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Montana Dentist Enters State House Race

ADPAC and MODEPAC Endorse and Encourage Support

Dr. Jane Gillette's name will appear on Montana's November 6 ballot as the Republican candidate in House District 65 (southwest Bozeman). Dr. Gillette was unanimously approved by the Gallatin County GOP Central Committee on July 30, 2018, after answering more than 20 detailed questions in person. HD 65 is currently held by Jon Knokey (R) who won an unexpected victory over Chris Pope (D) in 2016.

Knokey was a supporter of key legislation for MDA last session, and many were surprised by his withdrawal announcement. His employer promoted him to a position that requires significant international travel; as such, he could not commit to serving in the 2019 legislative session. Knokey withdrew from the race after the primary election so the Gallatin County GOP could find a strong replacement candidate.

Dr. Gillette earned her BS from Pacific Lutheran University and her DDS from University of Washington. She also completed her MPA from University of Montana an completed advanced

courses at Harvard and Wharton Schools of Business. She started out as a dentist in the U.S. Air Force at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, then became the dental director of Community Health Partners in Bozeman, then purchased a private dental practice. She currently serves as executive director of Sprout Oral Health in Bozeman and does consulting and speaking nationwide.

"Deciding to run for this seat was not an easy or quick decision," said Dr. Gillette in a telephone interview, "But I'll have the support of my family, and I've assembled a solid team that helped create a comprehensive campaign plan." Dr. Gillette has reset much of her work calendar to create time to campaign door-to-door in the district. Dr. Gillette also has the full support of Jon Knokey, who volunteered as her campaign treasurer.

Dr. Gillette's campaign website is <u>janeforbozeman.</u> com and includes a 30-second TV ad on the homepage. Montana individual campaign contribution limits for a



Dr. Jane Gillette treats a patient in her Bozeman practice.

statewide race is \$180 per person or \$360 per couple. MoDePAC funded a PAC contribution of \$180, and ADPAC distributed a message to its members nationwide, asking individuals to financially support her race.

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Maybe It's Not Luck...

Dear Members,

Over the last month, I've had the opportunity to spend time with our colleagues from around the country at both the ADA President-Elect Conference in Chicago and the Western States Presidents Conference in Whitefish. Both events were designed to foster conversation on the challenges, opportunities, and successes from respective states. Over many conversations, our colleagues painted a bleak picture of dentistry in their state; midlevel providers, high DSO saturation, low insurance reimbursement rates, high competition, and poor dental community just to name a few. Though we do face these challenges, I feel the degree and impact on our practices is much lower, and I left these meetings thinking how



Western States Presidents' Conference hosts from left to right: Dr. Ron Jarvis, Al Garver, and Dr. Andy Althauser.

lucky we are to live and practice in the state of Montana.

But after some thought, I realized that maybe it wasn't luck that created our current environment. Maybe it was something very different. Maybe it was all the hard work, time, and money donated from our member volunteers. Maybe it was the focused and devoted team at the MDA central office.



DR. ANDREW ALTHAUSER

President

Maybe it was the guidance and support from the ADA staff. Maybe it was all the times that members have volunteered in their community, met with local leaders, or called a colleague to offer a helping hand.

We can rely on luck to shape the future of dentistry in Montana, or we can continue to roll up our sleeves and put in the work to preserve the integrity of our profession. I hope you'll continue to invest time, money, and effort as we do our part to keep the dental profession strong and relevant in Montana.

Sincerely, Andrew Althauser DDS President Montana Dental Association

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Montana Board of Dentistry Announces Settlement of Denturist Lawsuit

In 2013, the Denturist Association of Montana sued the Board of Dentistry, challenging, among other claims, the legal sufficiency of Rule J (Cause Number ADV-2013-924 in the First Judicial District Court, Lewis and Clark County), which prohibited Montana denturists from fitting prostheses over implants. On August 3rd, 2018, after the case had been heard by the Montana Supreme Court, the Montana Board of Dentistry accepted an offer by the Denturist Association of Montana to settle the lawsuit. The following terms were accepted as offered:

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The Montana Board of Dentistry will sunset the current language of Rule J within 18 months of the signing of a court order dismissing the lawsuit with prejudice in exchange for implementing new rulemaking regarding the issue. The rule currently reads "The board [Montana Board of Dentistry] defines "unprofessional conduct" as follows: (j) fitting, attempting to fit or advertising to fit a prosthesis on or over a dental implant." Before the 18 months have passed, the Board will promulgate a new rule regarding the ability of denturists to fit prostheses on or over a dental implant.

