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Adult Justice Working Group

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Thursday and Friday, February 28-29, 2008
Room 137, Capitol, Helena

Day 1, Thursday, Feb. 28

- 10:00 a.m. Convene, roll call
Approval of minutes from Jan. 11, 2008
- 10:05 a.m. Big picture of public mental health system, **Ms. Deb Matteucci**, Behavioral Health Program Facilitator, DOC/DPHHS
- 10:15 a.m. Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC), **Ms. Kathy McGowan**, Executive Director, Council of CMHCs
- 10:30 a.m. Project status updates on appropriations to the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (AMDD), **Ms. Joyce DeCunzo**, Administrator, AMDD, and appropriations transferred to the Department of Corrections, **Ms. Pam Bunke** or **Ms. Deb Matteucci**
- Charting programs with respect to the sequential intercepts, **Ms. Deb Matteucci**, DPHHS/DOC
- Discussion and questions
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. SJR 24 study tasks and LJIC's request for drug offender data, **Sheri Heffelfinger**
- Drug offender data and information, **Department of Corrections**
- Questions and discussion

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2:00 p.m. HJR 26 study task - a comprehensive blue print; policy issues and challenges related to diversion programs; the role of mental health courts; options for legislative action, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, legislative staff

Missoula's mental health court, **Ms. Brenda Desmond**, Standing Master, 4th Judicial District, Missoula and Mineral counties

Definitions related to mental illness, **Dr. Harr**, Psychiatrist, Billings (*not confirmed*)

Discussion with stakeholders

Work Session:

What actions are the working group ready to take with respect to the following:

- *a comprehensive blueprint? adoption of policy principles?*
- *crisis intervention and jail diversion programs?*
- *mental health court-based treatment alternatives?*
- *mental illness definitions related to jail and court diversion programs?*

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Day 2, Friday, Feb. 29

8:00 a.m. Reconvene, roll call

8:15 a.m. Drug policy reform initiatives in California, including Proposition 36 and the proposed Nonviolent Offender Rehabilitation Act of 2008, **Ms. Tamar Todd**, staff attorney, Drug Policy Alliance

9:15 a.m. Drug courts nationwide and in Montana; review of options for legislative action, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, legislative staff

Discussion and questions with stakeholders and interested persons

Work Session:

What actions are the working group ready to take on:

- *drug courts?*
- *drug policy reform?*

12:00 noon Adjournment

If you plan to attend the meeting and will need special services or accommodations, please contact Sheri Heffelfinger at 406-444-3596 or by email, sheffelfinger@mt.gov.