

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN ROY BROWN, on January 12, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: Senator Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, 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: Informational Meeting

Executive Action: None

00:00:39 Chairman Brown
00:05:24 David Kendall, Facilitator, Montana Healthcare Forum
(MHF)

EXHIBIT (phs06a01)

00:18:17 Sherry Cladouhos, President Blue Cross/Blue Shield of
Montana (BCBS)
00:29:44 Tom Roberts, President Western Montana Clinic (WMC)

EXHIBIT (phs06a02)

00:44:47 Anna Whiting Sorrell, Director Department of Public
Health and Human Services (PHHS)

EXHIBIT (phs06a03)

00:53:48 Chairman Brown
00:55:37 Sheena Rice, Montana Public Interest Research Group
(PIRG)
00:56:21 Mary Firdere, Montana Primary Care Association
00:58:37 Barbara Thomas, Citizen
00:59:45 Michael Thomas, Citizen
01:01:25 Kathy McGowen, National Cancer Society (NCS)

EXHIBIT (phs06a04)

01:04:41 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)
01:09:16 Janey Greer, Montana Human Rights Association (MHRA)
01:10:52 Olivia Riutta, Citizen
01:13:50 Cindy Stergar, Community Health Center (CHC)
01:15:29 Beth Sirr, Family Nurse Practitioner
01:20:09 Chairman Brown

QUESTIONS FROM SENATORS:

01:20:20 Sen. Hinkle
01:21:31 Ms. Cladouhos, (BCBS)

EXHIBIT (phs06a05)

01:22:09 Sen. Hinkle
01:23:07 Ms. Cladouhos, (BCBS)
01:23:39 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
01:25:01 Chairman Brown
01:25:26 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
01:26:33 Mr. Kendall, (MHF)
01:27:52 Sen. Schmidt

01:28:42 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
01:30:01 Sen. Schmidt
01:30:12 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
01:31:36 Sen. Hinkle
01:32:21 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
01:33:10 Mr. Kendall, (MHF)
01:34:21 Chairman Brown
01:34:31 Sen. Lewis
01:35:36 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
01:38:04 Sen. Juneau
01:39:25 Ms. Sorrell, (PHHS)
01:40:32 Chairman Brown
01:41:01 Ms. Sorrell, (PHHS)
01:41:44 Mr. Kendall, (MHF)
01:42:49 Ms. Whiting, (PHHS)
01:43:23 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
01:43:59 Sen. Juneau
01:44:50 Mr. Kendall, (MHF)
01:45:57 Ms. Sorrell, (PHHS)
01:47:43 Sen. Schmidt
01:48:03 Mr. Kendall, (MHF)
01:50:32 Chairman Brown
01:51:11 Ms. Cladouhos, (BCBS)
01:53:01 Chairman Brown
01:53:10 Ms. Cladouhos, (BCBS)
01:53:58 Chairman Brown
01:55:30 Chairman Brown
01:54:58 Ms. Sorrell, (PHHS)
01:55:45 Sen. Hinkle
01:56:32 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
01:56:50 Sen. Hinkle
01:56:59 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
01:58:44 Chairman Brown
01:59:02 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
02:01:46 Sen. Larsen
02:02:40 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
02:03:50 Sen. Larsen
02:03:57 Dr. Roberts, (WMC)
02:04:08 Chairman Brown
02:04:26 Representative Mary Caferro, House District 80
02:04:55 Ms. Cladouhos, (BCBS)
02:05:14 Rep. Cafferro
02:05:30 Ms. Cladouhos, (BCBS)
02:05:57 Rep. Cafferro
02:06:17 Ms. Cladouhos, (BCBS)
02:06:42 Rep. Cafferro
02:08:36 Ms. Cladouhos, (BCBS)
02:11:19 Rep. Cafferro
02:11:34 Ms. Cladouhos, (BCBS)
02:11:58 Rep. Cafferro

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02:12:10 Chairman Brown
02:12:24 Representative Jeffrey Welburn, House District 72
02:13:41 Don Judge, (MNA)
02:14:26 Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:20 P.M.

JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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[EXHIBIT \(phs06a06\)](#)

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