No specific replacement language was agreed to. Instead, whatever rule language the Board ultimately adopts will replace the current rule, effective before the sunset date. The Board accepted the settlement offer in consideration of both its overriding obligation to the protect public health, welfare, and safety from harmful practices, but also mindful of its obligation to permit the practice of denturity, so long as a specific practice in question is safe. As always, safe practices regarding the fitting of prostheses by denturists will be the primary concern of the future rulemaking. The Court entered judgment in accordance with the settlement agreement on August 23, 2018, setting the sunset date as 18 months from that date.

During the rulemaking process, the Montana Dental Association and its members will have the ability to comment or otherwise participate in the same way as other stakeholders and/or members of the public. The Board of Dentistry is seeking substantive input from stakeholders, including the MDA.

MDA Welcomes Pam Maslanka to Staff

MDA welcomes Pam Malanska who joined the central office staff in July; bringing with her the required skills to perform the Administrative Assistant duties. Pam has been the office manager for a local electrical contractor for more than seven years, and earlier in her career was the Secretary to the Chief of Staff of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Unit at Offutt, Air Force Base, Nebraska. She has quickly become an invaluable member of the MDA Central Office Staff.

Pam relishes time with her children, grandchildren, and friends; she enjoys the great outdoors, meeting new people and laughing. Her motto, "Life is a gift, and time is not measured by clocks but by moments, so enjoy every moment as it comes."



Pam Maslanka

David Hemion Awarded Honorary ADA Membership



Dr. Rick Asai (left), 11 District Trustee, presented David Hemion an honorary ADA membership on August 4, 2018, at the Western States Presidents' Conference. On August 3, MDA member and former president Dr. Roger Newman hosted David and Susan Hemion on a day-long drift-boat fishing trip on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River.





MDA Executive Director Testifies at DPHHS Listening Session

On August 1, 2018, the governor's budget director, Dan Villa, and the director of DPHHS, Sheila Hogan, conducted a listening session to hear from providers with suggestions relating to the restoration of DPHHS funds due to a revenue surplus. MDA's executive director, Al Garver, testified as follows:

I'm here on behalf of 500 dentists in the Montana Dental Association, more than 2/3 of whom are certified Medicaid providers. Montana has one of the highest Medicaid dental provider participation rates in the country, and these professionals want to help this vulnerable population.

Relating to today's discussion and the funds being redirected back to DPHHS, we believe the highest priority is the restoration of dentures for seniors. We have had a positive ongoing dialogue with DPHHS and believe they share that same goal.

For the next biennium, we reiterate our belief the Medicaid reimbursement rates are so low, that many dentists have to set limits on how many Medicaid patients they can accept. By increasing the dental reimbursement rate by a fairly small percentage, more dental providers would be able to see significantly more Medicaid patients.

Dental professionals hope to work with the state in any manner they can to continue to increase access and the number of Montanans served.

Children, Families, HHS Committee Recorded Six Hours of Public Comments

On August 6, 2018, the Interim Committee on Children, Families, Health and Human Services held a meeting to provide an update on the state revenue picture. Committee chairs Senator Mary Caferro and Representative Robert Lenz explained that they had no legislative authority over how DPPHHS utilizes restored funding, but they wanted to provide a formal meeting to capture comments from providers and patients. Dozens of people lined up for testimony and the four-hour meeting was extended to six hours to accommodate all testimony. While the MDA prepared formal remarks, several quotes from testimony from other organizations were noteworthy.

"One thing that I will mention that isn't in senior long-term care, and I would be remiss not to mention it... is dentures. That is important to anybody! If you're an elderly person in a nursing home, chances are that your nutritional status is very compromised. You have all sorts of things going on, and to not have dentures so you can chew your food, eat properly, and maintain what dignity and health you have, is just amazingly sad. That obviously needs to be fixed, and should be a priority, and never should have happened to start with

and should be a priority now."—Rose Hughes, RMS Management Services

"To sit here and say, 'oh, we're so grateful for the provider restoration cuts'... I feel kind of hypocritical. Because those cuts should never have happened. As providers, yes, we're thankful we get another 3%, but that still means no provider rate increase this year or next year, and it compounds year after year in the budget process." —Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Project

