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MEDA Resource Team Assessment Working Group
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9:00am

On the call: Gloria Hawkins, Kim Porter, Shannon Peterson, Dianne Lehm, Sue Taylor, and Gloria O'Rourke.

Those on the call discussed the following:

- **Return to Sanders County January 21**

Ideas were shared regarding the volunteer process that takes place toward the end of the Project and Prioritizing Town Hall Meeting. When in Sanders County and have obtained the volunteer list, the working groups/committees will then select a champion. Dianne shared that she encouraged each working group in Lockwood to hold their first meeting within a month.

It was also noted that dividing the group (by numbering off) is beneficial because it breaks up the cliques in the room. Emphasis is made that this is **your** community with **your** priorities.

- **How to obtain training on ABCD**

ABCD encourages communities to solve their own problems thus it would be beneficial for communities to have this training once the assessment is complete and volunteers have signed up. Training once came out of Nebraska but MSU Extension should have contacts. Perhaps the training could be a MEDA Professional Development course. <http://www.abcdinstitute.org/>

- **One Year Return Visit to Malta/Phillips County in February**

Once again MEDA will team up with MT Dept. of Commerce to bring a celebration of success for all that was accomplished in Malta/Phillips County followed by a training on marketing and funding programs. The celebration will take place the night of February 10th with the training on February 11th.

- **Requested assessment: Deer Lodge, MT**

The community of Deer Lodge has requested an assessment; a previous assessment was completed in 2006. Sue mentioned Pryor has a new development organization and may be interested in an assessment in the future.

Next meeting Feb. 18 9am

- **Outcomes from Sanders County return visit and Malta celebration/training**
- **Prep for Deer Lodge Assessment – suggestions for change**
- **Follow-up on ABCD training**
- **Roger Hopkins' report for Sanders County**

- **Idaho input - Michele**
- **Ideas for searchable database**