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Executive Director's Message — May is Mental Health Month

One in five Montanans will be affected by behavioral health disorders this year. More than 200 will complete suicide. In the rural areas of our great state, in fact 53 of 56 counties, Montana has been designated by the federal Office of Rural Health as having a shortage of available mental health resources. In nearly every community, when an individual experiences a behavioral health crisis, including suicidal threats and actions, psychotic episodes, medication side effects or the symptoms of untreated mental illness, the first responder is a member of our law enforcement community. Education, information sharing and access to community resources are vital to getting necessary treatment when and where it's needed.

The MBCC 2016-2018 Strategic Plan was created to reflect the three primary strength areas of our agency: Grants, Data and Partnerships. Priorities identified within these building blocks include strategic planning and information sharing across the criminal justice and behavioral health systems, sentencing alternatives, crime prevention initiatives and community education.

Throughout the coming year you will see our commitment to improving behavioral health services for offenders and for those who come into contact with the criminal justice system due to their health conditions. We have grant applications pending with specific activities to address trauma, suicide prevention, crisis intervention team (CIT) training, and more. The 10th annual Crime Prevention Conference, to be held in Billings in October 2016, will include a number of mental health & criminal justice collaborative presentations, and will feature a presentation by Sgt. Kevin Briggs, Ret. known as the Guardian of the Golden Gate Bridge.

We hope that you will join MBCC in learning more about Mental Health during May and throughout the coming year. Look for ways to integrate trauma informed, and evidence based practices into your day to day operations. Attend a training. Visit with your community providers. Forge new partnerships. Help us to fight the stigma of mental illness and improve services for you, your friends, neighbors, and family members.

1 in 5

Number of Montanans who will be affected by behavioral health disorders in 2016

8.9%

Percentage of Montana high school students who attempted suicide 1 or more times in 2015

53 of 56

Number of Montana counties with a shortage of mental health resources

Save the Date



10TH ANNUAL MONTANA CRIME PREVENTION CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 4–6, 2016
BILLINGS RADISSON HOTEL

Pre-Conference Session Speakers

The Guardian of the Golden Gate

Sgt. Kevin Briggs, Ret., California Highway Patrol

Grant Writing 101 Workshop

Christine Johnson & MBCC Staff

CIT Montana

Jim Anderson, CIT Montana

Prevention of Elder Abuse

Alex Ward, AARP

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of Banking and Financial Institutions

Charles Harwood, Federal Trade Commission

Mental Health First Aid

Karl Rosston, Suicide Prevention Coordinator

Conference Topics

This year's program focuses on mental and behavioral health issues that are facing Montana communities.

Trauma & Victimization

Law Enforcement Track — Three sessions for sworn law enforcement & detention officers only

Homeless Problem in Billings

Project Echo: The Ripple Effect

Narcissists, Sociopaths & Borderlines, Oh My! How to Deal with Difficult Clients

Integrated Co-Occurring Treatment

Cyber Crime in Montana

And More!

Do the *Write* Thing Finalists Celebrated



On April 30, MBCC celebrated the finalists of the 9th annual Do the *Write* Thing Challenge at ExplorationWorks in Helena.

The Do the *Write* Thing Challenge is an initiative of the National Campaign to Stop Violence (NCSV) and is funded locally by the Youth Justice Council of the Montana Board of Crime Control.

This year 155 students from Montana's public and private school systems participated in classroom discussions, shared ideas, and wrote about solutions to youth violence. Judge Jeffrey Sherlock served as the event's keynote speaker.

Finalists this year were :

Marcus Wittman & Molly Molvig from St. Francis Upper in Billings
Tracynn Langer from Bozeman Monforton
Braydn Jensen & Isabella Belmontez from Butte East Middle School
Wesley Lewis & Riley Onoszko from Columbus Middle School
Malcolm Peterson & Bailee DuBois from Dillon Middle School
Antonio Gomez-Dotte & MacKenzie Mercer from Laurel Middle School
Brandon DeHerrera & Chloe Shields from Poplar Middle School
Cole Bare & Lia Hamilton from Reed Point Middle School

Malcolm Peterson from Dillon Middle School and Chloe Shields from Poplar Middle School were selected as the two national ambassadors to represent Montana during the National Recognition Week activities in Washington, DC July 23-27, 2016.

