

**ITEM: 152-101-R0911  
ATTACHMENT**

**Lindsay L. Carlson, M.D.**  
Livingston, MT

MEDICAL SCHOOL: University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, WA  
09/2003-06/2007 (Washington WWAMI Student)

RESIDENCY: Montana Family Practice Residency, Billings, MT  
Family Medicine, July 2007-June 2010

PRACTICE SITE: Family Medicine w/Obstetrics  
Livingston Health Care, Livingston, MT  
Start Date – September 5, 2011

SUPPORTING INSTITUTION: Livingston Health Care  
Livingston, MT 59047

HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES: Livingston Health Care

POPULATION: 17,000

PHYSICIAN/PATIENT RATIO: 1:3,400

**BASIS FOR MRPIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The committee considered the size and location of the community, the physician-to-patient ratio and the difficulties the community continues to face with recruitment and retention of physicians. Livingston is a somewhat isolated, rural community, designated as a federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). Dr. Carlson's practice will fill a much needed void for both family medicine and obstetrics in the Livingston community. Assistance to Dr. Carlson by the MRPIP would greatly benefit Livingston and Park County.

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**Linda R. Klein, M.D.**  
Sidney, MT 59270

MEDICAL SCHOOL: Medical College of Pennsylvania (Drexel University), Philadelphia, PA  
08/1990-05/1994

RESIDENCY: Internal Medicine Residency Program, Internship (Prerequisite for Radiation Oncology)  
Oregon Health Science University, Portland, OR  
Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia PA  
06/1994-06/1996

Radiation Oncology Residency Program  
Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland Oregon  
07/1998-09/1999

Chief Resident (2008-2009)  
Providence Milwaukie Family Medicine Residency  
Providence Milwaukie Hospital, Milwaukie, OR  
06/2006-06/2009

PRACTICE SITE: Family Medicine  
Sidney Health Center, Sidney, MT  
Start Date – January 3, 2011

SUPPORTING INSTITUTION: Sidney Health Center  
Sidney, MT 59270

HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES: Sidney Health Center

POPULATION: 10,000

PHYSICIAN/PATIENT RATIO: 1:2,500

**BASIS FOR MRPIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The committee considered the size and location of the community, the physician-to-patient ratio and the difficulties the community continues to face with recruitment and retention of physicians. Sidney is a small rural community that struggles to compete for medical services due to its remote location. Sidney Health Center has lost six doctors over the past five years due to retirements and relocations. They also project the retirement of an additional three providers with 30+ years of service within the next 2-3 years. In order to retain Dr. Klein's services, the community needs the assistance of the MRPIP loan repayment.

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**Mechelle D. Lewis, M.D.**  
Glendive, MT 59330

MEDICAL SCHOOL: University of Missouri – Columbia School of Medicine, Columbia, MO  
08/2001-05/2005

RESIDENCY: University of Louisville, Louisville, KY  
Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Residency  
Internship July 2005-June 2006  
Residency July 2006-June 2009

PRACTICE SITE: Hospitalist  
Glendive Medical Center, Glendive, MT  
Start Date – August 2, 2010

SUPPORTING INSTITUTION: Glendive Medical Center  
Glendive, MT 59330

HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES: Glendive Medical Center

POPULATION: 12,000

PHYSICIAN/PATIENT RATIO: 1:4,000

**BASIS FOR MRPIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The committee considered the size and location of the community, the physician-to-patient ratio, and the difficulties the community faces with the recruitment and retention of physicians. Glendive is an isolated rural community and is designated as a federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) as well as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA). Dr. Lewis' addition as a Hospitalist is vital to help support the primary care efforts in the community. Over the past five years GMC lost three Family Practice physicians and has only successfully replaced one. In addition, they have one doctor who is close to retirement age and another who is planning to leave the area. Despite their extensive recruitment efforts, they do not anticipate the physician shortage will improve in the near future. This community has unmet needs and will greatly benefit from the assistance of the MRPIP loan repayment for Dr. Lewis.

