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60th Montana Legislature

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REVISED AGENDA

Law and Justice Interim Committee: Meeting #3 November 8-9, 2007

COPPER KING HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER
4655 HARRISON AVENUE
BUTTE, MONTANA 59701
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Thursday, November 8

OPTIONAL SITE VISITS:

- Option A: **9:00 a.m. - Institutional Programs** - Montana State Prison and the Forensic Unit of the Montana State Hospital.
- Option B: **10:00 a.m. - Community Services** - Prerelease center, Connections Corrections Program (chemical dependency facility), and MCDC (probation intervention/chemical dependency treatment)

*For the site visits, please meet at the **Safeway Parking Lot** on Harrison Ave. in Butte, at the specified time. From I-90, take the Harrison Ave. exit, turn North (toward downtown), turn right at the first light. Contact Sheri Heffelfinger, 444-3596, if you have any questions.*

COMMITTEE MEETING:

3:30 p.m. Call to order and roll call
Approval of minutes

SJR 24 - DIVERSION ALTERNATIVES, NONVIOLENT DRUG OFFENDERS

3:35 p.m. **Sheri Heffelfinger**, research analyst
-- review of study tasks and questions for HJR 26
-- presentation of available data on drug offenders

4:00 p.m. Current law sentencing alternatives for drug offenses, **Diana Koch**, chief legal counsel, Dept. of Corrections

4:30 p.m. Drug policy reform goals and objectives, **Daniel N. Abrahamson**, Director of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance (*by speaker phone*)

5:00 p.m. Public comment

5:30 p.m. Recess until 8:00 a.m., Friday, November 9

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Friday, November 9

- 8:00 a.m. Reconvene (Copper King meeting room)
- 8:05 a.m. Update on Department of Corrections fiscal issues and related Legislative Finance Committee activities, **Pat Gervais**, fiscal analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division
- 8:25 a.m. Department of Corrections
-- response to fiscal briefing, **Mike Ferriter**, Director, DOC
-- update on prison population growth, **Gary Hamel**, Administrator, Health Planning Div.
-- status of STEP, **Deb Matteucci**, Behavioral Health Program Facilitator

HJR 26 - MENTAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- 9:00 a.m. **Sheri Heffelfinger**
-- review of issues identified at last meeting (Oct. 1)
-- update on mental health study to be contracted out by CFHHS interim committee
- 9:15 a.m. Constitutional and legal issues regarding mental health treatment for persons in custody in criminal justice system, **David Niss**, staff attorney
- 9:45 a.m. Department of Corrections response to mental health legal issues, **Diana Koch**, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Corrections
- 10:15 a.m. BREAK

HJR 50 - INVOLUNTARY CIVIL COMMITMENT PROCESS AND COSTS

- 10:30 a.m. Presentation of HJR 50 survey, **Sheri Heffelfinger**
- 10:35 a.m. Panel on involuntary civil commitment process and costs
- **Bill Kennedy**, Yellowstone County Commissioner
- **Merle Raph**, Toole County Attorney, President, MCAA
- **Brett D. Linneweber**, Park County Attorney
- **The Hon. Kurt Kreuger**, District Judge, 2nd JD (Silver Bow County)
- **Ed Amberg**, Administrator, Montana State Hospital
- **Joan Daly**, MS, LCPC, Director, Billings Clinic
- **Merry Hutton**, Community Services, St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula
- **Linda Bradford**, RN Director of SPH Neurobehavioral Services at St. Patrick Hosp.
- 11:45 a.m. Public comment
- 12:15 noon Committee discussion and approval of HJR 50 survey
- 12:30 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:30 p.m. Roundtable discussion with the State Public Defender Commission
-- update on performance goals, **Pat Gervais**, legislative fiscal analyst
-- statutory report, update on activities, **Commission and staff**
-- overview of mental health protocols, **Commission and staff**
- 2:30 p.m. Update on rule reviews, **Valencia Lane**, staff attorney
- 2:45 p.m. Public comment
- 3:15 p.m. Committee discussion and Instructions to staff
- 3:30 p.m. Adjournment

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