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Steve Bullock, Governor

Sheila Hogan, Director

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Dear DPHHS Stakeholders:

Greetings.

The very difficult financial challenges state government faces today will no doubt force the Department of Public Health and Human Services, and you as providers, to rethink and retool how we do business with limited resources.

The bottom line is we must work together even more than ever to make it through these challenging times.

In the short term, there is a way for you all to provide feedback, ideas and comment on the proposed 10 percent funding reductions online at www.balancedbudget.mt.gov. Please make your voice be heard!

In the coming weeks and months, I am very interested in meeting with you and your staff in person. Please let me know when would be a good time to meet, or when your associations are meeting so that I may attend. I am eager to work with you to come up with innovative ideas to address the many challenges that lie ahead.

Continued dialogue will be the best path forward as we take on these challenges together.

I do not want to limit the discussion, but at a minimum would like to focus on these questions:

- How do we retool our current system to serve vulnerable populations with the limited dollars?
- How does Montana have a continuum of care allowing individuals to remain in the least restrictive environment?
- How do we better support families, children, seniors and individuals with disabilities?
- How do we improve our child protection system and foster care?
- How can we partner together in the future?
- What suggestions do you have to improve how public health and human services are delivered in Montana?

I truly believe that through ongoing communication and collaboration we can find solutions. I truly want to hear from you. Please reach out to schedule a time so that I can hear your concerns, suggestions and feedback.

I am willing to listen.

Sheila Lopach in the DPHHS Director's Office organizes my schedule. Please reach out to Sheila at 406-444-5623 or slopach@mt.gov.

Thank you. I look forward to meeting you with and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Hogan". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Sheila Hogan, Director
Montana DPHHS