

# MAYOR'S COUNCIL | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time 3/13/2019 12:00 PM | Meeting location Blackfoot Senior Center

Meeting called by Lisa Tornabene (Chair)

Note taker JoAnn Brooks

Next meeting: April 17, 2019 12:30 PM

Location: Senior Center

Present: Lisa, Mayor Carroll, Mike, Jana, Amy, JoAnn, Pam, Becca, and Susan.

## AGENDA TOPICS

### 1. New Business

- The Regional Readiness Rendezvous will be held April 1 – 2, at the ISU Stephens Performing Arts Center, 1601 Bartz Way, Pocatello, ID. It is a free conference for those involved or interested in mental health response and recovery, infectious diseases, access and functional needs, and natural disaster planning. Contact Eli Bear at [ebear@siph.idaho.gov](mailto:ebear@siph.idaho.gov) for further information.
- There will be an Elder Abuse Conference May 16 – 17, at the Shoshone – Bannock Tribes Hotel and Event Center. It is also a free conference for those who wish to attend. Contact Marcia Hall at [mhall@sbtribes.com](mailto:mhall@sbtribes.com) for further information.
- The ISU Blackfoot Outreach Center is in need of a math instructor/tutor. They are looking for someone who can teach basic math up to Algebra I. If you would like to refer someone or need more information, please contact Corey Mereness at 208-282-4133 or email him at [merekore@isu.edu](mailto:merekore@isu.edu).

### 2. Mayor's Community Resource Council Community Network Meeting

- Date: April 17, 2019
- Time: 12:30 – 1:15
- Location: Blackfoot Senior Center
- We will have an introduction/round robin meet-and-greet at 12:30, and then everyone can enjoy a good lunch if they choose. Our speaker will be Amy Bull, from the ISU Blackfoot Outreach Center. She will give her presentation at 1:00.
- Lisa will use our vendor list to email invitations. If you know of anyone who is not on our list who should be invited, please let Lisa know. Please feel free to personally invite anyone that you feel would respond better to a phone call.

- We will have an information table set up to share each organization's pamphlets and/or other information.
- We will have a sign-in sheet at the entrance, and Lisa will bring nametags for all who come, as well. **Council Members, please remember to wear your black shirts.**

### 3. Mission Statement

- Please start to give serious thought about how we should change or revise our mission statement to more accurately represent how we have evolved. Our May council meeting will be focused on this, and we need your input.
  - Please review our mission statement below or on the Blackfoot City website, and come to the May meeting with ideas on how to best revise it.

#### *Overview*

The Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities is a coalition of businesses, human service agencies, and individuals of all levels and abilities with the goal to create a barrier free community.

#### *Goals*

The committee works to enhance awareness, education, social and employment opportunities in an effort to promote inclusion and reduce barriers. The committee will utilize community boards, social media and committees advocating for the rights of people with disabilities.

#### *Improving Quality of Life*

To improve the quality of life for individuals with existing barriers, the Mayor's Committee accomplishes the following:

- Collaborates with state and national agencies
- Educates the public, government agencies and business about issues, needs, rights and laws through interactive workshops
- Informs and promotes employment opportunities by raising awareness of the benefits of hiring people with disabilities
- Reduces barriers to services, resources and encourages ADA compliance