

# ***Big Sky. New Horizons. A Healthier Montana. A Plan to Improve the Health of Montanans***

## **Healthier Montana Task Force Role & Responsibilities**

### **Task Force Role**

- Governor Bullock has appointed a diverse Task Force to assist the Department of Public Health and Human Services in implementing the State's health improvement plan and monitoring progress in creating a *Healthier Montana*
  - The Task Force will focus on ways to advance four major strategies outlined in plan
    - Public health policy development
    - Prevention and health promotion
    - Access to health care, particularly clinical preventive services
    - Strengthening Montana's public health and health care system
  - The Task Force will explore other critical cross-cutting themes
    - Better integrating public health and medicine
    - Influencing communities, schools, worksites and other settings to join in efforts to create healthier environments
    - Stronger integration of DPHHS programs and services
    - Coordination with Affordable Care Act implementation
  - Task Force members will act as ambassadors for state health improvement plan
  - The Task Force will actively engage with a broader stakeholder group using in-person meetings, webinars and other technology, and participation in other stakeholder meetings.
- The Task Force will also identify opportunities to strengthen existing partnerships, build new partnerships, and encourage partner participation in creating a healthier Montana through local initiatives implementing specific strategies outlined in the plan. Particular emphasis will be placed on increasing the use of evidence-based clinical preventive services and evidence-based public health programs and services to address documented health needs.
- The Task Force will monitor the Department's development of methods to track participation and progress in implementing the plan (at local, tribal, state and stakeholder group levels)
  - This will include developing short-term and intermediate measures of success, and
  - Tying participation and short-term and intermediate measures to health indicators articulated in the plan

### **Task Force Responsibilities**

- Participate in 3-4 in-person meetings during the year and occasional conference calls as needed
  - Travel expenses will be reimbursed per the State of Montana policies
- Be familiar with the State Health Improvement Plan and its implementation
- Act as ambassadors for creating a healthier Montana
- Share your expertise, wisdom and advice with your colleagues on the Task Force and the Department!

The 24-page State Health Improvement Plan can be found at  
<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/ship/documents/StateHealthImprovementPlan.pdf>

A 2-page summary can be found at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/ship/documents/SHIPSummary.pdf>

The State Health Improvement Plan focuses on prevention, saving health care dollars,  
and creating a common agenda for health improvement.