

Billings – Montana Dietetic Association

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BMDA's Mission

- A diverse group of nutrition specialists working collaboratively to promote optimal nutrition, health, and well-being and advocate for our profession while maintaining integrity, respect, and excellence in our service

BMDA's Goals

- Focus on goals to empower local dietetic professionals to be area leaders in our profession, and to serve the public by promoting optimal nutrition, health, and well-being

BMDA's Goals

- Support activities, which provide continuing education and collaboration of dietetics professionals
 - Monthly educational topics
 - Childhood Overweight Trends
 - Celiac Disease
 - Nutrition for Pregnancy and Breastfeeding
 - Community Assistance Programs
 - Monthly journal club

BMDA's Goals

- Support activities, which provide continuing education and collaboration of dietetics professionals
 - Quarterly Events
 - Bariatric Surgery
 - Child and Teen Wellness
 - Sports Nutrition
 - Update on Local Hunger Programs

BMDA's Goals

- Support local, regional and national legislation to advance and advocate for the practice of dietetics
 - Public Policy Workshop
 - Montana Nutrition Legislation Update given by Minkie Medora
 - Nutrition and Prevention Programs in the Health Care Reform Bill
 - Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
 - Child Hunger and WIC Reauthorization

BMDA's Goals

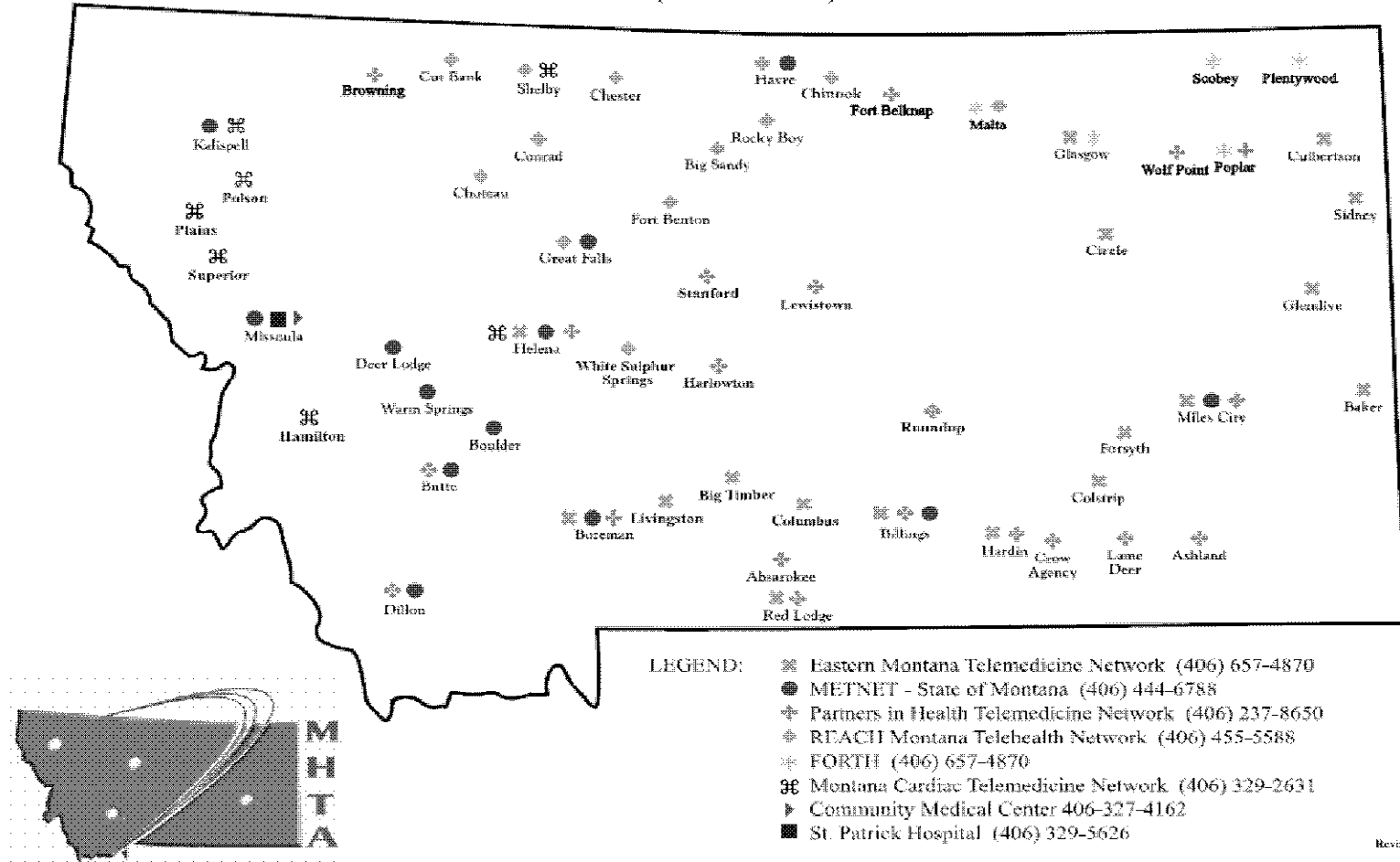
- Maintain client commitment through community service with a minimum of one community service activity each year
 - 2009 – Zoo Event
 - 2010 – Saturday Live
 - Food and Clothing Drives
 - Donations to Montana Food Bank Network

Membership

- Who can be a member?
 - Any MDA or ADA member
 - Anyone who is not eligible for membership with ADA, but has interests consistent with BMDA
- Most educational events can be viewed via telemedicine
- Most events can be accessed via teleconferencing

Potential Telemedicine Sites

MONTANA HEALTHCARE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ALLIANCE (MHTA)



Membership

● Membership dues

- Active membership: \$25 annually
- Retired professional/student: \$10 annually

● What do I get for my money?

- Potential of 28 CEUs per year
- Networking with other dietitians
- Possible attendance to MDA conference

● Single events

- \$15 for each event

Current Membership

- 30 members
 - 20 (67%) are very active in BMDA
 - 21 (70%) work in a hospital or LTC
- Desired membership growth
 - Increased membership from areas outside of hospitals
- What can MDA members do to help?
 - **Join BMDA!!**

Starting a Local District

- Benefits of being a district of MDA
 - District is the same legal entity as the affiliate (MDA)
 - District members and officers are protected under the affiliates' incorporation
 - No need to file taxes
- Members of BMDA have become more active in MDA
- For complete information on forming your own local district, visit BMDA's website

Contacts for more information

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