MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chairwoman Teresa K. Henry, on January 22, 2009 at 8:15 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
   Rep. Teresa K. Henry, Chairwoman (D)
   Sen. John Esp (R)
   Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
   Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
   Rep. Don Roberts (R)
   Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R);
                 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Marilyn Daumiller, Legislative Branch
               Ryan Evans, OBPP
               Erin Powers, OBPP
               Donna Small, Committee Secretary
               Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch
               Pat Sullivan, OBPP
               Kris Wilkinson, 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: HB 2: Public testimony on Disability Services Division, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Developmentally Disabled Services, Disabled Services and other divisions including Autism Waiver and Vocational Rehabilitation for Brain Injured and other disabled. 1/19/2009

Executive Action: None

00:13:42 Rep. Teresa Henry, Chairman, introduced the hearing impaired interpreter, Vicki Gregori

Independent Living Services

00:16:35 Travis Hoffman

EXHIBIT (jhh15a01)

00:22:19 Michael Bers

EXHIBIT (jhh15a02)

00:25:07 Sen. Schmidt joined the meeting.
00:26:20 Doug Amsden
00:30:37 Chairwoman Henry
00:30:47 Sierra Lode
00:34:38 Reg Gibbs, President, Rocky Mountain Rehab
00:36:58 Doreen Damon, Vocational Rehabilitation for sightless
00:40:59 Chairwoman Henry
00:41:37 Shyla Patera
00:43:58 Chairwoman Henry
00:44:14 Ms. Patera
00:44:19 George Northcutt, North Independent Living Centers, Black Eagle
00:47:30 Chairwoman Henry
00:47:43 Katie Keil
00:50:43 Greg Olsen, Helena Industries Manager
00:52:17 Kim Gaub, Advocate for Independent Living
00:54:24 Chairwoman Henry
00:55:15 Michael Woods
00:56:38 Barklay Nickel

EXHIBIT (jhh15a03)

00:57:27 Sen. Lewis joined the meeting.
00:57:51 Mr. Nickel
00:59:38 Chairwoman Henry
00:59:59 Kurtis Mayne, Assistant Director, Extended Employment Services, Missoula

EXHIBIT (jhh15a04)
01:02:52 Barb Noggle
01:05:34 Chairwoman Henry
01:05:44 Bob Maffit, Independent Living Project, Helena
01:10:33 Chairwoman Henry
01:10:43 Mark Sanders
01:12:16 Tom Osborn, Director, North Central Independent Living
01:13:03 Faith Dawson
01:15:12 Chairwoman Henry
01:15:22 Roxie Arnett
01:16:05 Al Bartos

EXHIBIT (jhh15a05)
01:20:20 Rita Schilling, Director, Job Connection, Billings
01:21:57 Austin Hajek
01:22:58 Char Harasymczuk, President, Association of the Deaf
01:26:41 Christie Huber
01:27:48 Julia M. Saylor

EXHIBIT (jhh15a06)
01:36:16 Recess
01:51:04 Reconvened
01:51:39 Jan Cahill, Executive Director, Montana Disability Services, Opportunity Resources

EXHIBIT (jhh15a07)
01:55:56 Michelle Belknap, President, Easter Seals

EXHIBIT (jhh15a08)
01:57:01 Lori Kaiser
01:58:35 Chairwoman Henry
02:01:01 Sen. Gary Branae, SD 27, Board Member, Core Enterprises
02:03:09 Rep. Timothy Furey, HD 91, Missoula, Chairman, Department of Public Health and Human Services Rates Commission, also Disabled Veteran
02:06:17 Jason Loble, Lawyer, Board Member, Helena Industries

EXHIBIT (jhh15a09)
02:10:25 Shannon Alexander, Assistant Director, Helena Industries and Bob Clough, Employee
02:12:20 Lorrie Merrill, Executive Director, Big Sandy Activities

EXHIBIT (jhh15a10)
02:19:09 Rich Norstrom, Valley Bank

EXHIBIT (jhh15a11)
02:21:47 Edward Sparks
Extended Employment for Disabled

02:29:13 Rojiem Seabrook
02:31:27 Justin Beach
02:32:45 Kathy Fink and son Shay Fink, Family Outreach

EXHIBIT (jhh15a13)

02:33:35 Robert Tallon, Executive Director, Reach Inc., Bozeman

EXHIBIT (jhh15a14)

02:35:30 Ken Brown, Director, Reach, Inc., Missoula

EXHIBIT (jhh15a15)

02:38:23 Rita Schilling, Director, Job Connection Inc., Billings

EXHIBIT (jhh15a16)

02:40:22 Vanessa Ward

EXHIBIT (jhh15a17)

02:44:22 Susan Dow, Developmentally Disabled Children Service Providers

EXHIBIT (jhh15a18)

02:49:09 Recess
02:53:26 Reconvened

Autism Waiver and Other Special Needs Issues

02:53:54 Kimberly Luther
02:58:47 Sen. Schmidt
02:58:51 Ms. Luther
02:59:16 Sen. Schmidt
02:59:30 Ms. Luther
03:00:05 Billie Miller
03:03:00 Susan Pesta

EXHIBIT (jhh15a19)

03:06:40 Richard Rader
03:09:49 Paddy Trusler, Lake County Commissioner and Trustee, Region 5 Child Development Center
03:13:01 Tom McKenna, President, STEP Inc., Billings
03:16:35 Scot Helmig
03:19:57 Tina Owen

EXHIBIT (jhh15a20)

03:23:05 Jennifer Whitmire

EXHIBIT (jhh15a21)

03:27:04 Kelly Johnson

EXHIBIT (jhh15a22)

03:32:53 Jeff Winter
03:38:51 Joe Miller

**EXHIBIT (jhh15a23)**

03:43:44 Amy Marsh
03:46:39 Carol Lumis

**EXHIBIT (jhh15a24)**

3:49:54 Tim Crowe

**EXHIBIT (jhh15a25)**

03:56:35 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Executive Director, Disability Rights Montana

04:05:01 Mr. Cahill
04:05:24 Ms. Merrill
ADJOURNMENT

04:13:23  Adjournment: 12:13 P.M.

Additional Exhibit:
EXHIBIT(jhh15a26)

Additional Documents:
EXHIBIT(jhh15aad.pdf)