MEDA Resource Team Assessment Working Group
March 17, 2016
9:00am – 9:30am

On the call: Dianne Lehm, Anne Boothe, Gus Byrom, Sue Taylor, and Gloria O’Rourke.

1. Malta One Year Celebration
Anne reported things have been going well since the One Year Celebration and Training with MT Dept. of Commerce took place. Anne said the Parks and Recreation group has been very active; the MOI project was held up with contract issues but can now move forward.

A discussion was held on how best to incorporate the Growth Plan into the team’s report. It was thought that using the usual Resource Team Assessment format could be used with an indicator that connects the information to the Growth Policy section.
Sue suggested something called “Kick Start your Growth Plan” could be an option for communities needing to initiate action on their plan. The MEDA Resource Team Assessment model could be modified to help communities prioritize projects and form working groups.

3. Ronan May 9th and 10th; Colstrip pending
Gypsy Ray, Lake County Community Development, is organizing Ronan to hold a Resource Team May 9th – 10th. Jim Atchison, SEMDC, is considering an assessment for Colstrip.

4. Western Rural Development Center’s CDEI in Jackson Hole May 22 – 24 is holding a session on assessments at at 2:45 on Monday, May 23rd. https://wrdc.usu.edu/htm/programs/cdei2016/. Gloria asked if anyone was planning to attend this event as it is costly and she is not sure if the MEDA Board would approve her travel costs to present on the panel. Gus asked for more information as it is possible someone from MT Dept. of Commerce could present on the panel with Wyoming and Idaho.

5. Next meeting – the next meeting conflicts with the MEDA Conference. May 18th, 9:00am, will be the next call. Agenda items:
   a. How would the Kick Start your Growth Plan be different from the usual Resource Team Assessment?
   b. Follow-up on ABCD training and Community Capitals