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AGENDA

SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS Meeting #2 of the Subcommittee

Day 1: Wednesday, September 26, 2001

- 4:00 p.m. Eastern Montana Veterans' Home
2000 Montana Ave, Glendive
- I. Roll Call
 - II. Briefing on current status of the EMVH, **Mr. Gary Gaub**
Superintendent
 - III. Overview of budget and funding of the nursing home from the
cigarette tax, **Mr. Mike Hanshew, Ms. Kelly Williams**, Senior and
Long-Term Care Division, DPHHS
 - IV. Tour of the facilities
- 6:00 p.m. DINNER BREAK (will be organized for members and staff)
- 7:00 p.m. Update on the SJR 5 working group's activities, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**,
Legislative Staff and Working Group members

Public Hearing on Veterans' Issues

Area veterans, service organizations, local officials, and members of the general public are invited to comment to the Subcommittee about the veterans' services available in Eastern Montana. The Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee is a state legislative body and cannot exercise jurisdiction over the federal VA. However, the state veterans nursing homes, state veterans cemeteries, and Montana Veterans' Affairs Division (MVAD) Veteran Service Officers, who assist veterans through the VA benefit

claims process, are under the state's jurisdiction.

8:30 p.m. RECESS until September 27, 10:00 a.m. in Miles City

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**TENTATIVE AGENDA
SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
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Day 2, Thursday, September 27, 2001

10:00 a.m. Eastern Montana Veterans' Cemetery

Hwy 59 and Cemetery Road, Miles City

Maintenance building on the cemetery grounds

- I. Briefing on history and current status of the cemetery, **Mr. Jim Jacobsen**, Administrator, Montana Veterans' Affairs Division (MVAD)
- II. Update on initiative for a state veterans' cemetery in Western Montana, **Mr. Jim Jacobsen**
- III. Tour of the grounds

12:00 noon LUNCH BREAK (on our own)

1:00 p.m. VA Primary Care Clinic & Nursing Home

210 S. Winchester, Miles City (406) 232-3060

Auditorium

- I. Briefing on the VA clinic and nursing home, **Ms. Marilyn Frize**, Administrator
- II. Tour of the clinic and nursing home facilities
- III. View of the MVAD Miles City field office located at the clinic

2:00 p.m. Reconvene in the Auditorium

- I. Overview of MVAD Field Office operations, roles, responsibilities, operations, budget, caseload, walk through of a typical day and activities, interface with the VA on sample cases, **Mr. Jim Jacobsen (Ms. Bonnie Curren, Miles City Veterans' Service Officer)**
- II. Discussion and questions

3:00 p.m. Review agenda for next meeting
Instructions to staff
Adjournment