

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chairwoman Teresa K. Henry, on January 27, 2009
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Teresa K. Henry, Chairwoman (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: Sen. David E. Wanzenried; Rep. Penny Morgan

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Marilyn Daumiller, Legislative Branch
Ryan Evans, OBPP
Erin Powers, OBPP
Donna Small, Committee Secretary
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch
Pat Sullivan, OBPP
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 2 1/23/09: Senior and Long Term
Care Division, Veterans Issues,
Aging Services, Adult Protective
Services, Skilled Nursing, Home
Based and Waiver Services

Executive Action: None

Medicaid Home Based Waiver

00:24:47 Chairwoman Teresa Henry
00:29:15 Sen. Schmidt
00:31:27 Kelly Williams, Administrator, Long Term Care Division,
Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT (jhh19a01)

00:32:58 Anna Whiting Sorrell, Director, DPHHS
00:35:28 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:35:50 Rep. Morgan
00:36:43 Ms. Whiting Sorrell
00:40:15 Sen. Schmidt
00:41:16 Ms. Williams
00:41:32 Sen. Schmidt
00:41:58 Ms. Whiting Sorrell
00:43:03 Chairwoman Henry
00:44:06 Sen. Schmidt

Public Testimony - Veterans Issues

00:44:57 Colonel Jim Jacobsen, Legislative Chairman, American
Legion

Aging Services - Adult Protective Services

00:47:56 Kristen Morgan

EXHIBIT (jhh19a02)

00:50:43 Chairwoman Henry
00:53:27 Linda Stoll, Area Office on Aging

EXHIBIT (jhh19a03)

01:02:01 Judith Kelley, Missoula

EXHIBIT (jhh19a04)

01:03:30 Jean Curtis, Montana Association of Counties, County
Budgets and Levies

EXHIBIT (jhh19a05)

01:08:57 Dale Lauman, County Commissioner, Flathead County
01:11:48 Christiane Sikora, Executive Director, Big Sky Senior
Services

EXHIBIT (jhh19a06)

01:15:48 Jean Bowman, Chairwoman, Missoula Aging Services
Governing Board

EXHIBIT (jhh19a07)

01:19:29 Shirley Phillips, Yellowstone County Council on Aging

EXHIBIT (jhh19a08)

01:24:16 Linda Turner, Meals on Wheels driver
01:26:08 Sue Bailey, Program Manager, Yellowstone County Council
on Aging Resource Center

EXHIBIT (jhh19a09)

01:29:22 Nancy Gibson, Director, Belmont Senior Center, Butte

EXHIBIT (jhh19a10)

01:33:20 Marie Walsh, Senior Coordinator for Services, Belmont
Senior Center, Butte

EXHIBIT (jhh19a11)

01:37:57 Chairwoman Henry

01:38:15 Lianna Costanza, Primary care giver of husband with
Alzheimer's Disease

01:40:43 Jim Streeter, Missoula

EXHIBIT (jhh19a12)

01:44:15 Charlotte Wevers, foster grandparent

EXHIBIT (jhh19a13)

01:46:11 Ava Cook, Senior Companion, Lolo

EXHIBIT (jhh19a14)

01:47:45 Anita Roessmann, Co-Chairman, Disability Rights Montana

EXHIBIT (jhh19a15)

01:51:39 Kristen Morgan, Program Director, Brain Injury
Association of Montana

EXHIBIT (jhh19a16)

01:55:26 Shawna Mickel, Helena

EXHIBIT (jhh19a17)

01:57:53 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, American
Association of Retired People (AARP)

EXHIBIT (jhh19a18)

02:01:37 Jim Atkinson, Director, Area 9 Office on Aging,
Kalispell

EXHIBIT (jhh19a19)

02:03:49 Debbie Schumacher

EXHIBIT (jhh19a20)

02:07:50 Vicki Gove

02:09:50 Chairwoman Henry

02:10:04 Rick Van-den-Driessche, Senior Advocate for Malcolm
McKay

EXHIBIT (jhh19a21)

02:13:15 Phyllis Crum, Recipient of Meals on Wheels

02:13:57 Paul Travitz, Executive Director, Ravalli County
Council on Aging

EXHIBIT (jhh19a22)

02:16:13 Kacey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association

EXHIBIT (jhh19a23)

02:21:45 Duane Lupke, Director, Area 6 Office on Aging, Polson

EXHIBIT (jhh19a24)

02:23:00 Randy Barrett, Area Office on Aging, Great Falls

Recess

Reconvene

Provider Pay Rate

02:25:15 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association

EXHIBIT (jhh19a25)

