

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on March 25, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. David Howard, Chair (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Jenifer Gursky (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sara Andersen, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, 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 458, 3/25/2013; HB 590, 3/25/2013

00:06:01 Chairman Howard

### **HEARING ON HB 458**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:07:52 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 458, Implement the Medicaid expansion.

00:10:08 Chairman Howard

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:** None

### **HEARING ON HB 590**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:17 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 590, Implement the Access Health Montana Program.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:06 John Walsh, Lieutenant Governor, State of Montana

00:20:27 Rep. Hill arrived to the meeting.

00:22:30 Rep. Harris arrived to the meeting.

00:25:14 Monica Lindeen, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State of Montana

#### **EXHIBIT(huh64a01)**

00:29:12 Terri Cohea, Financial Consultant, D.A. Davidson

#### **EXHIBIT(huh64a02)**

00:34:53 Genoa Carver, Self

00:37:33 John Goodnow, Chief Executive Officer, Benifis Health System, and Chairman, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

#### **EXHIBIT(huh64a03)**

00:41:22 Dr. Albert Olszewski, Flathead Orthopedics, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:46:22 Rep. C. Smith

00:46:49 Leon Lamoreaux, Chief Executive Officer, New West Health Services

#### **EXHIBIT(huh64a04)**

00:49:41 Moe Wosepka, Executive Director. Montana Catholic Conference

00:51:59 Carla Neiman, Chief Financial Officer, Clark Fork Valley Hospital

#### **EXHIBIT(huh64a05)**

00:55:30 Rep. C. Smith

00:55:49 Jay Erickson, Clinical Dean, Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho Medical Education Program (WWAMI-MT)

00:58:42 Steve Charter, Self

01:00:54 Rep. C. Smith

01:01:25 Lauren Chovanak, Executive Director, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

**EXHIBIT(huh64a06)**

01:05:37 Dan Lourie, Veterans for Peace

01:06:47 Colleen Hanson, Self

01:08:15 Elrae Potts, Board Chairman, Indian Peoples Action

01:10:32 Kevin Howlett, Director, Tribal Health and Human Services, Salish-Kootenai Tribal Nation

**EXHIBIT(huh64a07)**

01:14:02 Andy Patten, Attorney, Patten, Peterman, Bekkedahl & Green, PLLC Law Firm

**EXHIBIT(huh64a08)**

01:16:59 Megan Littlefield, Medical Director, River Stone Health

01:21:35 Rep. C. Smith

01:21:44 Craig Gambrol, Self

01:23:48 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Churches

01:25:17 Charlotte Trolinger, Self

01:27:11 Rep. C. Smith

01:27:22 Jennifer James, Montana Addiction Providers

01:27:48 Mat Kelly, Health Officer, Gallatin Valley Health Department

01:30:55 Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital

01:32:20 Jen Caves, Self

01:32:38 Tom Stearns, Self

01:36:28 Rep. C. Smith

01:36:46 Mary Ann Dunwell, Self

**EXHIBIT(huh64a09)**

01:37:07 Melody Rice, Self

01:37:35 Lindsey Bourke, Blue Mountain Family Clinic

01:37:55 Joy Bruck, President, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

**EXHIBIT(huh64a10)**

01:38:30 Jim Higgins, Enlisted and Officer Association of the Montana National Guard, Montana Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars

**EXHIBIT(huh64a11)**

01:39:04 Alicia Smith, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-MT)

01:39:32 Susan Mosness, County Commissioner, Sweetgrass County

**EXHIBIT(huh64a12)**

01:40:04 Moreen Connor, Montana Association of County's

**EXHIBIT(huh64a13)**

01:40:27 Bob Ross, South Central Montana Community Health Center

01:40:34 Charleen Young, Self

01:40:57 Dustin Monroe, Executive Director, Western Native Voice (WNV)

**EXHIBIT(huh64a14)**

01:41:47 Ed Bartlett, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

**EXHIBIT(huh64a15)**

**EXHIBIT(huh64a16)**

**EXHIBIT(huh64a17)**

01:42:11 Rachel Lopez, Snowstorm Counseling and Chemical Dependency Services

**EXHIBIT(huh64a18)**

01:42:42 Jim Aherns, American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network

01:42:52 Dennis Taylor, Chairman, Cooperative Health Center

**EXHIBIT(huh64a19)**

01:43:21 Glen Glover, Self

01:43:40 Alan Hulse, Chief Executive Officer, Montana Municipal Inter Local Authorities

