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AGENDA

June 27, 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. May Meeting Followup, Required Reports, and Interim Committee Updates (Tab 1)**
a. May Meeting Requests -- Sue O'Connell, Committee Research Analyst
b. Required Reports – Sue O'Connell
i. DPHHS Required Reports
ii. HB 495 Task Force Materials
b. Section B Interim Budget Committee --Rep. Mary Caferro and Sen. Mary McNally
- 8:15 a.m. 3. HJR 44 and HJR 45 Studies: Child Protective Services (Tab 2)**
a. Staff Research and Introduction to Scheduled Topics – Sue O'Connell
b. Treatment and Support Services for Family Reunification
i. Tyson Wilke, CEO, Re-Services Inc.
ii. Todd Wilson, Executive Director, Helena Indian Alliance-Leo Pocha Clinic
iii. Kyle Ann Johnson, Behavioral Health Director, HIA-Leo Pocha Clinic
- 8:45 a.m. c. Panel Discussion: Effects of Abuse, Neglect, and Removal on Children**
i. Peter Pecora, Managing Director, Research Services, Casey Family Programs
ii. Shanta Trivedi, Assistant Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts, University of Baltimore School of Law
iii. Abigail Eyre, LCSW, Polson
- 9:30 a.m. d. Panel Discussion: Options for Legal Proceedings and Child Removals**
i. Deputy Flathead County Attorney Katie Handley
ii. Judge Jessica Fehr, 13th Judicial District
iii. Brian Smith, Administrator, Public Defender Division, Office of State Public Defender

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- 10:00 a.m. e. Draft Final Report – Sue O'Connell and Milly Allen
 10:05 a.m. f. **Public Comment*** on the Child Protective Services Studies
 10:30 a.m. g. Additional Committee Questions
- 10:45 a.m. 4. CPS Bill Drafts: HB 39 and HJR 45 Studies (Tab 3)**
 a. Overview of Bill Draft Revisions and Related Considerations
 i. HB 39-1v2: Revise EPS Hearing and PHC Laws -- Sue O'Connell
 ii. HJR 45-1v2: Revise Child Abuse and Neglect Laws -- Alexis Sandru,
 Committee Attorney
 11:00 b. Public Comment on the HB 39 and HJR 45 Bill Drafts
 11:20 p.m. c. Committee Questions
- 11:45 a.m. 5. General Public Comment** on any non-agenda item in the committee's jurisdiction
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. 6. Committee Work Session: CPS Studies**
 Discussion and Direction to Staff on:
 a. HB 39 and HJR 45 Bill Drafts
 b. Other Items Related to the HJR 44 and HJR 45 Studies
- 1:30 p.m. 7. Mental Health Studies: Part 1 (Tab 4)**
 a. Overview of Bill Draft Revisions and Related Considerations – Sue O'Connell
 i. SJR 14-2: CCBHC Implementation
 ii. SJR 14-1: Revise Licensing Reciprocity for Behavioral Health Licensees
 iii. HJR 39-2v2: Share Montana State Hospital Abuse and Neglect Reports
 1:35 p.m. c. **Public Comment*** on Bill Drafts SJR 14-2, SJR 14-1, and HJR 39-2v2
 1:50 p.m. d. Committee Questions
 e. Committee Work Session on SJR 14-1, SJR 14-2, and HJR 39-2v2
- 2:15 p.m. 8. Agency Oversight: Department of Public Health and Human Services (Tab 5)**
 a. Administrative Rule Review – Alexis Sandru, Committee Attorney
 b. DPHHS Update – Director Adam Meier
 i. Montana State Hospital: Presentation and Committee Questions
 A. Diane Rafferty and Christopher Baglio, Alvarez and Marsal
 2:45 p.m. ii. Provider Rate Study: Presentation and Committee Questions
 A. Coy Jones and Poorna Suresh, Guidehouse Inc.
 3:45 p.m. iii. Other Agency Updates
 iv. Additional Committee Questions

- 4:00 p.m. 9. Mental Health Studies: Part 2 (Tab 6)**
- a. Overview of Bill Draft Revisions and Considerations – Sue O'Connell
 - i. HJR 35-1v2: Increase Access to In-State PRTF and TGH Treatment
 - ii. HJR 35-2v2: Strengthen Qualified Provider Pool Statute
 - iii. HJR 39-1v2: Revise Involuntary Commitment Laws for Dementia/TBI Patients
 - b. Draft Final Report on Mental Health Studies – Sue O'Connell
- 4:10 p.m. c. **Public Comment*** on the Mental Health Studies
- 4:30 p.m. 10. Work Session**
- Committee Discussion and Direction to Staff on:
- a. Remaining Mental Health Study Bill Drafts
 - b. Draft Final Report on the Mental Health Studies
 - c. Other Items Related to Committee Studies and Agency Oversight
- 5:15 p.m. 11. Adjournment**

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