

## Billings City Administration Weekly Report

July 12, 2019

- 1) **VISTA Welcome** – See attached bios on our 9 VISTA volunteers who were welcomed to Billings Monday.
- 2) **Strategy Partner Legislative debrief** – Wednesday the strategy partners debriefed the 406 Impact District legislative effort. Three of the lobbyist who helped guide the effort participated including City lobbyist Aimee Grmoljez.
- 3) **Meeting with MSUB** – I met with foundation CEO Bill Kennedy and Athletic Director Krista Montegue to discuss their plans for facility investments at MSUB. It is great to know just how visionary MSUB's leadership is. I appreciate the opportunity to give feedback early in their process. I suspect their exciting plans will become public later this year.
- 4) **League of Women Voters** – Andy received good feedback from his budget and tax presentation during Thursday's League of Women's Voters meeting. Two upcoming presentations include "What are the rules?" on July 17<sup>th</sup> and "How can I have a voice?" on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Both presentations will be held 5:30 – 7:30 pm in the Billings Public Library Community Room, 510 N. Broadway.
- 5) **Next Week's Meetings/Task Forces/Presentations etc.**
  - a. Rochester, MN - Destination Medical Center (<https://dmc.mn/what-is-dmc/>) meetings Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> with Lisa Clarke (see attached bio) open to any Council Members.
    - i. Breakfast 7:30 @ BSED
    - ii. Lunch 11:00 – 1:00 @ Northern Hotel
    - iii. Community Mtg. 4:00 – 5:30 @ FIB Operations Center
  - b. Dinner with City/County Leaders 5:30 @ Jakes Opportunity Zone Workshops Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> open to any Council Members
    - i. Open community workshop 2:00 pm @ Northern Hotel
    - ii. Civic Leaders/City Council/County Commissioners 4:00 pm @ Northern Hotel
  - c. Pioneer Park Task Force, Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM McKinley School.
  - d. West End Task Force, Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Sweet Water Drive, Room 1360/131.
  - e. Rimrock Task Force, Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Lillis Chapel St. Johns, 2429 Mission Way. A panel made up Mayor Cole, Ward 4 Council Members, Wyeth and I, are being asked to discuss the impacts of the Inner Belt Loop project.
  - f. South Side Task Force, Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM St. Vincent DePaul, 3005 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South.
  - g. Terry Park Task Force, Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Bethlehem Lutheran, 40 10<sup>th</sup> Street West.

Have a great weekend!

## Billings Metro VISTA Project - July & August 2019 Class



**Ella Clary** was born in Delaware, Ohio, but raised in Brownsburg, Indiana. She graduated from Indiana University in 2019 with a major in Environmental and Sustainability Studies and two minors in animal behavior and music. Ella will be serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA with **Dog Tag Buddies** to increase access to health services for veterans recovering from PTSD and/or traumatic brain injuries. Outside of work, she enjoys being outdoors hiking, kayaking, camping, playing soccer, or cycling. When not outdoors, Ella enjoys watching crime drama TV shows, playing card games, or practicing guitar.



**Rob Hulsey** was born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised in Savannah, Georgia. He graduated from Clemson University in May 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences. Rob will be serving on the **City of Billings - Community Development Division**, where he will be coordinating an initiative for better education on, intervention for, and treatment of opioid and methamphetamine abuse. In his free time, he enjoys anything in the outdoors, including fishing, SCUBA diving, and hiking, as well as playing video games and watching television.



**Zoey Cain** graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a degree in Psychology and minors in sociology and philosophy. Zoey will be serving with the **Wise Wonders Children's Museum** to improve academic performance among low-income students by implementing STEAM After School Programming and supporting a capital campaign to expand education programs in a new location. In her free time, Zoey enjoys hiking, paddle boarding, swimming, and walking her dog.



**Cassidy Pintozzi**, from Bradenton, FL. recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from Cottey College. She will be serving with **Head Start Explorers Academy** as a part of an Expanding Family Engagement in Early Education program. Cassidy is an avid traveler, having travelled to the Bahamas, Italy, and Chile. Her hobbies include singing, writing, and spending time with friends and family. She also enjoys nature, art, feminism, a good game of golf, and chilling on the beach.

