



# Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

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## AGENDA

**August 26, 2022**

State Capitol, Room 137 & Zoom

*Please note: All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.*

- 8:00 a.m. 1. Call to Order – Roll Call**  
Rep. Ed Stafman, Presiding Officer
- 8:05 a.m. 2. Child Protective Services Studies: HJR 44, HJR 45, and HB 39**
- 8:45 a.m.**
- a. Statutorily Required Reports: Office of the Child and Family Ombudsman **[Tab 1]**
    - i. Sue O'Connell, Legislative Research Analyst
    - ii. Dana Toole, Chief, Special Services Bureau, Montana Department of Justice
  - b. Family First Prevention Services Act **[Tab 2]**
    - i. Introduction to Topic – Sue O'Connell, Legislative Research Analyst
    - ii. Opportunities and State Action
      - A. Marilyn Kennerson, Regional Program Manager, Region 8, Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
      - B. Diane Moore, Administrator, Utah Child and Family Services Division
      - C. Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
        - I. Nikki Grossberg, Administrator, Child and Family Services Division
        - II. Erica Johnston, Executive Director, Economic Security Services
- 9:30 a.m.**
- c. Bill Draft HJR 45-1: Revise Child Abuse and Neglect Laws **[Tab 2]**
    - i. Revisions and Additional Requests – Alexis Sandru, Committee Attorney
    - ii. Current DPHHS Processes – Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS
  - d. Final Report on CPS Studies – Sue O'Connell **[Tab 2]**
- 9:45 a.m.**
- e. **Public Comment\*** on the CPS Studies
- 10:15 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m.**
- f. Additional Committee Questions
- 10:45 a.m.**
- g. Committee Work Session on the CPS Studies
    - i. HJR 45-1 Review and Action
    - ii. Adoption of Final Report

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- 11:00 a.m. 3. Agency Oversight: Department of Public Health and Human Services [Tab 3]**
- a. Administrative Rule Report – Alexis Sandru, Committee Attorney
  - b. Agency Legislation
    - i. Purpose and Process of Committee Review – Sue O'Connell
    - ii. DPHHS Overview of Agency Proposals
      - A. DPHHS Director Charlie Brereton
      - B. Mike Randol, Executive Director, Medicaid and Health Services
      - C. Erica Johnston, Executive Director, Economic Security Services

- 11:30 a.m. 4. General Public Comment** on any non-study item in the committee's jurisdiction

- 11:50 a.m. 5. Introduction:** Jerry Howe, Executive Director, Legislative Services Division

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- 1:00 p.m. 6. Mental Health Studies: SJR 14, HJR 35, and HJR 39 [Tab 4]**
- a. Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics – Sue O'Connell
    - i. Follow-up from June Meeting
    - ii. Bill Draft Options
  - b. Final Report on the Mental Health Studies – Sue O'Connell
  - c. Statutorily Required Reports
    - i. Out-of-State Placement of Children/Children's Mental Health Outcomes – Meghan Peel, DPHHS Children's Mental Health Bureau Chief
    - ii. Suicide Reduction Strategic Plan: Status Update
      - A. Rebecca de Camara, BHDD Administrator
      - B. John Tabb, Suicide Prevention Program Specialist
- 1:10 p.m.
- d. **Public Comment\*** on the Mental Health Studies
  - e. Committee Questions of Speakers and the Public
- 1:25 p.m.  
1:45 p.m.

- 2:15 p.m. 7. Agency Oversight: Department of Public Health and Human Services**
- a. Statutorily Required Reports **[Tab 5]**
    - i. Overview – Sue O'Connell
    - ii. DD Crisis Response (HB 691) – Lindsey Carter, DD Program Bureau Chief
  - b. Montana State Hospital and Other State Facilities
    - i. Director Brereton
    - ii. Will Evo, DPHHS Deputy Chief of Facilities
    - iii. Chris Baglio, Diane Rafferty, and Michael Johnson -- Alvarez and Marsal
  - c. Provider Rate Study and HB 155 Cost Reporting Plan **[Tab 6]**
    - i. Director Brereton
    - ii. Coy Jones and Jamin Barber -- Guidehouse
  - d. Behavioral Health "Lived Experiences" Report – Rebecca de Camara **[Tab 6]**
  - e. HEART Waiver and Other Topics of Interest
    - i. Director Brereton
    - ii. Rebecca de Camara

- 4:00 p.m. 8. Committee Work Session**
- a. Mental Health Studies
    - i. Bill Drafts
    - ii. Final Report
  - b. Agency Legislation: Authorization for Early Drafting
  - c. Committee Legislation: Assignment of Sponsors **[Tab 7]**
  - d. Other Items Related to Committee Studies and Agency Oversight
  - e. Staff Evaluations
  - f. Redistricting Announcement: Regional Public Hearings
- 4:30 p.m. 9. Adjournment**

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