"Seniors in care facilities, many times don't have the funding to get dentures, and this continues to lead to a blended soft food diet with weight loss and other health issues. One facility we serve is the Montana Veterans home in Columbia Falls. When you see your patients doing well, and then they're moved to a soft food diet which means blending their food into a milkshake... they're usually not there much longer. With Montana Medicaid not covering dental crowns, recipients are forced to have infected teeth extracted. Because many cannot afford the cost of dentures, they often choose to

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Second Lawsuit Filed for Non-Transparent Process in Medicaid Cuts

On July 31, 2018, disability rights advocates and Medicaid providers from across Montana sued the state, alleging that cuts to Medicaid reimbursement rates imposed by the Department of Public Health and Human Services are illegal and put Montanans with physical and mental disabilities at serious risk of institutionalization. MDA is a supporter of this lawsuit, but was not initially listed as a plaintiff.

The lawsuit was filed in state District Court in Helena, and plaintiffs include organizations that serve Montanans with developmental disabilities, mental illness and serious physical disabilities, as well as individuals who receive services through those providers. The lawsuit is the second filed this summer in state District Court against the state and the department over Medicaid cuts that were initially the result of actions by the 2017 Legislature. In June, the Montana Health Care Association, which represents nursing homes and assisted living centers, sued the state and the department over the cuts.

Last summer, the department proposed cuts to Medicaid reimbursement rates of 3.47 percent, arguing the move was necessary to implement budget cuts included in Senate Bill 261. The department later reduced those cuts to 2.99 percent. But while initially saying they would last for only a matter of months, the department then decided to extend the cuts through fiscal year 2019.

The plaintiffs argue that the cuts were made in an "arbitrary, unlawful and unconstitutional manner," including by improperly targeting the cuts to community-based services for those with disabilities.

"The Department failed to follow almost every

requirement of the Montana Administrative Procedure Act in proposing the rate cuts," the lawsuit states. "The rule-making notices of the cuts to Medicaid rates proposed by the Department in late June 2017 were not based on information in existence at the time of the cuts, but were done 'in anticipation' of such information. They were not supported by any official documentary or fiscal evidence."

Although Gov. Bullock announced in late July that surplus revenue would be used to "backfill" economic losses, the lawsuit notes that legal action, including a temporary restraining order against the state, is still necessary because it remains unclear when or how the rates will be restored, or how programs will be refunded since the cuts were implemented in January 2018. The lawsuit was filed along with an application for a temporary restraining order to restore the cuts while the lawsuit went forward. That restraining order was granted August 2, 2018.

On the day after the lawsuit was filed and the day before the restraining order was granted, the State had proposed new rules to raise rates as of September 1, 2018. However, late last week, the State withdrew those rules and canceled the rulemaking hearing on these increases which was scheduled for August 30, 2018. However, in the notice, the State did provide that it would engage in rule-making in the future, with the intent of restoring the rate cut retroactively to July 2, 2018.

The case is scheduled for a September 20, 2018 hearing regarding the restraining order. It is scheduled at the same time as the hearing for the Montana Health Care Association noted above.

Children, Families...

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keep these teeth in their mouth. Who would like to pull their teeth when you can't put anything in its place? Leaving infected teeth in their mouth again leads to health issues. Dentures are not just cosmetic; they are required to perform a necessary function to live. Eating is not a need; it is a necessity. I request you reinstate denture services to all citizens or the very least the elderly, disabled, and/or living in health care facilities."

-Destiny Richmond, Flathead Dentures



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Great Falls College, MSU, Seeking Dentist Feedback on Hygiene Program

Julie Barnwell, RDH, M. Ed., was selected as the new Dental Hygiene Program Director at Great Falls College MSU, the only dental hygiene program within Montana. The program recently wrote a formal letter to the MDA, seeking input from dentists around the state on how to improve their program to meet changing needs within the dental community. The goal of the faculty is to educate students to adhere to the highest quality standards when treating dental patients.

Barnwell was appointed to the position in May 2018. She previously served as a faculty member for the college for three years. As program director, she brings both teaching and 20 years of clinical practice experience to the program, along with a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene and master's in educational leadership. Her goal is to grow the program and continue to build the clinical, soft and critical thinking skills necessary for a hygienist to make a significant difference in dental practices.

The faculty seeks feedback on the following questions:

- 1. How can we better prepare students to meet your patient care needs?
- 2. What dental hygiene skills are most important to you?
- 3. How can we connect students with dental professionals to help retain talent and transition students to the local workforce after graduation?
- 4. How can we improve our program so Montana citizens receive the best hygiene care available in our nation?

