

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

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Date: November 20, 2015

Re: Recommendations from the Network Advisory Council meeting of November 10, 2015

Background: The Bozeman based Sage Solutions Non-Profit Consulting presented four very well received trainings during the spring, 2015 Federation meetings on strategies and planning to support smooth executive succession and transition. Three hour sessions were presented at the Broad Valleys, South Central, Golden Plains and Tamarack meetings through the use of FY 14 Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funds.

The Network Advisory Council at its November 10, 2015 meeting approved the following recommendation to be forwarded to the State Library Commission:

The Council recommends that the current unassigned balance in the FY 15 LSTA Statewide Projects budget be assigned to trustee training in order to provide additional training and networking opportunities for trustees. The additional funding will fund:

1. The same succession planning workshops by Sage Solutions to the Pathfinder and Sagebrush Federations at their Spring, 2016 meetings;
2. The creation and facilitation of three related webinars by Sage Solutions to be made available to all librarians and trustees;
3. The creation of additional networking and training opportunities for trustees through the end of September, 2015. Networking ideas include the possibility of a trustee "unconference" that gathers regional trustees together to network with each other and providing travel reimbursements for trustees to attend regional conferences or visit each other's libraries.