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Jim Hajny has served as Montana’s Peer Network’s (MPN’s) Executive Director since its inception in June 2011. He has taken the organization from a fledgling grassroots start-up to a respected statewide network, influencing policy decisions; spearheading statewide peer support certification; and consulting and training with the planning, implementation, and operations for behavioral health peer support programs across Montana. He has also built the infrastructure of MPN, developing internal policies and procedures; hiring and managing staff; building a board of directors; and managing the finances of the organization, which has raised more than \$1.45 million over the last six years. During that time, MPN’s membership has soared to more than 920 members in 45 unique communities statewide, and the organization has gained respect and recognition across Montana and nationally for its advocacy work and training. Mr. Hajny is a trained peer support specialist and the Chair of the Montana Peer Support Task Force. Montana Governor Steve Bullock appointed him to the Mental Disability Board of Visitors from 2015 to 2017, where he represented the rights of people with lived experiences of recovery. His past relevant experience includes founding and coordinating a cutting-edge peer-to-peer mental health and addiction recovery program in Livingston, Montana; establishing a peer outreach program in collaboration with law enforcement; and operating his own successful small business for five years before becoming a peer supporter. He is a published author and playwright. Mr. Hajny has been in recovery from a diagnosis of mental illness and substance use disorder for over 23 years.

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