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Patients on Wait-list	133			
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Participating Labs in MT	45			
Participating Labs outside MT	13			

¹Donated treatment value includes donated lab value.

The DDS program restores the oral health and often transforms the lives of the patients we serve, like 65-year-old George who lives in Helena and has developmental disabilities and speech challenges. George had severe dental problems: he was missing several teeth and those that remained were decayed and broken. While he works one day per week as a custodian, he did not earn enough to afford the extensive dental care he needed. Fortunately, he was referred to the DDS program and he applied for help. Two generous volunteers agreed to come to his aid: a general dentist and a lab. Thanks to this kind team, George received thousands in donated care that he could not afford on his own. He wrote to express his appreciation for this amazing gift. "It's great! I don't have any more toothaches. Dr. A. and his staff were always polite and courteous to me."

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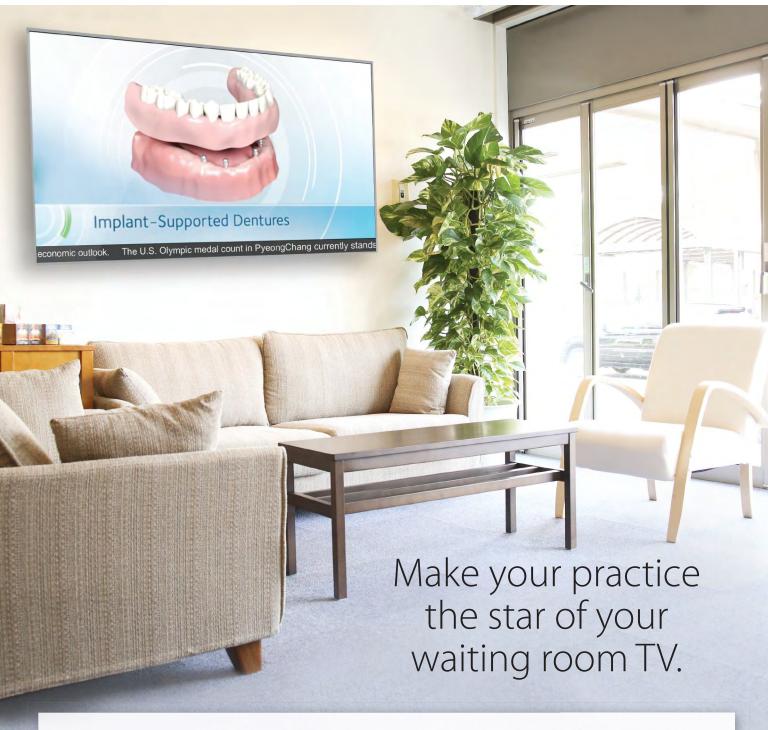
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From left to right: Anthony Strainer, Macy Althauser, Chase Webster (orange life jacket), Zoe Webster, Dr. Melissa Webster (Alaska), Dr. Don Hanson (ship's captain), Meri Althauser (Dex sweatshirt), Cash Keim (black life jacket), Dr. Andy Althauser (blue windbreaker), Al Garver, Garrett Keim, Dr. Dave Keim, and Dr. Ron Jarvis.

Whitefish Lake Excursion

Montana hosted the Western States Presidents' Conference in Whitefish, MT, August 2-4, 2018. Presidents, presidentselect, and executive directors from 13 western states converged at Grouse Mountain Lodge for networking, brainstorming, and legislative priority discussions. On Friday afternoon, 38 participants took a bus tour to Glacier National Park, 10 went golfing, and the crew to the left took a boat tour of Whitefish Lake. First District members went out of their way to make the conference a success, including MDA member and former president Don Hanson, who owned the boat and provided the lake tour and swimming expedition.

2018

Sept 21 • MDA CE, Dr Mark Donaldson, Helena

Oct 18-21 • ADA Annual Session, Honolulu

Nov 30 • Board of Dentistry

2019

Jan 25 • Dental Day at the Legislature, Helena

Jan 26 • MDA Board of Directors, Helena

Mar 8 • MDA CE, Dr Edward Feinberg, Helena

May 9-10 • MDA Annual Meeting, Helena

2020

May 7-8 • MDA Annual Meeting, Dr Dan Pompa, Missoula

2021

May 6-7 • MDA Annual Meeting, Dr Mark Hyman, Missoula