

Field Trip Options

Option 1) Montana State Hospital-Warm Springs & Montana Developmental Center-Boulder.
This would show the subcommittee two DPHHS campuses with similar functions but different characteristics and needs.

MSH is operating their new facility typically at or above capacity; has population trends that will have to be dealt with by this subcommittee in the near future; and the overall campus is in need of substantial upkeep, with approx half of the institutional buildings on campus sitting abandoned, unable to cost-effectively meet current licensure standards for patient occupancy and in a deteriorating condition. MSH projects proposed for this session are HVAC improvements to the PRU, conversion of seclusion rooms in PRU and new hospital into patient rooms, and substantial demolition of abandoned and deteriorated buildings.

MDC, in contrast to MSH, has a pretty decent campus environment. Roads are in good condition, as well as most of the buildings within the campus boundaries. MDC is having to change the function of their largest patient occupancy building (16ABC) in order to comply with the Montana Advocacy Coalition settlement, and to convert that (or a replacement) building into a more secure environment to their increasing forensic (criminally committed) population. MDC projects proposed for this session include ADA improvements and small deferred maintenance projects at almost all buildings, and the transformation of 16ABC into a secure housing unit.

Tour particulars, beginning at MSH:

- a) Tour two wings of new hospital.
- b) Tour PRU (Spratt Building).
- c) Possibly tour patient overflow rooms/old hospital.
- d) General tour of proposed campus projects (demo, roads).

Moving on to MDC:

- a) Tour typical group home.
- b) Tour 16ABC (proposed project).
- c) General "windshield" tour of campus.

Option 2) MSU-Northern, Havre.

This tour would allow the subcommittee to see one of the campuses within the MUS that is generally not first in-line when it has come to deferred maintenance funding in the past.

This campus has numerous needs for campus infrastructure improvements, which are very layered and are taking a methodical approach to identify and address as part of a master infrastructure plan. Projects proposed for MSU-N are HVAC and exterior improvements to Pershing Hall, HVAC improvements to Brockman Hall, and substantial campus site improvements starting on the west end of the campus (roads, sidewalks, emergency access, ada improvements, lighting, etc.). A structured tour at this campus would basically be a walking tour beginning at the west end of campus (site and access improvements), then proceeding to the east end past various requested improvements.

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