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Subject: updates on meetings

Hi All - There's a question about meeting times for the Feb. 11 meeting, whether to start earlier (about 9 a.m.) or later (about 11 a.m.). There will be a meeting tomorrow by conference call (anyone who wants to attend may do so in my office, otherwise, I'll send out notes) to discuss the agenda for Feb. 11 and meeting times. Rep. Dutton and Sen. Weinberg are expected to be on the call, which will be at 9 a.m.

Sen. Weinberg has suggested asking to see how many people might want to participate by a bridge conference call on Feb. 11, a date that we realize is problematic and doesn't allow some people to attend in person. The Feb. 11 subcommittee will be audiocast, so you can listen on your computers. At this time, the agenda will include:

- a review of a bill draft revising the economic credentialing statutes
- discussion about the definition of specialty hospitals
- discussion about options that the state might take in further resolving issues raised during the Jan. 24 meeting, including whether to set parameters/recommendations for joint ventures or for uncompensated care provided by nonprofits. (this may or may not be on the agenda... still in discussions)
- information from insurers about reimbursement issues (this may or may not be on the agenda ... still in discussions)

The plan is to have a bill draft out by the weekend of Feb. 9-10 so you can review before the meeting. My apologies, but I have a meeting on health insurance coverage/reform on Feb. 6 here in Helena and an Economic Affairs Committee meeting in Great Falls on Feb. 7, so I can't get to the bill draft much sooner than Feb. 8. I'm still working on materials for the Feb. 6 meeting on health insurance coverage/reform.

See you - Send responses by email or call and leave a message at 444-3594 -- pat