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HOUSE BILL 39 WORKING GROUP
AGENDA
November 19, 2021
Room 102, State Capitol/Zoom

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

8:30 a.m. 1. Call to Order -- Roll Call – Overview of Agenda
Rep. Dennis Lenz, Presiding Officer

8:35 a.m. 2. Follow-up Items from October Meeting
a. Uses of Title IV-E Money – Erica Johnston, Executive Director,
   DPHHS Economic Security Services
b. PHC Facilitator Qualifications and Training – Sue O'Connell, Staff Researcher
c. ICWA Memo from John Guinn – Tom Billteen, Chief, Youth Court Services Bureau
d. Yellowstone County District Court EPS-Related Documents – Judge Jessica Fehr

9:00 a.m. 3. Discussion of PHC and EPS Hearing Logistics
a. Historical Court Statistics – Sue O'Connell, Staff Researcher
9:45 a.m. c. County Attorney Perspectives
   i. Valley County Attorney Dylan Jensen
   ii. Gallatin Deputy County Attorney Bradley Bowen
   iii. Richland Deputy County Attorney Charity McLarty
   iv. Cascade Deputy County Attorney Valerie Winfield

10:45 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. d. Office of the State Public Defender Perspectives – Brian Smith, Administrator,
   Public Defender Division, Office of the State Public Defender
e. DPHHS Perspectives – Nikki Grossberg, Acting Administrator,
   DPHHS Child and Family Services Division
f. CASA Perspectives – Kiersta Sullivan, Front Range CASA/GAL, Inc.

11:45 LUNCH

12:45 p.m. 4. Public Comment*
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1:15 p.m.  5. **Roundtable Discussion**  
Working Group Identification of:  
a. Potential Statutory Changes  
b. ICWA Issues  
c. Other Issues to Address

2:00 p.m.  6. **Next Steps**  
a. Research/Information Requests for Next Meeting  
b. Discussion of Next Meeting: Agenda Items and Date

2:15 p.m.  7. **Adjournment**

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  - testifying remotely by submitting the [online form for remote participation](#) by **5 p.m. on Thursday, November 18**. People who submit the form by the deadline will receive a meeting link before midnight on November 18.

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