

# SAM DA Steering Cmte Notes 5-11-17

Present: Rick Duncan, Todd Lark, Paul Furthmyre, Bruce Whitehead, Chris Rice, Kirk Miller.  
Absent: Jessica McWilliams

1. SAM Steering Committee Appointments for recommending to the SAM Board
  - Rick Duncan through 2021
  - Paul Furthmyre through 2021
  - Bruce Whitehead through 2019
  - Todd Lark through 2019
  - Chris Rice working with MCASE president to appoint a new Rep through 2019
  - Need to check with Jessica to determine MACSS
2. Prep for Delegate Assembly
  - Send a reminder about Delegates to the Affiliate presidents to appoint delegates -- Kirk will do this.
  - Call for Resolutions sent to the Membership with a submission by June 2, 2017.
  - DA Steering Cmte meeting on June 9 at 10:00 AM set to review newly submitted resolutions and the agenda for the DA. May not need this meeting if there are no new resolutions or positions submitted.
3. Review of Reports for Delegate Assembly 2017
  - Reviewed in detail the actions of the 2017 Legislature through the lense of the SAM Advocacy priorities. A report will be written in paragraph form following the Governor's action on bills on his desk. This report will be used to for Reporting to the Delegate Assembly
  - Establishing priorities for the 2019 Session
    - Will develop input from the DA, but believe the same priorities will stay in place.
    - May want to consider adding a priority RE the Implementation of ESSA.
4. Federal Issue
  - Discussed an ACA/Medicaid Op Ed for Kirk's signature representing SAM. The text of sample op ed was revised by the DA Steering Cmte. Cmte approved sending this version to the SAM Executive Board with their recommendation for final approval before distribution.
  - Federal Budget - reviewed the Trump Skinny Budget recommendations and discussed the role of our MT Senators (both being on the Senate Appropriations Committee) in the adoption of the FY18 Budget.