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**April Lynn Weinberger, M.D.**  
Hamilton, MT 59840

MEDICAL SCHOOL: Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA  
08/2003-05/2007

RESIDENCY: Family Medicine, Mountain Area Health Education Center, Asheville, NC  
07/2007-07/2010

PRACTICE SITE: Family Medicine  
Corvallis Family Medicine Clinic, Corvallis, MT  
Start Date – March 22, 2011

SUPPORTING INSTITUTION: Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital  
Hamilton, MT 59840

HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES: Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital

POPULATION: 40,431

PHYSICIAN/PATIENT RATIO: 1:2,352

**BASIS FOR MRPIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The committee considered the size and location of the community, the physician-to-patient ratio, and the difficulties the community is facing with recruitment and retention of physicians. Corvallis is designated as a federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) as well as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA) and Medically Underserved Population (MUP). The Corvallis Family Medicine Clinic is the only medical practice facility in Corvallis. Currently there is only one Family Practice physician and one Family Nurse Practitioner staffing the clinic. The Corvallis community needs the assistance of the MRPIP program to help retain her services.

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**Richard A. Wells, D.O.**  
Miles City, MT 59301

MEDICAL SCHOOL: Western University of Health Sciences – College of Osteopathic Medicine, Pomona, CA  
1993-1997

RESIDENCY: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN  
Family Medicine, July 1997-August 1998

Pacific Hospital, Long Beach, CA  
AOA Rotating Internship, October 1998-June 1999

Ronceverte, WV, Hospital,  
Rural Focus Residency Training, July 1999-January 2000

St. Joseph Medical Center, Reading, PA  
Family Practice Residency, March 2000-October 2001

PRACTICE SITE: Family Medicine  
Glendive Medical Center, Glendive, MT  
Start Date – July 1, 2011

SUPPORTING INSTITUTION: Glendive Medical Center, Glendive, MT 59330

HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES: Glendive Medical Center

POPULATION: 12,000

PHYSICIAN/PATIENT RATIO: 1:4,000

**BASIS FOR MRPIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The committee considered the size and location of the community, the physician-to-patient ratio, and the difficulties the community has faced in both recruitment and retention of physicians. Glendive is an isolated rural community and is designated as a federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) as well as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA). The Glendive Medical Center (GMC) has been actively recruiting for a physician with primary care experience for over five years. Over the past five years GMC has had three Family Practice providers leave while only being able to replace one. They also have one provider that is close to retirement age and another who is planning to leave the area. This community has unmet needs and will greatly benefit from the assistance of the MRPIP loan repayment for Dr. Wells.

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**Raymond Frederic Zurcher, M.D.**

Libby, MT

MEDICAL SCHOOL: Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, CA  
08/1998-05/1992

RESIDENCY: Internship, Kern Medical Center, Bakersfield, CA  
Internal Medicine, July 1992-June 1993

Residency, Kern Medical Center, Bakersfield, CA  
Emergency Medicine, July 1993-June 1996

PRACTICE SITE: Emergency Medicine  
St. John's Lutheran Hospital, Libby, MT  
Start Date – September 12, 2011

SUPPORTING INSTITUTION: St. John's Lutheran Hospital, Libby, MT 59923

HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES: St. John's Lutheran Hospital

POPULATION: 16,000

PHYSICIAN/PATIENT RATIO: 1:3,200

**BASIS FOR MRPIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

Libby is a geographically isolated and rural location designated as a federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), a Medically Underserved Area (MUA), and a Medically Underserved Population (MUP). St. John's Lutheran Hospital has had a history of difficulty recruiting physicians to their Emergency Department. The hospital has been actively recruiting for three ER positions since 2007. In 2009 they successfully filled one of the vacancies. Dr. Zurcher's scheduled arrival later this month will fill the second position. This community will greatly benefit from the assistance of the MRPIP loan repayment to help retain Dr. Zurcher's services.

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