

HB 142 Review of Advisory Councils

Advisory Council on Aging

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Statutory Authority: 2-15-232 and 2-15-2206, MCA

Purposes

- Advise the Governor's coordinator of aging and the Department of Public Health and Human Services in planning, coordinating, and operating state programs that affect senior citizens

General Information

Membership:

- 11 members, a majority of whom must be 60 years of age or older
- Governor appoints members
- Members serve 3-year terms
- Meets four times per year, including two conference call meetings

Duties and Activities:

- Assists DPHHS with planning of annual Governor's Conference on Aging
- Reviews the State Plan on Aging
- Follows issues at the local, state, and federal levels that affect senior citizens
- Raises funds for mini-grants that are awarded at the annual Conference on Aging
- Assists in reviewing mini-grant applications and recommending grant funding

Budget Information

Members are paid for meals, lodging, and travel. Additional costs include the costs for meeting rooms and conference call expenses. The council's expenses in fiscal year 2011 totaled approximately \$7,200.

Recent Activities

- Last met in March 2012
- Received reports about aging-related issues in various regions of the state
- Established a subcommittee to review mini-grant requests and prioritize grant awards based on availability of funding

Advisory Council on Aging Membership

Member	Hometown	Term Expires
Betty Aye	Broadus	7/18/2013
Beverly Barnhart	Bozeman	7/18/2014
Connie Bremner	Browning	7/18/2013
Cecelia Buckley	Great Falls	7/18/2014
Marvin Carter	Laurel	7/18/2014
Gladys Considine	Missoula	7/18/2012
Jessie James-Hawley	Harlem	7/18/2014
Lauren Lynch Kippen	Butte	7/18/2013
Mary Lou Miller	Wolf Point	7/18/2012
Alex Ward	Billings	7/18/2013
JoLynne Yenne	Bigfork	7/18/2012