



## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

GoToMeeting® 2:00 – 3:00 PM  
Monday, October 15, 2018  
Walt Sullivan Building, Helena, MT

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Casey Blumenthal (Chair), Sheila Hogan, Asta So, Dean Bentley, Al Ekblad, and Vicky Byrd

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Mike McGinley and Karen Baumgart

**STAFF:** Shannon Lewis and Erin Weisgerber

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chair Blumenthal called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Shannon Lewis conducted roll call and established a quorum.

**AGENDA:** Chair Blumenthal asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

***Mr. Bentley moved, and Mr. Ekblad seconded a motion to approve the agenda.***

***The motion carried.***

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **WIOA FISCAL BACKGROUND:**

Ms. Weisgerber presented information to the committee about WIOA allocation methodology and gave the committee a good overview of the history of how we've appropriated workforce funds through WIA and the transition to WIOA. She also let the board know that under WIA, the State of Montana was able to function as a single workforce area state; however, under WIOA, the state is now mandated to allocate funding to a local area that was created in 1973 in response to the high level of unemployment in Butte.

Ms. Weisgerber gave the committee an overview of the two funding formula options available to the board. Each formula includes the 90% hold harmless criteria, which ensures that providers receive at least 90% of their base funding, regardless of cuts or board decisions.

Ms. Weisgerber let the committee know that the board will have to go out for RFP for WIOA programs for program year 2019 as the contract extension deadlines expire in program year 2018. Program year 2019 begins on July 1, 2019 and the committee's decisions about how it would like to proceed with the allocation will impact that RFP process.

Chair Blumenthal asked that staff send out notification to providers letting them know that the board is reviewing WIOA funding to ensure they know and are afforded the opportunity to participate in the discussions.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The committee will meet one more time before the full board meeting. Montana's chief economist will do some models for the committee based on the dislocated worker funds and provide some recommendations for the committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Blumenthal adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.