



CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

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Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Dennis Lenz, Chair (R) – Via Zoom
Rep. SJ Howell, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R) – Via Zoom
Sen. Jen Gross (D) – Via Zoom
Rep. Ron Marshall (R) – Via Zoom
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

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

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:32:10 Presiding Officer Howell called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER BURNOUT PANEL

08:33:47 Robert Sise, MD, Medical Director, Montana Professional Health and Wellbeing Program; CEO, 406Recovery
[EXHIBIT 1](#)

08:36:15 Gabe Charbonneau, MD, Burnout Expert

Committee Questions and Discussion

08:43:13 Rep. Yakawich

08:43:32 Dr. Charbonneau

08:43:57 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson

08:44:22 Dr. Charbonneau

08:45:07 Dr. Sise

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER BURNOUT PANEL continued

08:46:10 Russell Libby, MD - Board Member, Physicians Foundation

Committee Questions and Discussion

09:01:30 Sen. Emrich

09:02:10 Dr. Libby

09:09:15 Sen. Friedel

09:09:31 Dr. Libby

09:14:47 Dr. Sise

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER BURNOUT PANEL continued

09:16:20 Brenda Donaldson, RN, RN Professional Development Specialist, Montana Nurses Association

09:26:58 Dr. Sise

09:38:18 Melina Davis, CEO, Virginia Medical Society

Public Comment on Health Care Provider Burnout

09:53:22 Seana Westcarr-Gray

09:55:50 Dr. James Robertson

10:00:21 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:05:50 Sen. Gross

10:06:30 Melina Davis

10:07:53 Sen. Gross

10:08:23 Dr. Sise

10:09:01 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson directed a question to Brenda Donaldson.

10:16:48 Sen. Emrich directed a question to Brenda Donaldson.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES (Agency Monitoring)

10:20:08 Charlie Brereton, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services

[EXHIBIT 2](#)

[EXHIBIT 3](#)

[EXHIBIT 4](#)

[EXHIBIT 5](#)

[EXHIBIT 6](#)

Healthcare Facilities Update

10:25:30 Jennifer Savage, Chief Administrative Officer, Healthcare Facilities Division
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

10:30:01 Director Brereton

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:31:44 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson

10:32:18 Director Brereton

10:33:27 Jennifer Savage

10:34:02 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson

10:34:31 Director Brereton

Medicaid Redeterminations

10:35:31 Director Brereton
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

10:47:09 Gene Hermanson, Medicaid Chief Financial Manager

10:51:53 Director Brereton

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:52:45 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson

10:54:49 Director Brereton
11:03:10 Presiding Officer Howell
11:03:37 Director Brereton
11:09:29 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson directed a question to Director Brereton.
11:13:03 Presiding Officer Howell directed a question to Director Brereton.

HEART Waiver Update

11:13:54 Director Brereton presented on the HEART Waiver IMD amendment.
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Opioid Settlement

11:17:33 Rebecca de Camara, Administrator, Behavioral Health Disabilities Division
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

11:23:01 Presiding Officer Howell directed a question to Rebecca de Camera.
11:23:25 Presiding Officer Howell directed a question to Director Brereton.

Procurement Update

11:26:10 Kim Aiken, Chief Financial and Operations Officer
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

11:33:47 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
11:34:58 Director Brereton
11:36:59 Rep. Yakawich

Public Comment on Department Updates

11:38:39 Jackie Mohler, Executive Director, Family Outreach
11:40:29 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association
[EXHIBIT 7](#)
11:46:59 Michael Coe, Director of Operations, Caslen Living Centers, Ronan
[EXHIBIT 8](#)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE BURNOUT (Behavioral Health, Health Care Provider Burnout)

11:52:28 Jeff Folsom, LCSW - Director of Policy and Special Projects, University of Montana Center for Children, Families, and Workforce Development
[EXHIBIT 9](#)
[EXHIBIT 10](#)

12:02:16 Will Tedrow, PhD - Founding Partner, Tedrow Consulting
[EXHIBIT 9](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

12:24:04 Rep. Yakawich

12:26:33 Jeff Folsom

12:32:11 Rep. Carlson directed a question to Jeff Folsom.

12:35:51 Jeff Folsom

12:37:36 Will Tedrow

12:38:58 Sen. Emrich

12:40:55 Jeff Folsom

12:42:45 Presiding Officer Howell

Public Comment on Behavioral Health Workforce Burnout

12:43:22 Rep. Yakawich

12:43:53 Presiding Officer Howell

RECESS

12:44:15 Reconvened at 13:47:29

FAMILY PEER SUPPORT PANEL (Family Peer Support)

12:43:53 Beth Ayers - Family Peer Support Lead, Montana's Peer Network

[EXHIBIT 11](#)

[EXHIBIT 12](#)

13:59:59 Kayla Meyers - Family Peer Supporter, Montana's Peer Network and Children's Clinic

14:06:27 Laura Nicholson, MD - Behavioral Development Pediatrician and Medical Director, Montana's Development Assessment Clinic

