

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Ron Ehli, on January 22, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ron Ehli, Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Priest, Vice Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sara Andersen, Committee Secretary
Marilyn Daumiller, Legislative Branch
Rob Miller, Legislative Branch
Lois Steinbeck, 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: Public Testimony for Veterans Services, Aging Services and Adult Protective Services, Skilled Nursing, Home and Community Based Services

00:18:08 Chairman Ehli
 00:20:17 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division Analyst, (LFD)
[EXHIBIT\(jhh13a01\)](#)
 00:21:18 Chairman Ehli

Public Testimony Veterans' Services:

00:22:51 Jim Higgins, Retired Member, Montana National Guard
 00:27:45 Sen. Priest entered the meeting.
 00:31:42 Ed Croucher, Senior Vice Commander, Montana Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
 00:39:46 Dan Antonittin, National Legislative Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars, (VFW)
 00:40:44 Terri Minow, Montana Education Association, Montana Federation of Teachers, (MEAMFT)
 00:42:39 Chairman Ehli

Public Testimony Aging Services and Adult Protective Services:

00:43:44 Susan Kohler, Chief Executive Officer, CEO, Missoula Aging Services
[EXHIBIT\(jhh13a02\)](#)
 00:49:28 Keith Wallis, Chairman, Adult Resource Alliance of Yellowstone County
[EXHIBIT\(jhh13a03\)](#)
 00:53:29 Denis Armstrong, Executive Director, Big Sky Senior Services
[EXHIBIT\(jhh13a04\)](#)
 00:59:01 Janet Allemeier, Volunteer, Senior Center of Havre
 01:02:19 Joe Briggs, Chairman, Cascade County Commission
[EXHIBIT\(jhh13a05\)](#)
 01:07:28 Karen Erdie, Director, Area 2, Agency on Aging, Roundup, Montana
[EXHIBIT\(jhh13a06\)](#)
 01:11:34 Chairman Ehli
 01:11:51 Edie Lynd, Adult Resource Alliance, Yellowstone County
 01:14:58 Richard Klose, Laurel Senior Center
 01:15:57 Duane Lutke, Director, Area 6, Agency on Aging, Polson, Montana
[EXHIBIT\(jhh13a07\)](#)
 01:21:20 Todd Wood, Coordinator, Area 2, Agency on Aging, Roundup, Montana
 01:25:10 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living
 01:27:04 Claudia Clifford, American Association of Retired Persons, Montana, (AARP)
[EXHIBIT\(jhh13a08\)](#)
 01:29:47 Sandra Lawry, Area 4, Agency on Aging, Helena, Montana
 01:32:13 Terri Minow, MEAMFT
 01:33:38 Erin McGowan-Finchin, Area Agencies on Aging
 01:37:21 Chairman Ehli

 01:39:14 Recessed
 01:41:21 Reconvened

Public Testimony Skilled Nursing:

01:42:49 Rose Houghs, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association
EXHIBIT(jhh13a09)
 01:53:00 Chairman Ehli
 01:53:05 Kent Burgess, Chief Executive, St. Johns Lutheran Services
 02:03:23 Kristina Miller, Certified Nursing Assistant, (CNA), Rocky Mountain Care Center
 02:05:40 Jacquie Helt, Service Employees International Union Healthcare (SEIU)
EXHIBIT(jhh13a10)
 02:08:44 Rebecca Grove, CNA, Eagle Cliff Manor, Billings, MT
 02:11:13 Frank Soltys, Benefis Senior Services
 02:16:47 Chairman Ehli
 02:17:02 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association, (MHA)
EXHIBIT(jhh13a11)
 02:21:57 Kathryn Beaty, Administrator, Valley View Care Facility
 02:24:37 Chairman Ehli
 02:24:43 Todd Garlock, CNA, Eagle Cliff Health Care Center
 02:27:13 John Peskey, Self
 02:28:32 Carrie Okken, Director, Cedarwood Health Care Center
 02:30:02 Austin Borassa, CNA, Eagle Cliff Health Care Center
 02:32:09 Michelle Kruckenber, CNA, Rocky Mountain Care Center
 02:36:01 Margaret Schwend , Self
 02:41:36 Joanna Henderson, Big Sky Care Center
 02:44:32 Chairman Ehli
 02:44:38 Bill Powell, Administrator, Rocky Mountain Health Care
EXHIBIT(jhh13a12)
 02:51:22 Chairman Ehli
 02:51:45 Brian Huso, Administrator, Eagle Cliff Health Care Center
 02:55:26 Mara Uggetti, Copper Ridge Health Care and Rehabilitation, Butte
 02:57:19 Chairman Ehli
 02:58:21 Sen. Caferro
 03:02:25 Chairman Ehli

Home and Community Based Services:

03:05:50 Chairman Ehli
 03:06:35 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana
EXHIBIT(jhh13a13)
 03:10:00 Bill Woody, Self
 03:10:38 Glenna Dresse, Self
 03:12:40 Denis Armstrong Big Sky Senior Service
 03:13:20 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center
 03:15:27 Todd Wood, Coordinator, Medicaid Waver
 03:17:29 Shyla Pateera, North Central Independent Living Services
 03:19:47 George Northcutt, Self
 03:20:14 Sheila James, Self
 03:21:40 Mark Sanders, Self

03:22:18 Laurie Miller, Easter Seals Goodwill

EXHIBIT(jhh13a14)

03:24:06 Wanda Lange, Self

EXHIBIT(jhh13a15)

03:26:10 Tanya McCullough, Opportunity Resources Incorporated, (ORI)

03:27:38 Leslie Hepurn, Opportunity Resources

03:29:38 Sheila Thomson, Opportunity Resources

03:31:36 Kyle Junjst, Representing Will Frinzery's Mother

03:33:03 Will Frinzery, Self

03:35:23 Donald Johnstone, Summit Independent Living

03:36:14 Kelly Lynch, Self

03:38:16 Rebecca Longtree, Life Coach

03:39:45 Linda Sandman, Owner, Sun Heaven Assisted Living

EXHIBIT(jhh13a16)

03:41:34 Mike Mayer, Director, Summit Independent Living Center

03:43:28 Jennifer Bratt, Advocate for Rare Diseases

EXHIBIT(jhh13a17)

03:45:23 Becky Cottrell, Self

EXHIBIT(jhh13a18)

03:47:44 Polly Becker, Self

03:49:35 Christine Stalling, Self

03:51:19 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living

03:55:03 Cris Fleming Bloxom, Case Worker, Home and Community Based Services

Leah Besstte, Nightingale Nursing and Care Giving

EXHIBIT(jhh13a19)

03:58:59 Jane Lux, Case Manager, Missoula

04:00:26 Rose Houghs, Montana Health Care Association

04:03:18 Chairman Ehli

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 04:03:34

Sara Andersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jhh13aad.pdf](#))