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AGENDA Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs Friday, January 25, 2002 Room 102, State Capitol, Helena

- 8:00 a.m. Roll Call
- ____ Sen. Roush, Chairman ____ Sen. Hargrove

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- 8:05 a.m. Overview of the agenda
- 8:10 a.m. Informational briefing on the Veteran Service Officers of the Montana Veterans' Affairs Division, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Research Analyst

Discussion questions:

- (1) With what other federal, state, and local agencies does the MVAD veteran service officer (VSO) work? How can coordination be improved?
- (2) What training does an MVAD VSOs receive?
- (3) What can the legislature do to support MVAD VSOs and foster interagency cooperation?

Panel members:

- ? Mr. Jim Jacobsen, Administrator, MVAD
- ? Ms. Patricia Crowely, MVAD VSO co-located at Fort Harrison
- ? Mr. Len Leibinger, MVAD VSO in Missoula
- ? Dr. Luke Petriccione, Director, MSU-Northern Center for Veterans' Education & Training Services
- ? Ms. Polly LaTray, State Director, U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training program
- ? Mr. Grant Ellison, Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP)
- ? Mr. Byron Erickson, Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER)

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Friday, January 25, 2002 Room 102, State Capitol, Helena

- 9:10 a.m. Staff briefing on veterans' burial costs, license plate fees, and the western Montana cemetery issue, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, Research Analyst
- 9:30 a.m. BREAK

9:45 a.m. Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger

- ? Review and analysis of all identified issues, options, and recommendations to date (will include briefing of various information papers/fact sheets)
- Summary of HJR 1 mental health issues and member comments to the SJR 5 Subcommittee
- ? Staff recommendations based on staff's interpretation of legislative policy objectives
- 10:45 a.m. Public Comment
- 11:30 a.m. Subcommittee Questions and Discussion
- 12 noon LUNCH BREAK
- 1:00 p.m. **Executive Work Session** (staff will make an issues and options checklist available)

Adoption of Preliminary Recommendations

Review of agenda for next meeting

- ? Bill drafts for discussion
- ? Fiscal data
- ? Final actions
- ? Potential meeting with Governor, Congressional Delegation?

Instructions to staff

Adjournment