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HELENA-The Montana Post Deployment Health Reassessment Task Force will hold a public meeting Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) in the auditorium located at 111 North Sanders. The north door is the entrance for the meeting. The Task Force has been organized by the Montana National Guard in response to state and community concerns about physical and mental health along with other troop reintegration issues.

At this public meeting the Task Force hopes to learn more about health issues facing Montana National Guard soldiers and airmen returning from national and international deployments.

The Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA) Task Force is comprised of civilian experts from the Federal and State Veterans Administration, Department of Public Health and Human Services, Montana House and Senate, Behavioral Healthcare Organizations, the Montana Ministerial Community, and the Montana Veteran Service Organization.

The Task Force will conduct a complete review of the Post Deployment Health Reassessment Program and provide the Montana National Guard recommendations for improvements.

The public meeting will be the fourth time the task force has met and is open to concerned citizens both military and civilians.