02:27:56 Sara Gallock, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

02:30:10 Michelle Calley, CNA
02:32:07 Frank Soltys , Executive Director, Benefis Care Center
02:33:56 Vicky Robinson
02:34:47 Kasey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association
02:37:09 Lori Henderson, Administrator, Northern Montana Care Center, Havre
02:39:36 Brian Lowe, CEO, Pioneer Medical Center
02:41:40 Jason Wolfe, CNA
02:42:39 Lisa King, Registered Dietician
02:45:11 Lillian Silvers, R.N.
02:48:01 Mike Foster, Wheatland Memorial Hospital and all Catholic Hospitals in the state
02:47:39 Terry Billeter, Riverside Health Care, Missoula
02:49:31 Mark Whitman, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
02:50:36 Shelby Abbott, CNA
02:51:20 Colleen Anderson, CNA, Scheduler
02:52:17 Karen Tucker, Director of Nursing, Riverside Nursing Home
02:53:51 Virginia Villemez, Director of Nursing, Glacier Care Center
02:55:40 Linda Wolf, Village Health Care, CNA
02:57:28 Kimberly Sessin, CNA, Village Healthcare, Missoula
02:59:03 Susan Finsaas, Director of Nursing, Village Health Care, Missoula
03:00:59 Angela Day, CNA
03:01:32 Carlyne Brauer, CNA, Scheduler
03:02:54 Joan McKay, Director of Nursing, Cutbank Hospital
03:05:49 Cindy Wear, CNA, Glacier Care Center
03:07:57 Allison Harvey, Administrator, Glacier Care Nursing Home
03:10:16 Dale Patterson, Evergreen Health Care
03:13:06 Mauri Uggetti, Copper Ridge, Butte
03:15:13 Gary Spaeth, Montana Healthcare Association
03:16:13 Brian Huso, Eagle Cliff Manor, Billings

03:17:44 Break
03:24:51 Reconvene

Home-Based Waiver Services

03:25:05 Claudia Clifford, Associate Director, American Association of Retired People (AARP)
03:28:26 Travis Hoffman, Montana Independent Living Centers, Health Care Workers
03:29:45 Jane Lux, read Letter from Glenna Dreese
EXHIBIT (jhh19a26)
03:31:01 Kim Gaub, Great Falls, Montana Brain Injury Support Group
03:34:27 George Bacon, Recipient, Home Based Services, Missoula
03:36:00 Pam Davis

EXHIBIT (jhh19a27)

03:36:35 Kay Brown

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a28\)](#)

03:38:26 Shyla Patera, Consumer, Independent Living Centers

03:39:57 Nancy Davenport, Consumer, Waiver Services

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a29\)](#)

03:40:06 Diana Mitchell, Health Care for Health Care Workers

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a30\)](#)

03:41:36 Kelly Casillas, Parent of child on Medicaid Waiver

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a31\)](#)

03:43:00 George Northcutt, Advocate for Home Based Waiver

03:43:45 Sheila James

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a32\)](#)

03:44:42 Brooke Jaqueth, Advocate for Medicaid Waiver

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a33\)](#)

03:46:37 Melissa Stroh, Personal Care Assistant (PCA)

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a34\)](#)

03:47:54 Alice de Chelley

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a35\)](#)

03:48:37 Phillip Benjamin

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a36\)](#)

03:51:39 Mark Sanders, Tramatic Brain Injury, Spoke for increased funding for CNAs and Resource Facilitation

03:53:36 Pom Fountain, Spoke about 'Spend Down' keeps people more impoverished

03:54:57 Nancy Elkins, North Central Independent Living

03:56:50 Bob Maffit, Director, Montana Independent Living Project

03:58:54 Cosanna Nelson, read testimony for George Olk

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a37\)](#)

04:01:03 Mary Ellen Davis, PCA, Nightingale Nursing

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a38\)](#)

04:04:58 Joe Gilboy, Executive Director, Butte Area on Aging and President of Area Agencies Organization

04:05:42 Betty Beverly, Executive Director, Montana Senior Citizens Association

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a39\)](#)

04:06:38 Katrina Koerner, Recipient, Home Based Waiver

04:08:38 Rebecca Daines, PCA

04:09:19 Kate Hurley, Supervisor, Nightingale Nursing

04:10:42 Lorna Palin, Nurse, Personal Care Program

04:11:17 Carie Schaff, Express Employment, Missoula

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a40\)](#)

04:11:57 Loren Hines, Senior Director of Clinical Services, Easter Seals-Goodwill, Butte

[EXHIBIT \(jhh19a41\)](#)

04:12:45 Katie Spaid, Consumer Direct of Missoula

04:13:35 Ted Dick, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

04:14:48 Joan Nemeth, SEIU

04:16:35 Alan Broere, SEIU, Home Care Services

EXHIBIT(jhh19a42)

04:17:47 Chairwoman Henry

04:18:05 Elaine Graham, PCA

04:20:01 Rose Hughes, Montana Healthcare Association

ADJOURNMENT

04:20:21 Adjournment: 12:02 P.M.

for DONNA SMALL, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT (jhh19a433) Letter: Roxy Arnett
EXHIBIT (jhh19a44) Letter: Kristi Heilman
EXHIBIT (jhh19a45) Letter: Kathleen Scharler
EXHIBIT (jhh19a46) Letter: Linda Simons, Area IV Agency on Aging
EXHIBIT (jhh19a47) Letter: Crystal Stipe
EXHIBIT (jhh19a48) Letter: Anna Westcott, Director, Medical
Social Services, Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT (jhh19aad.pdf)