



January 8, 2024

Dear Chair Lenz, Vice Chair Howell, and members of the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee,

On November 16, 2023, I received a letter requesting information on Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) plans to use a single statewide contractor to oversee both the TANF Pathways and SNAP Employment and Training programs. DPHHS is committed to responsibly driving outcomes that support the healthy independence of our clients, and I appreciate the interim committee's continued interest in our initiatives to fulfill this commitment.

The services of interest are currently in procurement through a formal RFP process. Because of procurement laws and procedures, DPHHS officials cannot discuss the RFP or service provision generally until the RFP closes, scoring is completed, contract negotiations conclude, and a contract is executed.

In the meantime, please direct all questions to Kristi Hernandez with the Department of Administration's State Procurement Bureau at [kristi.hernandez2@mt.gov](mailto:kristi.hernandez2@mt.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Brereton".

Charles T. Brereton  
Director

cc: Misty Ann Giles, Director, Department of Administration  
Jessie Counts, Administrator, Human and Community Services Division, DPHHS