again for all your work on the Medical Home Initiative for Montana. Because the informal working group is approaching the stage where it will be making important public policy recommendations, I have decided to formalize this group into an official advisory council as provided for in 2-15-122 MCA, and invite you to consider your interest in participating.

I wish to retain the energy of the current group in this process and fully expect that those of you most active in the working group will want to continue doing what you have been doing as members of the advisory council. I will try to achieve a balance of interest between providers, payers, and consumers in both the public and private sectors. If your group, company, or agency is represented by more than one person, you may wish to consider forwarding only one name for consideration.

The law sets out the duties of advisory councils as "furnishing advice, gathering information, making recommendations and .... [not] administering a program or setting policy." I am specifically asking the council for a series of recommendations that will lead the state toward transforming the way we deliver and pay for medical care with a patient-centered approach that conforms to a medical home model. I am also asking the council to make recommendations about a patient-centered medical home pilot project and provide advice about how to administer it efficiently and encourage its success and expansion.

The advisory council serves at the pleasure of the Commissioner and the names of its members will be filed with the governor's office and the secretary of state. The council may exist no longer than two years and the group must select a presiding officer. Official minutes will need to be taken and approved, and rules of quorum apply. Except for government employees, members are entitled to pay and expense reimbursement. Members may waive their right to remuneration but will have the opportunity to submit claims.

**Please use the list serve to forward your name for consideration for participation on the Patient-Centered Medical Home Advisory Council by the end of August.** I will announce the PCMHAC membership in mid-September.

I fully intend to continue engaging all interested parties in this important discussion. No-one will be dropped off the list, unless they ask to be removed. All meetings of the advisory council will be open to the public and opportunity for public comment and interaction will continue in the same manner as the

working group now operates. Additional opportunities for the public to express their interest will be available on the CSI website later this month. I expect the advisory council to listen to all voices as it formulates its recommendations.

Thank you again for your diligent work as members of Montana's Medical Home Working Group. I look forward to your continued input as an interested party or member of the Patient-Centered Medical Home Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica J. Lindeen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'L'.

Monica J. Lindeen  
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Montana State Auditor