01:44:02 Rick Edwards, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

**EXHIBIT(huh64a20)**

01:44:21 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield

01:44:34 Dale Mayhue, Montana Ambassadors

**EXHIBIT(huh64a21)**

01:44:48 Kim Leighton, ProChoice Montana Foundation, NARAL

**EXHIBIT(huh64a22)**

01:45:11

01:43:44 Alan Hulse, Self

01:45:22 Duane Catlette, Self

**EXHIBIT(huh64a23)**

01:45:55 Mike Foster, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

01:46:20 Aiden Myhry, Kalispell Regional Health Center

01:46:26 Terri Monow, Montana Education Association, Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

01:46:41 Beth Brennehan, Disability Rights Montana

01:47:18 Kelly McBride, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

01:47:28 Amy Hall, Montana Legal Services Association

**EXHIBIT(huh64a24)**

01:48:13 Lindsey Love, Planned Parenthood of Montana

01:48:31 Sara Rossi, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

01:48:47 Michaelynn Hawk, Indian Peoples Action

**EXHIBIT(huh64a25)**

01:49:04 Anna Dockter, Self

01:49:11 Richard Opper, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services

01:49:32 Rep. C. Smith

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:49:43 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity of Montana

**EXHIBIT(huh64a26)**

01:58:30 Paul Gorsich, Self

01:59:09 Rep. Jacobson

01:59:19 Rep. C. Smith

01:59:42 Susan Smith, Self

02:01:59 Sherri Brady, Self

02:08:04 Robert Kolar, Self

02:12:15 Doug Carpenter, Self

02:18:35 Patrick McCain, Self

**Informational Testimony:**

02:19:45 Mary Dalton, Branch Manager, Medicaid and Health Services, DPHHS

02:20:11 Greg Davis, University of Montana

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:20:36 Rep. Hill

02:22:02 Ms. Brady, Self

02:22:15 Rep. Hill

02:22:19 Ms. Brady, Self

02:23:01 Rep. Hill

02:24:15 Ms. Brady, Self  
02:24:58 Rep. Hill  
02:25:05 Ms. Brady, Self  
02:25:16 Rep. C. Smith  
02:25:27 Rep. Gursky  
02:27:16 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)  
02:30:17 Rep. Gursky  
02:30:57 Mr. Davis, University of Montana  
02:32:00 Rep. Jacobson  
02:32:07 Mr. Davis, University of Montana  
02:32:15 Rep. Jacobson  
02:33:15 Mr. Olson, MHA  
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02:35:39 Rep. Jacobson  
02:35:57 Mr. Olson, MHA  
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02:37:13 Rep. C. Smith  
02:37:23 Rep. Redfield  
02:37:46 Mr. Opper, DPHHS  
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02:38:01 Mr. Opper, DPHHS  
02:38:11 Mr. Davis, University of Montana  
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02:38:53 Mr. Davis, University of Montana  
02:39:52 Rep. Wagoner  
02:40:23 Rep. Hunter  
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02:41:26 Rep. Curtis  
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02:53:44 Rep. Flynn  
02:54:42 Mr. Opper, DPHHS  
02:55:16 Dr. Olszewski, MMA  
02:56:18 Rep. Flynn  
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03:04:46 Mr. Davis, University of Montana  
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03:06:26 Mr. Davis, University of Montana  
03:07:30 Rep. C. Smith  
03:07:40 Mr. Opper, DPHHS  
03:08:41 Rep. Harris  
03:10:54 Mr. Opper, DPHHS  
03:11:56 Rep. Harris  
03:12:31 Mr. Opper, DPHHS  
03:13:25 Rep. C. Smith  
03:13:37 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
03:15:58 Ms. Dalton, DPHHS  
03:18:45 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
03:19:16 Ms. Dalton, DPHHS  
03:20:18 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
03:21:22 Mr. Olson, MHA  
03:23:40 Rep. Ingraham  
03:25:44 Mr. Olson, MHA  
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03:31:28 Rep. Hunter  
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**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:38:30 Rep. Hunter  
03:44:37 Rep. C. Smith  
03:44:57 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch (LEG)  
03:45:15 Rep. C. Smith

**EXHIBIT(huh64a27)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Sara Andersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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