The Challenge is held annually by MBCC. You can find more about the Challenge by visiting <http://www.mbcc.mt.gov/JuvenileJustice/DtWT/DtWT.asp>.

Questions? Contact Julie Fischer, State Chair, Do the *Write* Thing at jfischer2@mt.gov.



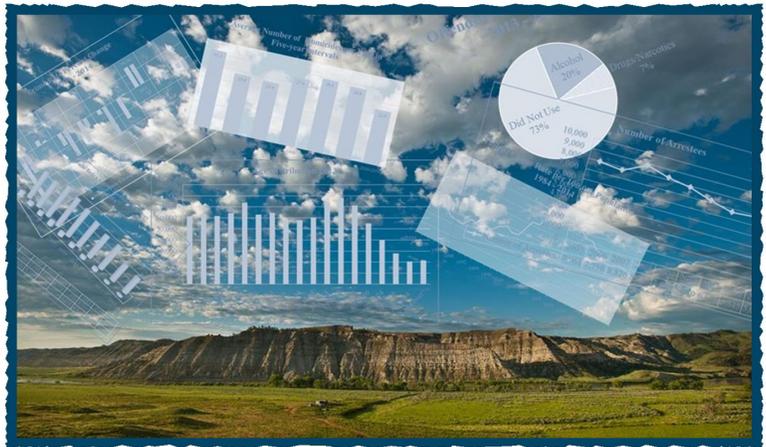
Ambassador Chloe Shields with her teacher, Morgan Norgaard

Big Sky...Big Data

One of the questions our data folks get asked is “What is the difference between National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and the Montana Incident-Based Reporting System (MTIBRS)?” There are three differences between the two reporting systems. One part of the answer is that our state system collects 5 more data elements than the national system. Those data elements pertain to domestic abuse, gang activity, gambling, mental health, and drug task force incidents. Each of these elements has been determined to be important to Montana.

MTIBRS also collects all combinations of offenses within an incident. MTIBRS data is exported to NIBRS with a filter that excludes lesser offenses for specific combinations. An example of this is when an aggravated assault is submitted along with a simple assault on the same victim. The national program only wants the aggravated assault but the state program will accept both offense codes. The simple assault is excluded from the file before submission to the FBI. The extra MTIBRS offense codes are useful for our state statistics.

The last difference is MTIBRS collects administrative, offense, property, victim, offender and arrestee information on all offenses. NIBRS collects the same information only on group A offenses. Check out the next installment of the bulletin which will explain the difference between group A and B offenses and index verses non-index crimes. Keep an eye out for it...it’s more interesting than it sounds!



To take a look at the Montana crime data, go to the [MTIBRS Dashboard](#). There are simple tutorials and helpful materials to answer questions about crime trends in Montana beginning with 2005.

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- * June 9 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena
- * June 10 — Residential Substance Abuse Treatment RFP Released
- * July 22 — Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Application Due
- * August 2-3 — Advanced Grant Writing & Subgrantee Workshop, Bozeman
- * August 9-10 — Advanced Grant Writing & Subgrantee Workshop, Great Falls
- * September 14 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena
- * October 4-6 — 10th Annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference, Billings
- * December 8 — Board of Directors Meeting, Helena

Schedules updated daily! Check out our website: www.mbcc.mt.gov

Records Retention

MBCC Fiscal Department

Records retention – when I hear those two words I think, “Awesome! Our grant is closed and we are done; we can file that away and not have to worry about it anymore”. I wish it was like that. Records retention and access to records is one of the final requirements of a grant. As a recipient of federal funds, MBCC is responsible for passing down requirements that have been placed on your federal award. We are also responsible for passing down any state requirements that are placed on our agency. The federal records retention period after the close of an award is three (3) years. However, Montana’s grant retention period is five (5) years after the close of an award. When we talk about the “close of an award date” it is the end date of the federal award (also referred to as a block grant) that is considered. MBCC is required to follow the more restrictive policy.

For example:

MBCC receives a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice for local law enforcement activities (JAG). The grant is for 48 months with a start date of 10/01/2014 and an end date of 09/30/2018. According to the state’s retention schedule MBCC will need to retain our award documents until 10/1/2023.



