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Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource
Center
and
Montana's FAhRM Project

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TRC History

- Concept started several years ago through Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT)
- Group of interested networks started to meet and formalize
- Formed Board of Directors and Consortium of Networks
- Successfully Applied for OAT funding in 2006 (now funded through 2012)

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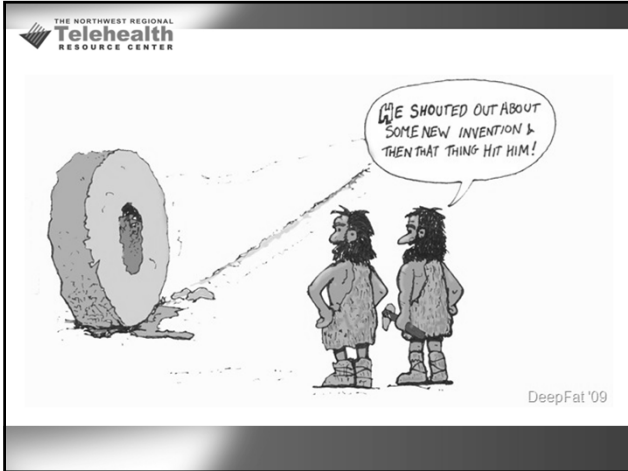
Purpose

- To more effectively utilize the considerable federal investment in grant programs through collaborative growth and opportunity
- To assist in the development of new telehealth programs and applications by leveraging existing expertise throughout 33 networks in:
 - Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, and Washington

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Purpose

- To expand the field of telehealth
- Link people, programs, and initiatives
- Provide support and expertise to ANY entity developing tele-medical services



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Technical Assistance We Provide

- Researching Specific Areas and Initiatives in Telehealth
- Clinical Protocol Development Assistance
- Reimbursement Issues
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- Technology Assessment


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Current Issues / Opportunities

- Provider Reimbursements – Fee for Service
- Licensing and Credentialing
- New Technologies
- ACO / Medical Homes

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- We have developed a comprehensive website where we host the tools, news, information, webinars (archived), funding information, etc.
- www.nrtrc.org

A screenshot of the Telehealth Resource Center website. The page features a header with the organization's name and logo. Below the header, there are several columns of text, likely representing news articles or updates. The layout is typical of a professional website from that era, with a clear navigation structure and multiple content sections.

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FAhRM Project -Frontier Access to Rural Healthcare in Montana

A project sponsored and developed by
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and the
Montana Health Research Foundation (MHREF)

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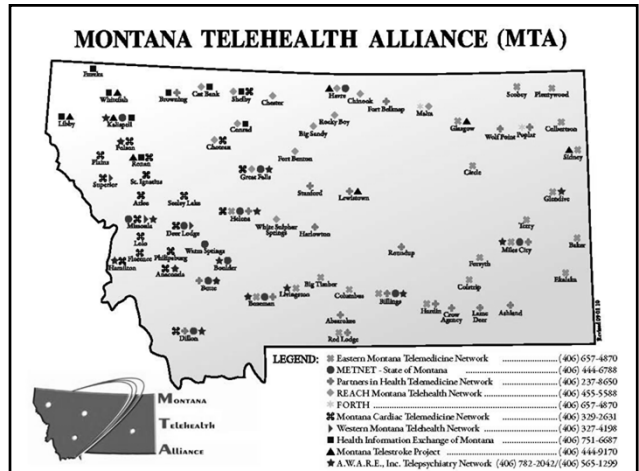
FAhRM

- FCC Pilot Program USAC – RHCD
- Interested members from hubs started discussion and planning in December 2007
- Full funding commitment from USAC in July 2011 for \$1.46 Million over 5 years

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FAhRM Hub Partners

- Benefis Healthcare (REACH) – Great Falls
- Billings Clinic (EMTN) - Billings
- Community Healthcare (WMTN)– Missoula
- Kalispell Regional Healthcare – Kalispell
- St. Patrick’s Hospital (MCTN) – Missoula
- St. Vincent’s Healthcare (PHTN) - Billings





Questions?

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