

Montana Direct Primary Care Association

General Membership Meeting – Q1 2026 minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2026

Time: 1:00–2:00 PM (MST)

Location: Zoom

Secretary: Robert Wagenaar, MD

Members Present

Cole Whitmoyer (President)

Marisa Hoyne (Treasurer)

Daniel Gragert (Vice President)

Robert Wagenaar (Secretary)

Kelly Berkram

Lexi Tabor-Manaker

Tyra Ramirez

Todd Bergland

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **President Cole Whitmoyer** at 1:00 PM.

- Welcome and introductions were completed
- Agenda and objectives for Q1 2026 were reviewed
- Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed; no corrections noted

Primary Purpose:

To review financial status, strengthen membership engagement, and discuss strategic planning priorities including advocacy, infrastructure, and education.

2. Reports

President's Report – Cole Whitmoyer

- Montana DPCA is now an official member of the **Montana Chamber of Commerce**

- Ongoing engagement with Chamber meetings to maintain visibility and legislative presence
- Emphasized the importance of advocacy given evolving healthcare and Medicaid dynamics

Treasurer's Report – Marisa Hoyne

- Current funds: approximately **\$12,000**
- Expenses to date:
 - \$500 annual Montana Chamber of Commerce membership
 - ~\$1,500 website design costs
- Members were reminded to submit **\$100 annual dues** (payable to *Montana Direct Primary Care Association*)

Membership Report – Robert Wagenaar

- Membership Committee mission statement and charter have been drafted
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3. Old Business

- **Montana Chamber of Commerce membership:** confirmed and active
 - **Website:** near completion; redesigned and application converted to Google Form (Dan Gragert)
 - Digital membership application will be sent out and will live via the updated website
 - Members encouraged to complete applications via website and upload logos via the website when active or by sending Logos to Dainel Gragert
 - **Taxes:** completed and filed
 - **Membership Committee:** update provided; formal charter pending board approval
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4. New Business

A. Communications & Infrastructure

- Members encouraged to complete new membership applications promptly

- Proposal discussed to establish a formal system for shared organizational documents and records
- Membership Committee Charter to be submitted to the Executive Board for approval

B. Strategic Partnerships

- Continued engagement with Montana Chamber emphasized as a key advocacy channel
- Opportunities to collaborate with other healthcare stakeholders discussed

C. Advocacy Agenda – 2026

- Overview of Montana legislative session
- Discussion of **SB 535 (Right to Try expansion)** and relevance to DPC practices
- Discussion regarding hiring a lobbyist to protect against insurance-related challenges
 - Estimated cost: \$5,000–\$10,000
 - Cole to seek more precise estimates

D. Member Engagement & Education

- Strong interest in educational offerings and events
 - Ideas discussed:
 - Member retreat or conference
 - Inviting medical students and NPs
 - Quarterly journal club (suggested by Dan)
 - CME opportunities for 2026 were discussed; further exploration planned
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5. Open Forum

- Lexi shared positive experience attending an Oregon DPC gathering
 - Broad agreement on the importance of community, peer engagement, and advocacy
 - Humorously acknowledged that *“doing advocacy before we need it beats scrambling later”* — preventive medicine, but for organizations
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6. Action Items

- **Cole** to contact Kendall for lobbying cost estimates
- **Members** to complete DPCA application and submit logos
- **Robert** to finalize Membership Committee mission, scope, and charter for board approval

- **Dan** to explore feasibility of a quarterly journal club
- **Cole** to investigate retreat / educational event options, including CME potential

7. Next Meeting

Q2 2026 General Membership Meeting

¹⁷ April 14, 2026

1:00 PM (MST)

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 PM.

Robert S Wagenaar

 4.14.26

Secretary