



TRANSITION REVIEW COMMITTEE 68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

January 17, 2024

Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Dennis Lenz, (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope, Vice Chair (D)
Heather O'Hara
Mike Lahr
Melanie Williams
Sara Hansen-Baiamonte
Mike Randol

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ann Geiger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Milly Allen, Research Analyst
Jolanda Songer, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:30:58 Presiding Officer Carlson called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND REPORTS

08:33:26 Mike Randol, Medicaid and Health Services Executive Director/State Medicaid Director, DPHHS
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slides 4 - 8)

08:38:12 Dr. Douglas Harrington, State Medical Officer
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slides 9 – 10)

Committee Questions and Discussion

08:42:09 Heather O'Hara directed a question to Dr. Harrington.

08:43:08 Vice Presiding Officer Pope directed a question to Dr. Harrington.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND REPORTS Continued

08:44:22 Director Randol
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slides 11 - 12)

Committee Questions and Discussion

08:47:13 Presiding Officer Carlson

08:48:58 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND REPORTS Continued

08:50:59 Director Randol
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slides 13 – 14)

Committee Questions and Discussion

08:52:21 Presiding Officer Carlson

08:53:23 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND REPORTS Continued

08:55:17 Mike Randol
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slide 15)

Committee Questions and Discussion

08:56:28 Presiding Officer Carlson
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slide 4)

08:59:08 Julia Hamilton, Legislative Fiscal Division

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND REPORTS Continued

08:59:33 Director Randol
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slide 16)

Committee Questions and Discussion

- 09:02:23 Heather O'Hara
- 09:02:55 Presiding Officer Carlson
- 09:04:12 Vice Presiding Officer Pope
- 09:06:34 Heather O'Hara
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slide 4)
- 09:07:44 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND REPORTS Continued

- 09:09:16 Director Randol
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slide 18)
- 09:09:56 Introduction Sky Freeman and Shawna Karjala, Medicaid Complex Case Coordinators and Jennifer Savage, Chief Administrative Officer, Healthcare Facilities Division.

Committee Questions and Discussion

- 09:11:09 Presiding Officer Carlson

Public Comment on Department updates and Reports

- 09:11:56 None

Committee Questions and Discussion

- 09:12:32 Presiding Officer Carlson
- 09:15:08 Vice Presiding Officer
- 09:20:10 Mike Lahr
- 09:26:04 Presiding Officer Carlson

RECESS

- 09:33:06 Reconvened at 09:39:30 a.m.

STATE ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS IN LONG-TERM CARE

- 09:40:30 Bill Treese - CEO, Behavioral Health Solutions
- 09:40:51 Dr. Kristi Kovacs - Program Director, Behavioral Health Solutions
- 09:41:10 Bill Treese
[EXHIBIT 2](#)
- 09:43:07 Dr. Kovacs
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

09:49:45 Vice Presiding Officer Pope directed a question to Dr. Kovacs.
09:51:37 Melanie Williams
09:52:09 Dr. Kovacs
09:53:36 Bill Treese
09:54:25 Heather O'Hara
09:55:17 Bill Treese
09:57:38 Dr. Kovacs
09:58:54 Director Randol directed a question to Bill Treese.

STATE ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS IN LONG-TERM CARE Continued

10:00:04 Bill Treese
[EXHIBIT 2](#)
10:03:14 Dr. Kovacs
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:13:03 Vice Presiding Officer Pope directed a question to Bill Treese.
10:15:56 Dr. Kovacs
10:16:59 Heather O'Hara directed three questions to Dr. Kovacs.

