

## Chris Taggart

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**From:** Carlotta Grandstaff <grandstaff@cybernet1.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 11:24 AM  
**To:** Chris Taggart  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: New Event Discussion with possible decision: Hiring a PIO for the PHN office for ravalli.us

Chris,  
Would you make sure this gets to the commission before their 11:30 meeting? Thanks and sorry to send it so late.  
Carlotta

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**From:** Karyn Johnston <KJohnston@rc.mt.gov>  
**Date:** July 6, 2020 at 8:20:50 AM MDT  
**To:** "C. Grandstaff" <grandstaff@cybernet1.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: New Event Discussion with possible decision: Hiring a PIO for the PHN office for ravalli.us

Thank you Carlotta! Great suggestions.  
Take care and stay healthy!  
Karyn

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**From:** C. Grandstaff <grandstaff@cybernet1.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 4, 2020 9:40 PM  
**To:** Chris A. Hoffman <CAHoffman@rc.mt.gov>  
**Cc:** Karyn Johnston <KJohnston@rc.mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: New Event Discussion with possible decision: Hiring a PIO for the PHN office for ravalli.us

Hi Chris,  
I hope the board will give serious consideration to hiring a PIO for the public health office. I know the nurses are working to the point of exhaustion to keep the community safe. Every time I pick up the paper and see that Ravalli County has no new cases, or a single new case, I know it's public health that deserves the credit for all the work they do tracking down contacts. They probably don't need to disseminate public information in addition to the difficult and challenging job of managing public health during a pandemic.  
That being said, I would offer a few suggestions for you to consider when discussing hiring a PIO. I think the board, and the public health department, would benefit from having someone with a journalism background. I suggest getting in touch with the dean of the journalism school at UM for recommendations. You also could contact the director of the Montana Newspaper Association, and the Montana Broadcasters Association for their suggestions. Students and interns are always eager to get some real-world experience. Someone familiar with social media would also be valuable.

Hope these suggestions are helpful.

Thanks,

Carlotta

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