

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT APPROP SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND AGING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BETTY LOU KASTEN**, on January 12, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 108 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Chuck Swysgood, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Delila Croucher, Committee Secretary
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch
Bob Andersen, OBPP
Connie Welsh, OBPP

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:
Executive Action:

Dan Anderson engaged in a discussion with the Committee regarding
State Hospital issues and budget shortfalls, debt service, and
performance goals. Lois Steinbeck stated for the record that the
general fund does not support the revenue bonds issued to fund
construction of a new state hospital.

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: B; Approx. Time Counter 12.4} EXHIBIT(jhh08a01)**

Randy Poulsen, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, finished
his overview of the Managed Care Program.

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Steve Niemi, Senior Vice-President of Magellan Behavioral Health - Western Operations, gave a presentation on the company. There was a discussion on provider rates, managed care system, cost efficiency, goal achievement, claims issues, outstanding disputes, and the impact of poverty rate reduction.

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Andre Deligdisch asked for the number of claims still unpaid and how much money is still owed to mental health providers.

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Annita Roessmann asked the company what other measures were taken before the poverty rate reduction was considered.

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Mona Jamison questioned weather or not the agency has the authority to reduce the poverty rate.

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Colleen Murphy asked how long the company was willing to incur a loss before making a profit.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:46 A.M.

REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

DELILA CROUCHER, Secretary

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