



Montana Department of LABOR & INDUSTRY

Medical Assistance Program (MAP) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2025
4:30 p.m.- 6:08 p.m.
Via Teleconference Only

MAP Advisory Council Members Present:

Missy Poortenga, Department of Labor and Industry, Presiding Officer
Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association
James Corson, Board of Dentistry
Dr. James Guyer, Board of Medical Examiners
Russ Motschenbacher, Board of Nursing
Dr. Julie Murack, Board of Chiropractors
Dr. Jeff Nikolaisen, Board of Pharmacy
Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association
Dr. Katie Rein, Board of Veterinary Medicine

Staff:

Amy Pfarr, Department of Labor and Industry
Erin Sullivan, Department of Labor and Industry
Quinlan O'Connor, Department of Labor and Industry
Misty Ann Giles, Department of Administration

- I. **Call to Order** – Introduction of Advisory Council Members Present (00:00:11)
- II. **Advisory Council Considerations**
 - a. MAP Background (00:06:31)
 - i. Review of authorizing statutes
 - ii. Overview and history of Montana boards' assistance programs
 - b. Consider options for current contract and future contract (00:22:20)
 - i. Review of state's procurement process (00:32:33)
 - ii. Public opportunity for comment (00:46:41)
No public comment
 - iii. Advisory council discussion (00:47:21)
 - iv. Advisory council action: make recommendation to the department regarding the current contract (00:49:20)
- Motion (01:02:16))** Dr. James Guyer moved to propose extending the contract with Maximus for one year requiring this council to inform the RFP process the by first of February. James Corson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Prioritize council purposes and clarify needs related to those purposes (01:18:46)

- III. **Determine next meeting(s) (01:34:37)**