



CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

November 16, 2023
Room 137
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Dennis Lenz, Chair (R)
Rep. SJ Howell, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Milly Allen, Research Analyst
Madelyn Krezowski, Attorney
Jolanda Songer, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION STAFF: JERRY HOWE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • RACHEL WEISS, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS • TODD EVERTS, DIRECTOR, LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE • DALE GOW, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SERVICES • ANGIE CARTER, FINANCIAL MANAGER

VISITORS' LIST

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:30:49 Dennis Lenz-R called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATES (AGENCY OVERSIGHT)

08:31:53 Charlie Brereton, Director, DPHHS

[EXHIBIT 1](#)

[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

09:00:16 Vice Presiding Officer Howell

09:03:06 Rep. Carlson

09:04:55 Gene Hermanson, Chief Financial Officer, DPHHS

09:06:12 Rep. Carlson

Early Childhood and Family Support Division

09:11:03 Tracy Moseman, Administrator, DPHHS

[EXHIBIT 2](#)

09:24:33 Sen. Emrich joined the meeting.

Child and Family Services Division

09:24:50 Nikki Grossberg

[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

09:31:02 Vice Presiding Officer Howell

09:31:39 Presiding Officer Lenz

09:34:46 Rep. Carlson

Public Comment on the Department of Public Health and Human Services Introductions and Updates

09:36:05 Carrie Krepps, Executive Director, Florence Crittenton

09:41:42 Ashley Callison, Director, Helena Family YMCA

09:45:10 Jackie Mohler, Executive Director, Family Outreach

09:49:05 Josh Butterfly, Prayer Warriors Tribal Council

09:52:42 Judy Allen, CEO, Helena Family YMCA
09:54:08 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana
09:55:25 Jan Ellis, Yellowstone County
09:55:55 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association
09:58:31 Mary Windecker, The Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana
10:01:59 Sandra Burch, Billings, MT
10:05:04 Louisa Libertelli-Dunn, Director of operations, Peace Place, Great Falls
10:07:39 Sen. Dunwell, SD 42
10:10:48 Mary DuCharme, Kalispell, MT
10:14:09 Corinne Kuntz, Kalispell, MT

SUICIDE IN MONTANA (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STUDY)

10:17:55 Karl Rosston, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Behavioral Health and
Developmental Disabilities Division
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:28:55 Rep. Yakawich
10:31:32 Rep. Carlson
10:32:19 Presiding Officer Lenz

Public Comment on Suicide in Montana

10:33:04 Jan Ellis
10:35:03 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance
10:40:28 Josh Butterfly, Prayer Warriors Tribal Council
[EXHIBIT 3](#)
10:44:39 Jennifer Hensley
10:47:31 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
10:48:55 Jean Branscum, MMA

OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENT REPORT (AGENCY OVERSIGHT, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STUDY)

10:53:34 Rebecca de Camara, Administrator, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division

[EXHIBIT 2](#)

[EXHIBIT 4](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

11:12:56 Rep. Carlson

11:15:00 Vice Presiding Officer Howell

11:18:52 Sen. Emrich

11:21:13 Rep. Carlson

Public Comment on the Out-of-State Placement Report

11:21:57 Matt Furlong, MCPA

11:24:29 Lauren Wilson, President, Montana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

11:26:51 Carrie Krepps, Florence Crittenton

11:28:18 Mary Windecker, BHAM

RECESS

11:30:29 Reconvened at 11:54:37

11:54:42 Rep. Marshall joined the meeting

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW

11:55:20 Maddie Krezowski, Attorney, LSD

[EXHIBIT 5](#)

[EXHIBIT 6](#)

[EXHIBIT 7](#)

[EXHIBIT 8](#)

[EXHIBIT 9](#)

[EXHIBIT 10](#)

Public Comment on Administrative Rule Review

12:00:43 Alex Dubois, Policy and Engagement Manager, Zero to Five

12:02:59 Lauren Wilson, MTAAP

12:06:55 Megan Zawacki, President, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants

12:08:54 Jean Branscum, MMA

12:10:48 Jennifer Hensley, County of Missoula, and Montana Academy of Physician Assistants

12:12:58 Kirstan Roush, Director, SACC Program

12:14:55 Brian Dennis, President and CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County

12:19:31 Sara Silva, Child Care Connections

12:22:32 Angie Armour, Executive Director, Raise Montana

12:25:01 Sheryl Hutzenbiler, Munchkin Land, Billings

12:27:00 Kiely Lammers, Montana Families for Vaccines

12:30:49 Elizabeth Halverson, Billings, MT

12:32:21 Marjorie Albers, Mile City, MT

12:33:16 Rachel Wanderscheid, Director, Montana Afterschool Alliance

12:35:43 Sen. Dunwell, SD 42

Committee Questions and Discussion

12:39:49 Rep. Carlson

Motion

12:40:51 Rep. Carlson moved to informally object of the Rules proposed by DPHHS.
[EXHIBIT 5](#)

12:41:12 Vice Presiding Officer Howell

12:43:28 Presiding Officer Lenz

12:44:21 Sen. Friedel

12:45:40 Rep. Carlson

12:53:17 Sen. Friedel

12:55:49 Sen. Emrich

12:56:24 Rep. Yakawich

12:58:32 Presiding Officer Lenz

12:58:47 Vice Presiding Officer Howell

13:00:59 Rep. Carlson

13:01:46 Maddie Krezowski

13:02:10 Rep. Carlson
13:02:41 Sen. Friedel
13:03:32 Maddie Krezowski
13:04:09 Presiding Officer Lenz

Vote:

13:04:57 The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RECESS

13:06:04 Reconvened at 13:36:12
13:36:19 Sen. Friedel joined the meeting.

SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STUDY)

13:36:36 Amber Widgery, National Conference of State Legislators
[EXHIBIT 11](#)

13:48:10 Sen. Emrich joined the meeting.

Committee Questions and Discussion

14:05:55 Rep. Yakawich
14:07:58 Presiding Officer Lenz
14:12:29 Rep. Yakawich

Public Comment on the Sequential Intercept Model

14:15:28 Josh butterfly, Prayer Warriors Tribal Council

RECESS

14:20:19 Reconvened at 14:31:33
14:31:33 Rep. Carlson joined the meeting.

DEMENTIA SIMULATION

14:32:05 Lindsey Klebenow, Heart to Heart Home Care
[EXHIBIT 12](#)
[EXHIBIT 13](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

14:44:15 Presiding Officer Lenz
14:47:00 Rep. Carlson
14:47:55 Sen. Friedel
14:49:01 Lindsey Klebenow

14:50:12 Presiding Officer Lenz

14:50:50 Lindsey Klebenow
[EXHIBIT 14](#)
[Bookcase Analogy Video](#)
[What is Alzheimer's Disease Video](#)

14:56:00 Milly Allen

14:56:19 Presiding Officer Lenz

14:56:23 Lindsey Klebenow

15:00:19 Rep. Yakawich

15:00:58 Presiding Officer Lenz

15:01:23 Rep. Yakawich

DEMENTIA SIMULATION - Continued

15:02:11 Lindsey Klebenow

Committee Questions and Discussion

15:06:25 Rep. Carlson

15:08:35 Rep. Yakawich

15:12:00 Rep. Carlson

15:14:32 Presiding Officer Lenz

15:14:59 Sen. Friedel

Public Comment on the Dementia Simulation

15:17:45 Melanie Williams, Program Director, Montana Chapter of the Alzheimer Association

15:22:26 Josh Butterfly, Prayer Warriors Tribal Council

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE THAT WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA

15:25:20 Josh Butterfly, Prayer Warriors Tribal Council

15:27:16 Margaret MacDonald, Big Sky 55+
[EXHIBIT 15](#)

15:31:34 Dr. Gary Mihelish, Member, National Alliance on Mental Illness

15:36:15 Jennifer Kingan, Montana Providers
[EXHIBIT 16](#)

15:44:41 Karen Oberg

15:50:04 Michael Crews

RECESS

16:02:09 Reconvened at 16:02:54

COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

16:03:40 Rep. Yakawich gave an update on the Behavioral Health System for Future Generations Commission.

16:10:53 Milly Allen

16:13:09 Presiding Officer Lenz directed a question to Milly Allen.

16:16:01 Vice Presiding Officer Howell talked about Family Peer Support.
[EXHIBIT 17](#)

16:18:11 Presiding Officer

16:18:36 Milly Allen

16:19:00 Presiding Officer Lenz

16:19:07 Rep. Carlson

16:19:36 Vice Presiding Officer Howell

16:20:05 Presiding Officer Lenz

16:20:40 Rep. Carlson

16:20:59 Vice Presiding Officer Howell

16:21:49 Presiding Officer Lenz

16:22:33 Vice Presiding Officer Howell

16:23:14 Presiding officer Lenz

16:23:43 Sen. Emrich

16:25:00 Presiding Officer Lenz asked Rep. Yakawich to talk about Continuum of Long-Term Care.

16:27:02 Presiding Officer Lenz

16:27:33 Rep. Yakawich

16:28:01	Presiding Officer Lenz
16:28:57	Rep. Carlson
16:29:31	Milly Allen
16:30:27	Presiding Officer Lenz
16:30:46	Milly Allen
16:33:02	Vice Presiding Officer Howell
16:35:07	Rep. Yakawich
16:35:20	Presiding Officer Lenz talked about the Behavioral Health study.
16:38:07	Rep. Carlson
16:41:02	Presiding Officer Lenz
16:41:54	Sen. Emrich
16:45:14	Presiding Officer Lenz
16:46:04	Rep. Carlson
16:46:24	Presiding Officer Lenz
16:47:17	Milly Allen
16:48:52	Presiding Officer Lenz
16:52:18	Rep. Carlson
16:53:24	Presiding Officer Lenz
16:55:05	Milly Allen
16:56:37	Maddie Krezowski <u>EXHIBIT 18</u>
16:57:05	Rep. Yakawich
16:59:13	Vice Presiding Officer Howell
17:02:16	Presiding Officer Lenz
17:02:43	Rep. Carlson
17:04:08	Presiding Officer Lenz

17:04:55 Rep. Carlson commented on DPHHS' presentation regarding tenancy support as a Medicaid service.

ADJOURNMENT

17:06:30 Presiding Officer Lenz adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.