



Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

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**Room 137, Capitol Building
Helena, Montana**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. JASON PRIEST, Chair
SEN. MARY CAFERRO, Vice Chair

SEN. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN

REP. LIZ BANGERTER
REP. PAT NOONAN
REP. CAROLYN PEASE-LOPEZ
REP. DON ROBERTS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

SEN. ART WITTICH

STAFF PRESENT

SUE O'CONNELL, Lead Staff
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Visitors' List and Agenda

Agenda ([Attachment 1](#))
Visitors' List ([Attachment 2](#))

COMMITTEE ACTION

The committee approved the draft final report on the committee's activities and the outline for the final report on the SJR 30 study of childhood trauma.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:00:01 SEN. CAFERRO called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. The committee secretary took roll. Sen. Wittich was excused. ([Attachment 3](#))

AGENDA

HB 573 REPORT: ALL-PAYER-ALL-CLAIMS INSURANCE DATABASE

State Auditor Monica Lindeen

Christine Goe, Legal Staff, State Auditor's Office

Rep. Chuck Hunter, Chair, Montana Health Care Database Advisory Council

00:03:44 Ms. Lindeen discussed the Montana Health Care Database Advisory Council Report ([Exhibit 19](#)).

00:08:54 Rep. Chuck Hunter, House District 79, discussed the issue of health care costs.

Public Comment on HB573 was provided by:

00:16:48 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:17:47 Aimee Gromljev, Billings Clinic

00:18:40 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

Committee questions

00:20:19 REP. ROBERTS

00:22:36 Rep. Hunter

00:23:14 SEN. PRIEST

00:23:46 Rep. Hunter

00:25:39 SEN. PRIEST

00:25:47 Rep. Hunter

00:26:43 SEN. PRIEST

00:27:27 Rep. Hunter

00:28:22 SEN. PRIEST

00:28:47 Rep. Hunter

00:30:14 REP. ROBERTS

00:30:44 Rep. Hunter

AGENCY OVERSIGHT: Department of Public Health and Human Services

- **Administrative Rule Review - Alexis Sandru, Staff Attorney**
00:32:39 Ms. Sandru discussed administrative rule activity of the Department of Public Health and Human Services. ([Exhibit 20](#))

Committee questions
00:33:52 SEN. CAFERRO
00:34:10 Ms. Sandru
00:34:29 SEN. CAFERRO
00:34:48 Ms. Sandru

- **DPHHS Report - Anna Whiting Sorrell, Director**
00:36:29 Director Whiting Sorrell discussed the report on out-of-state placement of children with mental health needs ([Exhibit 21](#)).

- 00:38:48 Jamie Palagi, Administrator of the DPHHS Human and Community Services Division, reported on changes the division is making in providing public assistance programs.

- 00:45:11 Director Whiting Sorrell discussed Medicaid eligibility.

Committee discussion
00:55:52 SEN. CAFERRO
00:57:16 Director Whiting Sorrell
00:57:24 SEN. CAFERRO
00:59:34 Director Whiting Sorrell
01:01:28 SEN. CAFERRO
01:02:51 Director Whiting Sorrell
01:03:07 SEN. CAFERRO
01:03:27 SEN. KAUFMANN
01:04:10 Director Whiting Sorrell

FINAL REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

- **Draft final report of non-SJR 30 committee activities - Sue O'Connell**
01:07:52 Ms. O'Connell discussed the draft final report on the activities of the Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee ([Exhibit 22](#)).

- **Outline of SJR 30 Final Report - Casey Barrs**
01:11:45 Mr. Barrs presented an outline for the final report on the SJR 30 study of childhood trauma ([Exhibit 23](#)).

COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

- **HB573 Report**
01:15:56 SEN. PRIEST said that based on the request from Commissioner Lindeen and Rep. Hunter, the committee will not take any action on HB573.

- **Draft Final Reports**

- **Motion**

01:16:31 REP. BANGERTER moved to approve the draft final report and the SJR 30 report outline. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Sen. Wittich voting yes by proxy.

- **Other Business**

01:17:08 SEN. CAFERRO asked that Ms. O'Connell pass along any information DPHHS provides on both the Montana Developmental Center loan and the cost savings to the Medicaid program for the first five months of operating the Health Improvement Program.

01:18:00 SEN. PRIEST asked about the timeline for drafting committee bills for the 2013 legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT

01:20:05 SEN. PRIEST adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

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