



# Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

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## UPDATED AGENDA – CPS Work Group

July 16, 2024

State Capitol, Room 137 and Zoom

### PLEASE NOTE:

- Updates indicated in yellow.
- All times are approximate; some agenda items may take more or less time than allotted.
- The agenda may be adjusted at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- See page 3 of this agenda for information on accessibility and public participation.

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

*Chair – Sen. Dennis Lenz*

9:05 a.m. **1. Legislative and Legal History: Mandatory Reporting in Montana**

*Milly Allen*

- Presentation
- Public comment on mandatory reporting
- Work group questions and discussion
- Work group action, if any

9:30 a.m. **2. Child Removal and Suicidal Ideation**

*Karl Rosston, LCSW – Suicide Prevention Coordinator, DPHHS*

*Meegan Bryce, MSW – Executive Director of Residential Services, Intermountain Residential*

*Serene Cusack, LCSW – Providence Health*

*Nicole Gratch, LCSW – Providence Health*

*Nikki Grossberg – Child and Family Services Division Administrator, DPHHS*

- Presentation
- Public comment on child removal and parental suicidal ideation
- Work group questions and discussion
- Work group action, if any

11:00 a.m. **3. Discussion of Recommendations and Legislative Options**

*Chair Lenz*

- Work group discussion: recommendations, legislative options
- Public comment on work group discussion
- Additional work group questions and discussion
- Work group action, if any

- 12:00 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.      4. **Public Comment** on any matter within the scope of the work group.
- 1:15 p.m.      5. **Work Session**
- Further discussion of work group recommendations and legislative options
  - Other discussion
- 2:30 p.m.      **Adjourn**

## WORK GROUP MATERIALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Download meeting and administrative materials and view a list of work group members on the work group website: <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/interim/cfhhs/cfhhs-sb352/>

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