Committee Questions and Discussion

14:09:23 Sen. Emrich

14:12:04 Beth Ayers

14:14:15 Laura Nicholson

14:14:47 Kayla Meyers

14:18:05 Sen. Emrich

14:18:56 Rep. Yakawich
14:20:04 Beth Ayers
14:24:11 Presiding Officer Howell
14:24:37 Beth Ayers
14:26:11 Rep. Yakawich
14:26:29 Beth Ayers

Public Comment on Family Peer Support

14:27:47 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI Montana
14:29:41 Erin Hoch, Kalispell
14:33:11 Amy Shaffer, St. John's CARES Program
14:37:21 Jobyna McCarthy, University of Montana, Montana Family to Family Health Information Center
14:43:11 Jenni Kingan, Speech/Language Pathologists and other Therapy Providers in Montana

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

14:44:21 Karrie Bird, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Lay Mental Health Professional Person at St. Peter's Health.
14:46:24 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI Montana
14:47:52 Jenni Kingan, Montana Speech Therapy Providers
14:52:24 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana
14:57:47 Margaret MacDonald, Big Sky 55+
15:02:14 Fabiola Bundy, Missoula Health and Rehabilitation

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW

15:08:58 Maddie Krezowski, Attorney
[EXHIBIT 13](#)
[EXHIBIT 14](#)
[EXHIBIT 15](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

15:24:12 Sen. Emrich
15:25:15 Presiding Officer Howell

15:25:38 Rep. Yakawich
15:27:10 Sen. Lenz
15:27:58 Presiding Officer Howell

Public Comment on Administrative Rule Review

15:28:48 Rachel Wanderscheid, Director, Montana Afterschool Alliance

RECESS

15:32:30 Reconvened at 15:46:41

COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

15:47:16 Sen. Emrich

Motion

15:48:50 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson moved to renew the informal objection.

Discussion on the Motion

15:49:42 Rep. Yakawich
15:50:53 Presiding Officer Howell

Vote

15:52:57 The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Committee Questions and Discussion

15:52:43 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
15:53:45 Maddie Krezowski
15:56:11 Presiding Officer Howell
15:56:06 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
15:56:41 Sen. Emrich
15:57:49 Sen. Lenz

Motion

15:58:48 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson moved that the committee request the required economic impact statement for [MAR Notice 37-1044](#).

Vote

15:59:57 The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
16:00:32 Presiding Officer Howell
16:00:57 Sen. Lenz
16:01:44 Presiding Officer Howell

16:02:10 Rep. Yakawich
16:02:40 Sen. Emrich
16:02:56 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
16:04:24 Maddie Krezowski
16:04:08 Sen. Lenz
16:04:50 Sen. Emrich
16:05:36 Maddie Krezowski
16:05:51 Rep. Yakawich
16:06:28 Presiding Officer Howell moved to direct staff to work with Chair Lenz on drafting a formal objection.
16:06:44 Sen. Lenz
16:07:28 Presiding Officer Howell

Vote

16:07:31 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

HB 872 Commission Updates

16:07:53 Rep. Yakawich

Forthcoming agenda items

16:18:17 Milly Allen

Committee Questions and Discussion

16:20:06 Sen. Friedel

16:20:05 Milly Allen

16:20:59 Sen. Lenz

16:21:31 Milly Allen

16:22:57 Sen. Lenz

Motion

16:24:34 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson moved to accept two additional committee dates (3/13/24 and 7/18/24).

Discussion on the Motion

16:24:39 Rep. Yakawich

Vote

16:25:35	Carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:25:43	Presiding Officer Howell
16:26:39	Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
16:28:42	Milly Allen
16:29:35	Sen. Emrich
16:30:52	Sen. Lenz
16:31:17	Sen. Emrich
16:33:04	Presiding Officer Howell
16:34:42	Sen. Lenz
16:35:40	Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
16:39:11	Sen. Emrich
16:41:18	Rep. Yakawich
16:43:11	Milly Allen
16:44:56	Presiding Officer Howell
16:46:30	Rep. Yakawich
16:47:49	Sen. Lenz
16:49:37	Rep. Yakawich
16:50:14	Presiding Officer Howell
16:50:47	Sen. Lenz
16:52:15	Presiding Officer Howell
16:54:23	Sen. Lenz
16:57:08	Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
16:59:00	Rep. Yakawich
17:00:46	Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
17:04:24	Milly Allen

17:04:35 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
17:04:56 Presiding Officer Howell
17:05:52 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
17:06:33 Milly Allen
17:07:36 Rep. Yakawich
17:07:54 Presiding Officer Howell
17:08:28 Sen. Lenz
17:09:10 Sen. Emrich
17:09:43 Maddie Krezowski

Motion

17:09:47 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson moved to direct staff to draft framework for the peer support licensure bill by the next meeting.

Vote

17:10:33 Carried unanimously by voice vote.
17:10:42 Presiding Officer Howell
17:11:11 Milly Allen
17:12:33 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
17:16:02 Milly Allen
17:17:18 Rep. Yakawich
17:18:08 Presiding Officer Howell
17:19:33 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
17:20:17 Milly Allen
17:21:14 Sen. Emrich
17:23:46 Vice Presiding Officer Carlson
17:24:40 Sen. Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

17:25:24 Presiding Officer Howell adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.