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Montana State Library State Aid Task Force

January 25, 2012; 2:00 pm
GOTO Meeting

Attendees

Task Force Members - Present

Stacy Bruhn, Carly Delsigne, Tracy Cook (Facilitator), Carolyn Donath, Judy Hart, Sarah McHugh, Dee Ann Redman, Trista Smith, Sonja Woods

Task Force Members - Absent

Colet Bartow, Debbi Kramer, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson

Guests

Jennie Stapp

Tracy Cook called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

The minutes from the December 19, 2011 meeting were approved.

The committee discussed the "State Aid – Service Population Percentage Split" worksheet which eliminated use of county funding percentages to distribute leftover population and instead split the leftover population evenly amongst libraries in the same county. Attending members voted to not eliminate the use of county funding percentages from the current State Aid formula.

The committee discussed whether to use decennial census population data or population projections as provided by the U.S. Census Bureau in combination with the current State Aid formula. Members discussed whether to allow libraries to decide which data set to use, how often to update data, and what the impact would be on libraries based on their demographics. A vote was held as to whether to use projection data with four in agreement, two against, and one abstention. The next vote asked whether projection data should be updated every two years with four in agreement, one against, and two abstention. The committee agreed to solicit the opinion of the absent members before moving forward. Tracy Cook will send a summary to all state aid task force members and ask for a response about this issue.

The committee agreed that further discussion about the impact on public library districts will have to wait until a formula has actually been decided on.

The facilitator adjourned the meeting at 3:16 pm.