If you receive a JAG award from us, it is usually for a 12-month period and we usually follow the state’s fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. So your start date of the award is 07/01/2015 and the end date is 06/30/2016. If you were able to use the state’s five year retention period, you would be able to dispose of your award documents on 7/1/2021. However, because your award is tied to the federal block grant you will need to retain your award documents until 10/1/2023.

When your grant is closed you will receive a Closure Notice from MBCC. In Section 5 – Subgrant Complete on the closure notice, you are instructed to retain all of the documents produced from your award for a five-year period. We are currently in the process of changing our form to allow inclusion of the actual date your agency may dispose of the award documents. Records stored in an electronic format are acceptable.

Award documents include but are not limited to financial and programmatic records, supporting accounting transactions, the general ledger, personnel and payroll records, cancelled checks, supporting documents, statistical records, books of original entry, source documents, and related documents and records. Source documents may include copies of all awards, applications, and required recipient financial and narrative reports. Personnel and payroll records must include the time and attendance reports for all full-time and/or part-time individuals reimbursed under the award.

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Tuesday, October 4, 2016

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Sgt. Kevin Briggs, Ret.

California Highway Patrol

Pivotal Points: Crisis Management, Suicide Prevention, Leadership Skills



Registration opens on July 1!

The Bridge Between Suicide and Life

&

Mental Illness Contacts, Vicarious Trauma, and Post Incident Mental Health

Following the presentations, Kevin will be available for a question and answer session and book signing.

As an international Crisis Management, Suicide Prevention, and Leadership Skills presenter, Sergeant Kevin Briggs' story and lived experiences have been featured at the Technology, Entertainment, and Design 2014 Conference as a TEDTalk, Ciudad de Las Ideas (Mexico), Yahoo News, The New Yorker Magazine, Men's Health Magazine, NPR's Bob Edwards Radio Show, People Magazine, USA Today, as well as other magazines, newspapers, radio, and podcasts across the world. His first book, *Guardian of the Golden Gate: Protecting the Line Between Hope and Despair*, was released in July 2015.

Briggs is a retired California Highway Patrol officer who spent many years patrolling the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. While on patrol, he encountered numerous individuals clinging to life by a thread – individuals who had lost hope and could see no way out of their current situation - ready to jump off the bridge to what they assumed was a sudden death and ending of their pain and hopelessness.

Briggs, through his compassion, gentle voice, eye contact, and his innate ability of “listening to understand” encouraged more than 200 individuals over his career to either not go over the bridge's rail or come back to solid ground from where they had been standing precariously out on the chord of the bridge and start a new chapter in their life. These challenging, but rewarding efforts earned him the nickname “Guardian of the Golden Gate Bridge.” After a 23-year career with the California Highway Patrol, Briggs retired to dedicate his life to promote mental health awareness across the globe through Pivotal Points, an organization he founded to promote Crisis Management, Suicide Prevention, and Leadership Skills.

Briggs speaks publicly about not having the right kind of professional training to effectively assist persons in crisis when he first began work as a patrol officer. Throughout his career, he reached out to senior officers who had been in the trenches, asking for their guidance – how to approach an individual in crisis, what to say, what not to say, tone of voice, among many other things. He sought various professional training avenues including hostage negotiator training to continue to improve his skills and abilities. Over time and using all the things he learned, Briggs found a positive way to approach people in crisis, using listening skills he practiced to find the “thread” that would encourage individuals to find hope for tomorrow and allow them to make the decision to live for another day. He is a mental health consumer himself – Briggs suffers from depression related to his highway patrol officer and work leader experiences (including a motorcycle accident in which he was severely injured), as well as losing his grandfather to suicide, and other personal and family experiences.

Today, Briggs is mapping a movement as he speaks publicly about his suicide prevention and crisis encounters with people on the bridge. He shares his “Listening to Understand” skills followed up with key active listening points for anyone to use; his personal triad for healthy living; his RELEASE model to assist anyone in crisis; his crisis plan, and his personal mental health struggles while serving in the Army, as a police officer, as a cancer survivor, as a family member and father, and as a leader and co-worker.

MBCC Awards — Nomination Information

Program Highlights — Twice a year, MBCC honors criminal justice and community-based programs that merit recognition for providing effective services to address public safety issues in their communities or statewide. An applicant is not required to have received funding from MBCC. Applications are accepted from both current and past MBCC funding recipients and recipients are invited to present before the Board of Directors at its spring and fall meetings.

