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Mon. & Tues, April 5-6, 2010
Law and Justice Interim Committee: Meeting #5
Room 137, Capitol, Helena
Please note: all times are approximate

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MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. Roll Call
Welcome
Approve minutes from February 8-9, 2010
- 8:05 a.m. **Responses to committee information requests** - Sheri Heffelfinger and Pat Gervais
- ▶ DUI Task Forces funding and disposition of drivers' license reinstatement fee
 - ▶ DUI court funding and New Mexico "DUI Court On A Dime" program
 - ▶ Disposition of court fines and fees - DUI-related offenses
 - ▶ Assessment, course, and treatment costs and funding - Prime for Life
 - ▶ Disposition of alcohol taxes
 - ▶ Overview and history of previous legislation related to enacting a 24/7sobriety program in Montana
- 9:00 a.m. **Blood alcohol tests**
- ▶ Questionable results, defense arguments - Mike Sherwood, criminal defense attorney, Missoula
- 9:15 a.m. **Panel - 24/7 sobriety programs to combat DUIs**
- ▶ Steve Bullock, Montana Attorney General
 - ▶ Bill Mickelson, South Dakota's program
 - ▶ Ryan Rusche, Roosevelt County Attorney (invited, not confirmed)
 - ▶ Freedom Crawford, Roosevelt County Sheriff
 - ▶ The Honorable Traci Harada, Municipal/JP Court Judge, Wolf Point (invited, not confirmed)
 - ▶ Jon Moog, Office of State Public Defender
 - ▶ Deanne Brown, Aquila Vision, electronic monitoring alternatives
 - ▶ Rep. Janna Taylor, HD 11, Dayton, sponsor, HB 376, 2009
- 12:00 a.m. LUNCH BREAK

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- 1:00 p.m. **Public comment** - SJR 39 DUI study
- 1:30 p.m. **Panel - Guardian ad litem (GAL) qualifications, training, grievances**
- ▶ Rep. Betsy Hands, issue overview and introductions
 - ▶ Katie Baumler, graduate student, School of Social Work, UM
 - ▶ LaNette Dias, CASA of Montana, Missoula Executive Director
 - ▶ Steve Knight, L.C.S.W., psychotherapist in private practice
 - ▶ TBD
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:00 p.m. **Public comment** - GAL matters and any other topic under the committee's jurisdiction
- 3:30 p.m. **Vehicle title, registration, and dealership licensing related to MERLIN backlog**
- ▶ Mr. Tim Burton, Chief of Staff, Department of Justice
- 3:50 p.m. **SJR 29 - DNA study**
- ▶ progress report on working group - Sheri Heffelfinger
- 4:00 p.m. Adjournment until 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 6.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. Roll call
- 8:05 p.m. **Rule review activities** - Valencia Lane, staff attorney
- 8:10 p.m. **Juvenile justice** - Parenting with Love and Limits model for working with justice-involved youth and their families
- ▶ Jani McCall, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch
 - ▶ Dr. Scott Sales, Ph.D.

SJR 39 - Study of DUI laws

- 8:50 a.m. **Public comment** - preliminary bill draft ideas for SJR 39 DUI laws: LClj01 through LClj05

- 9:30 a.m. **Preliminary bill draft recommendations (DUI study)** - committee review, discussion, and actions:

Underage drinking

LClj01 - Driver's license sanctions for youthful drug or alcohol offenders
(Sen. Hinkle)

LClj02 - Allow game wardens to issue drug or alcohol citations to youth
(Sen. Shockley)

Sales and service

LClj03 - Mandatory alcohol server and sales training
(Sen. Juneau)

Evidence and determination of impairment

LClj04 - On-call judge for blood alcohol test search warrant
(Sen. Shockley)

LClj05 - Any amount of dangerous drug is impaired driving per se
(Rep. Peterson)

- 10:15 a.m. BREAK

- 10:30 a.m. **Public comment** - preliminary bill draft ideas SJR 39 DUI laws: LClj06 through LClj11

- 11:00 a.m. **Continue preliminary bill draft recommendations (DUI study)** - committee review, discussion, and actions:

Courts and sentencing alternatives

LClj06 - Support and funding for DUI courts
(Rep. Menahan)

LClj07 - Provide that cities may establish courts of record
(Sen. Shockley)

LClj08 - Strengthen substance abuse assessment, course, and treatment
(Sen. Laslovich)

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Courts and sentencing alternatives - continuation of committee review, discussion, and instructions to staff on preliminary bill draft recommendations, SJR 39 - DUI laws

LCIj09 - Allow more judicial discretion to mandate residential treatment
(Rep. Peterson)

LCIj10 - Extend court jurisdiction for misdemeanor drunk driving offenses to one year
(Sen. Laslovich)

LCIj11 - Eliminate the 5-year "look-back" for prior misdemeanor drunk driving convictions
(Sen. Laslovich)

12:00 noon LUNCH BREAK

1:00 p.m. **Panel - sexual offenders - pre-release, community placement, and treatment**

- ▶ Pam Bunke, Community Corrections Division Administration
- ▶ Dave Armstrong, Billings Pre-release Center, Executive Director
- ▶ Sue Wilkins, Missoula Pre-release Center, Executive Director
- ▶ Mike Sullivan, Treatment provider
- ▶ Dawn Handa, Great Falls Probation/Parole Officer, sexual offender specialist
- ▶ Dawn Spencer, Dept. of Justice, sexual and violent offender registry analyst

3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:15 p.m. **Public comment** - community placements for sexual offenders and other topics under committee jurisdiction

3:45 p.m. Wrap up
Next meeting, May 17-18
Instructions to staff

4:00 p.m. Adjournment

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