

## Caucus members listed

The Montana Mental Health Caucus concurs with the findings and recommendations embodied within the Legislative Mental Health Study dated October 7, 2008. To that end the Caucus encourages the 61<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session to use the Study as a blueprint in making all substantive decisions regarding mental health issues. The Caucus has identified the following Study issues as its key priorities for this legislative session:

- Strengthen crisis services. This includes modifying and building upon 72 Hour Presumptive Eligibility in the adult system and developing a plan for funding crisis response and stabilization services for children.
- Promote and sustain local planning efforts that are designed to identify priorities for local service development. This includes development of family support and peer provider models.
- Maximize eligibility for mental health care and treatment.
- Develop strategies to enhance services to special populations, including Native Americans, veterans, and corrections.
- Address workforce barriers by exploring additional telecommunications solutions, incentivizing health care