Past recipients include

- ◇ Eastern Montana Drug Prosecution Coordinator
- ◇ SAFE Harbor of Lake County, MT
- ◇ Montana Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission
- ◇ Glasgow Police Department Misdemeanor Probation/Victim Witness Project
- ◇ University of Montana Criminology Research Group and Alliance for Youth for Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) & Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
- ◇ STOP Underage Drinking in the Flathead Coalition; and
- ◇ Yellowstone County Jail-Based Treatment Program

MBCC will highlight programs with a statewide press release, certificate of recognition, placement of program information on MBCC's website and attendance scholarship/recognition at the annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference held in October.

July 15 is the deadline for the September 2016 award — for your program to be considered, please download and complete the application and provide any supplemental materials as appropriate. The application can be found on [Program Highlights page](#). Contact Samantha Erpenbach with any questions — serpenbach@mt.gov or 406-444-2947.

2016 Lifetime Achievement and 2016 Innovative Community Improvement Awards — As part of the annual Montana Crime Prevention Conference, MBCC presents the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Innovative Community Improvement Award. Nominations for both awards open on July 5, 2016 and will be available on the MBCC website. All nominations must be received by August 5, 2016 for consideration.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to a deserving individual (or group of individuals) that has achieved professional excellence and made a lasting contribution to promote and support improvements to Montana's justice system throughout his/her career. The award encompasses professionals across the entire justice system and includes law enforcement, crime prevention, public safety, victim services, juvenile justice, forensic science, prosecution, public defenders, courts, corrections and volunteers. The award honors proven leadership, vision and innovation.

The **Innovative Community Improvement Award** is presented to a deserving individual (or group of individuals) who has, through a specific campaign or program, made lasting contributions to promote public safety and crime prevention within his/her community. This may include improving the quality of life, reducing the fear of crime, enhancing services to victims or initiating measurable, positive results. This award encompasses any professional or private community citizen or citizens, or a combination thereof. The award honors proven leadership, vision and innovation resulting in lasting contributions, and significant improvements to a community.

Mark your calendar for July 5 to nominate someone you know! Questions? Contact Mark Thatcher at mthatcher@mt.gov or 406-444-3605 for more information.



Upcoming Workshops

Subgrantee Workshops August 2016

MBCC will hold two subgrantee workshops featuring updates on new reporting and fiscal requirements, and provide answers to questions about projects funded through MBCC.

Topics include:

- ⇒ Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Regulations and Training
- ⇒ Budget, Timesheets & Fiscal Update
- ⇒ Data Collection, Reporting and Statistics
- ⇒ Individual Program Updates & Breakout Sessions

**Online Registration
Opens June 1!**

**Hotel Reservations
Available Now!**

Who should attend? Fiscal Officers and Project Directors will gain understanding of compliance with grant requirements. Agencies interested in applying for grants are also welcome to attend.

Advanced Grant Writing Workshop

A three hour Advanced Grant Writing Workshop will be held the afternoon prior to the Subgrantee Workshop in both locations. This training will sharpen your grant writing skills and focus specifically on budget and budget narrative, expectations for the reporting process in the application, and how to write an influential narrative. *The workshop is designed to be a follow up to the Grant Writing 101 presentation held in November 2015.*

August 2-3, 2016 Bozeman

August 2: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Advanced Grant Writing Workshop

August 3: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Subgrantee Workshop

Best Western GranTree Inn
1325 North 7th Avenue, Bozeman
406-587-5261

www.bestwestern.com/grantree

A block of rooms has been held at the rate of \$138.00 + tax. Please refer to the "Montana Board of Crime Control" when making your hotel reservations. Rooms are on a first come, first serve basis. The room block will expire on July 1, 2016.

August 9-10, 2016 Great Falls

August 9: 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Advanced Grant Writing Workshop

August 10: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Subgrantee Workshop

Best Western Plus Heritage Inn
1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls
406-761-1900

www.bestwestern.com/prop_27029

A block of rooms has been held at the rate of \$89.00 + tax. Please refer to the "MBCC Subgrantee Workshop" when making your hotel reservations. Rooms are on a first come, first serve basis.