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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on January 11, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jason Priest, Chair (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Greg Jergeson (D)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, 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: SB 7, 1/8/2013; SB 11, 1/8/2013; SB 43, 1/8/2013; SB 51,
1/8/2013

HEARING ON SB 43

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:39 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB 43, Revise laws relating to reports of alleged abuse at MT Development Center.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:39 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Executive Director, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
EXHIBIT(phs05a01)

00:22:46 Kelsen Young, Executive Director of Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:24:07 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:25:01 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

00:26:59 Gene Haire, Superintendent, Montana Developmental Center (MDC)

EXHIBIT(phs05a02)

00:28:13 Roy Kemp, Interim Administrator, Quality Assurance Division and Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:30:30 Sen. Wanzenried

00:31:10 Mr. Haire, MDC

00:31:42 Sen. Caferro

00:31:48 Ms. Young, MCADSV

00:33:14 Sen. Caferro

00:35:02 Sen. Wittich

00:35:50 Chairman Priest

00:36:17 Mr. Smith, MSPOA

00:37:39 Chairman Priest

00:39:08 Sen. Wittich

00:40:34 Chairman Priest

00:40:38 Sen. Caferro

00:43:13 Ms. Franks-Ongoy, DRM

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:49 Sen. Wittich

HEARING ON SB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:26 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 7, Revise Medicaid application process.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:30 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Montana (NAMI)

00:50:41 Kathy McGowan, Eastern Montana Mental Health Center (EMMHC), Center for Mental Health (CMH) and Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)

00:51:26 Bill Warden, representing Benefis Hospital in Great Falls, St. Peters Hospital in Helena, Bozeman Deaconess Hospital, Billings Clinic, Montana Catholic Hospitals

00:52:06 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

00:52:45 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living (MCIL)

00:53:58 Janie McCall, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)

00:54:34 Erin McGowan-Fincham, Association of Montana Public Health Officials, Montana Public Health Association, Montana Children's Initiative, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch

00:55:36 Jennifer Bezanson, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT(phs05a03)

00:56:43 Beth Brenneman, Staff Attorney with Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:58:33 Jamie Palagi, Administrator for the Human and Community Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:30 Chairman Priest

01:05:20 Sen. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:58 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:45 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 11, Generally revise criminal justice system laws related to mental illnesses.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:09:18 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

EXHIBIT(phs05a04)

01:11:53 Steve Cape, Montana Coalition for Safety and Justice (MCSJ)

01:14:16 Dr. Gary Mihelish, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

01:20:47 Quinton Schroeter, representing himself

01:24:01 John Wilkinson, representing himself

EXHIBIT(phs05a05)

01:28:06 Margaret Morgan, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Montana

01:30:06 James Gustafson, representing himself

01:31:26 Kathy McGowan, National Association of Social Workers, Montana Chapter

Opponents' Testimony:

01:32:05 Mark Murphy, Attorney, Montana County Attorney's Association (MCAA)

01:40:32 Kermit McCowan, representing himself

Informational Testimony:

01:41:52 John Glueckert, Superintendent, Montana State Hospital (MSH)

01:44:08 John Ward, Montana Parole Board (MPB)

01:45:29 Fern Osler, Executive Director, Montana Parole Board (MPB) (Opponent)

01:55:25 Mike McKee, Chairman, Montana Parole Board (MPB)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:57:40 Sen. Wanzenried

02:00:04 Mr. Kuntz, NAMI

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:22 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:03:55 Sen. Shannon Augare (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 51, Eliminate report on medical parolee health care costs.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:04:59 Fern Osler, Executive Director, Montana Parole Board (MPB)

02:06:09 Jan Anderson, Montana Newspapers Association (MNA)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:16 Sen. Augare

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:10 p.m.

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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