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AGENDA (updated May 2) State-Tribal Relations Committee (STRC) May 5, 2022 Capitol Room 102 and Zoom

NOTE: Agenda item times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than is allotted.

Thursday, May 5

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order; roll call; opening prayer and welcome – Chairman Running Wolf
- 9:15 Indian Residential Boarding Schools and Historical Trauma – Marsha Small and Lona Running Wolf
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Montana Women's Prison (MWP) presentation – MWP Warden Jennie Hansen; Rehabilitation and Programs Chief Scott Eychner, Department of Corrections
- 11:00 Report/updates from Director of Indian Affairs Misty Kuhl
- 11:15 Updates/introductions from state agency tribal liaisons in attendance
- 11:30 Decennial report pursuant 90-1-105(7), MCA
 - Working group report and bill draft – Sens. Webber and Fox; Pad
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Fee-to-Trust study
 - Staff memo on urging Congress to provide PILT or similar – Pad McCracken, STRC staff
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps
- 1:30 Voting access study – alternative/satellite election offices
 - Refresher on Wandering Medicine Settlement and SOS Directive 01-2015 – Laura Sankey Keip, STRC Staff Attorney
 - Information on planned alternative/satellite election offices for 2022 primary and general elections – Conner Gagnon, Elections Specialist, Office of the Montana Secretary of State

- Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps
- 2:00 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP)
- State efforts background – Pad
 - Updates on Missing Indigenous Persons Review Commission and Task Force/LINC – DOJ
 - Public Comment
 - Questions/discussion/next steps
- 3:00 Office of Public Instruction updates
- 3:15 Update on legislation impacting CPS and ICWA – Nikki Grossberg, Administrator, Child and Family Services Division, DPHHS; Sue O'Connell, CFHHS Interim Committee Staff
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45 LSD staff updates – various topics
- IEFA litigation update – Laura Sankey Keip, STRC Staff Attorney
 - Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission update – Rachel Weiss, Commission Staff
 - Recreational marijuana (HB 701) implementation update – Erin Sullivan, Economic Affairs Interim Committee Staff
- 4:15 Public comment on any topic within STRC's jurisdiction
- 4:30 Committee work session – review/modify/adopt work plan; schedule next meetings
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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