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Montana State Library State Aid Task Force

September 20, 2011; 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Teleconference Call

Attendees

Task Force Members

Colet Bartow, Stacy Bruhn, Tracy Cook (Facilitator), Carly Delsigne, Carolyn Donath, Judy Hart, Debbi Kramer, Sarah McHugh, Dee Ann Redman, Trista Smith, Sonja Woods

Tracy Cook called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Tracy Cook reviewed etiquette and guidelines for online /phone meetings.

Tracy Cook reviewed the Task Force's web presence located at http://www.msl.mt.gov/About_MSL/State_Aid_Task_Force/default.asp.

Tracy Cook reviewed the Task Force's charges as set forth by Darlene Staffeldt, Montana State Librarian, at the time of the entity's formation. Tracy shared she spoke to the State Librarian prior to her retirement and Darlene indicated that the Task Force may submit any findings or recommendations directly to the MSL Commission in the event that a new State Librarian has not been hired prior to completion of the Task Force's charges. Tracy Cook shared the initial impetus for creation of the Task Force which was based on a need to review the guidelines for library districts, and a need for more frequent updates.

Tracy Cook reviewed the current State Aid calculation with the group using the Administrative Rules as a guide.

Tracy Cook reviewed a page of census information that had been submitted for the Task Force for its review.

Members listed some concerns (and potential solutions) with the current State Aid Calculation process which included:

- Length of time between population updates
- A potential base grant for libraries
- What happens when out of county patrons are being served?
- What happens when non-public libraries assist in providing services?
- What about libraries that share patrons?
- What data is included in the population estimates and projections?
- How school-community libraries are affected
- Library districts
- What solution is going to be most stable and flexible?

The Task Force requested the following information from State Library staff:

- Stacy Bruhn – The most recent State Aid Calculation spreadsheet
- Stacy Bruhn – Comparisons of the 1, 3, and 5 year population projections
- Stacy Bruhn/Tracy Cook – Research into how other states are distributing state aid, including information on public library districts and maps where available.

The facilitator adjourned the meeting at 2:32 pm.