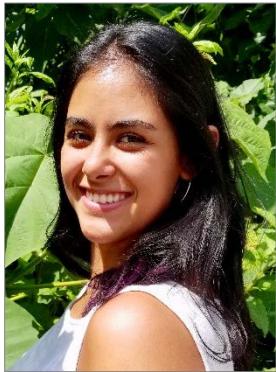


**Cortlynn Cartonia** recently graduated from D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY with a combined bachelors and masters in occupational therapy. Her fieldworks allowed her to focus on mental health and pediatric services, which is one of the reasons **The Family Tree Center's** AmeriCorps VISTA position is such a great fit. Buffalo has always been home for Cortlynn but she is beyond excited to relocate to Billings for this opportunity. Traveling and exploring new places are some of the things she enjoys most. She also loves coaching volleyball, reading, and taking photos.



**Samantha Pearce** received a Master of Public Health degree from the University of New England this past May. She will be working with [Chinook Horses](#) to improve access to healthcare through equine therapy. Her project will include community outreach, grant writing and fundraising, and program evaluation. Sam's hobbies include hiking and kayaking with her doodle, Willow. On a rainy days Sam enjoys crocheting, reading, and binge watching TV shows.

**Jana Richter** recently graduated with a degree in Environmental Science: Public Health from Loyola University in Chicago. She will be working with the [Native American Development Corporation](#) in the Urban Indian Health and Wellness Center assessing and expanding health resources for urbanizing Native Americans in the region! For fun, Jana likes to explore the small corners of the world, reading and writing, making weird art, and learning about different cultures and ways of life. She is so excited to see what this year with AmeriCorps VISTA will bring!



**Jackie Patten** was born and raised in Northern Virginia, right outside of Washington, DC. She studied International Relations with a concentration in Strategic Intelligence at Liberty University. Jackie will be serving with the [City of Billings-Community Development Division](#), where she will be working on an initiative focused on increasing access to food security and ensuring economic prosperity. Jackie enjoys camping, hiking and kayaking in the mountains. She also enjoys reading and exploring historic areas in her free time.

**Siesa Shuman** was born in North Carolina. Since her parents are both Veterans of the United States Army, she has lived many areas of the South. Siesa has a B.A. in Global Studies with a concentration in Middle Eastern Studies and a minor in Arabic from Appalachian State University in North Carolina. Siesa will be serving with [Dress for Success](#). She is an enthusiastic traveler having recently returned from studying in Morocco and visiting Ireland and Spain. Her passions, outside of community service, are poetry, looking at trees, and talking to strangers.



## **Lisa Clarke**

**Executive Director**

**Destination Medical Center Economic Development Agency**

As Executive Director of the [Destination Medical Center](#) (DMC) Economic Development Agency (EDA), Lisa Clarke leads the \$5.6 billion, public-private economic development partnership, the largest in Minnesota's history. DMC is creating America's City for Health, the world's premier destination for health and wellness, made possible by the support of the world-renowned Mayo Clinic, private investors and partners, community organizations and local and state government. Clarke oversees services that include economic development, marketing, finance, investor and developer relations, business development and stakeholder engagement.



Clarke spent 20 years with Mayo Clinic in progressive roles before assuming her current position. For the past seven years, she has managed all aspects of the DMC initiative, including having organized market research to define needs, galvanized legislation, and built community engagement and relationships. Previously, Clarke served as Division Chair in the Department of Public Affairs and provided strategic direction for Mayo Clinic's Community Relations initiatives. Before joining Mayo Clinic, Clark worked with YMCA executive directors and their boards in the role of National YMCA Consultant and provided strategic and new facility planning, program development, marketing and board development. While Associate Director for the organization, Clarke was integral in building state-of-the-art YMCAs in downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul that were tailored to the needs of clientele and community.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal recognized Clarke with its 2019 [Women in Business](#) award. Under her leadership, Finance & Commerce recognized the DMC EDA with its 2019 [Progress Minnesota](#) award, and the State of Minnesota tourism office, Explore Minnesota, honored DMC EDA with its 2019 [Marketing Partner of the Year](#) award.

Currently, Clarke is a member of the DMC EDA Board. She has served on community and regional boards, including the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Trust, Rochester Area Foundation, and the Rochester Airport Company and is immediate past board chair of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce.

Clarke earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of St Thomas and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.