
GRANT OVERVIEW & ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

MONTANA STATE PLANNING GRANT SEPTEMBER, 2002

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HSRA) PLANNING GRANT

- Montana received a one-year grant award of \$721,377 to develop proposals to increase health care access for Montana's approximately 160,000 uninsured residents. The twelve-month grant cycle began July 12, 2002 and will end June 30, 2003.
- The grant, awarded to the Department of Public Health and Human Services, also included technical assistance and collaboration with other states also looking to expand health insurance coverage. Twenty other states have received this grant over the past two years.

MONTANA STATE PLANNING GRANT PROJECT GOALS

SPG Project goals include:

- 1) Collect and analyzing data about Montana's uninsured from Montana households and employers
- 2) Collaborate with key stakeholders to develop policy options to provide affordable coverage and adequate benefits in the coming six years;
- 3) Improve the capacity and capability of safety net providers who care for the uninsured and
- 4) Submit a report to the Secretary of HHS, the Governor of Montana and the Montana Legislature by July 30, 2003, which will be used to guide future policy and legislation to address this critical issue.

SPG ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- DPHHS Project Liaison – Maggie Bullock
- Grant Director – Kelly Moore
- Subcontracts:
 - University of Montana-Missoula. Steve Seninger, Ph.D., Principal Investigator is the Director of Economic Analysis for the Bureau of Business and Economic Research.
 - State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC), Tim Beebee, Ph.D., SHADAC's Principal Investigator. University of Minnesota School of Public Health.
 - University of Arkansas- Little Rock, AR. Joe Thompson, MD, MPH., Principal Investigator Multi-State Integrated Database Project and Shirley Tyson, Program Manager.

STEERING COMMITTEE

- Purpose: Provide strategic guidance and oversight of the grant.
- Broad representation from key public and private stakeholders, with a balance of geography, race, gender and interests of consumers, providers, employers and government, including: Legislature, Insurance Commissioner and State agencies dealing with health and insurance, State Universities, Health care consumers and providers, Tribal government, Low Income Representative, Safety net Providers, Insurance companies, Private business, Community Organizations, Agricultural Representative, and the Chamber of Commerce.

PROJECT TEAM

- Will report progress and findings to the SPG Steering Committee and Coordinate the activities of the work team and contractors to ensure ongoing coordination and communication.
- Team members include:
 - DPHHS Project Liaison
 - Grant Director
 - Work Team Leaders from Data Collection, Coverage and Safety Net teams.

WORK TEAMS

- Purpose: Responsible to assist the Grant Director and contractors in researching and analyzing the uninsured data and presenting policy options to the Steering Committee.
- The three teams are:
 - Data Team – will assist in collecting and analyzing the qualitative and quantitative data describing Montana's uninsured.
 - Coverage Team – will examine and recommend policy options to provide insurance coverage to the uninsured.
 - Safety Net Team – will develop recommendations to improve the capacity and capability of the Safety Net to provide care to the uninsured.