STATE ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS IN LONG-TERM CARE Continued

10:19:39 Dr. Kovacs
[EXHIBIT 2](#)
10:21:25 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:23:06 Heather O'Hara directed a question to Dr. Kovacs.
10:24:33 Bill Treese
10:25:43 Heather O'Hara
10:26:03 Bill Treese
10:26:28 Dr. Kovacs
10:28:12 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte

10:28:53 Bill Treese
10:29:46 Melanie Williams directed a question to Bill Treese.
10:30:31 Dr. Kovacs
10:30:59 Vice Presiding Officer Pope directed a question to Dr. Kovacs.
10:34:03 Bill Treese

STATE ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS IN LONG-TERM CARE Continued

10:35:25 Dr. Kovacs
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:45:27 Heather O'Hara

STATE ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS IN LONG-TERM CARE Continued

10:46:44 Dr. Kovacs
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

10:48:04 Bill Treese

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:48:45 Presiding Officer Carlson directed a question to Bill Treese.
10:50:41 Rep. Caferro directed a question to Bill Treese.

STATE ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS IN LONG-TERM CARE Continued

10:54:06 Dr. Kovacs
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

10:55:44 Bill Treese

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:56:52 Vice Presiding Officer Pope directed a question to Bill Treese.
10:59:12 Heather O'Hara directed a question to Bill Treese
11:01:07 Presiding Officer Carlson requested the PowerPoint slides.
11:01:44 Mike Lahr directed a question to Bill Treese.
11:05:23 Director Randol

Public Comment on the State Issues and Solutions in Long-Term Care

11:06:24 None

Committee Questions and Discussion

11:08:22 Director Randol

11:10:51 Presiding Officer Carlson
11:13:00 Director Randol
11:20:15 Vice Presiding Officer Pope
11:25:02 Director Randol
11:27:09 Vice Presiding Officer Pope
11:28:52 Rep. Caferro directed a question to Presiding Officer Carlson.
11:34:40 Rep. Caferro directed a question to Melanie Williams.
11:41:19 Heather O'Hara
11:43:18 Presiding Officer Carlson directed a question to Heather O'Hara.
11:44:20 Rep. Caferro
11:44:44 Director Randol
11:45:28 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte
11:46:07 Presiding Officer Carlson
11:46:28 Bill Treese
11:46:35 Director Randol
11:47:33 Vice Presiding Officer Pope directed a question to Sara Hansen-Baiamonte.
11:48:06 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte
11:49:00 Presiding Officer Carlson
11:49:40 Rep. Caferro
11:50:37 Vice Presiding Officer Pope
11:52:28 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte
11:53:24 Melanie Williams

RECESS

11:54:23 Reconvened at 12:59:56 p.m.

NURSING HOME AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY UPDATE

13:01:25 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association
[EXHIBIT 3](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

13:29:43 Presiding Officer Carlson
13:34:59 Vice Presiding Officer Pope
13:37:22 Director Randol
13:40:30 Vice Presiding Officer Pope
13:41:54 Rose Hughes
13:44:05 Vice Presiding Officer Pope
13:45:12 Heather O'Hara

Public Comment on Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Facility Update

13:46:17 None

CIVIL COMMITMENT ISSUES

13:46:54 Maddie Krezowski, Attorney
[EXHIBIT 4](#)
[EXHIBIT 5](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

14:16:30 Presiding Officer Carlson
14:17:05 Heather O'Hara
14:17:56 Heather O'Hara requested data regarding the process shared by Maddie Krezowski.
14:19:36 Director Randol
14:19:55 Presiding Officer Carlson
14:20:05 Milly Allen
14:20:40 Heather O'Hara
14:20:53 Director Randol directed a question to Heather O'Hara.
14:22:25 Maddie Krezowski
14:22:57 Heather O'Hara
14:23:12 Presiding Officer Carlson
14:24:23 Mike Lahr

14:27:27 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte
14:28:25 Maddie Krezowski
14:28:41 Presiding Officer Carlson
14:29:39 Milly Allen
14:29:59 Maddie Krezowski
14:30:16 Presiding Officer Carlson
14:30:56 Maddie Krezowski

Public Comment on Civil Commitment Issues

14:31:41 None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE TRANSITION REVIEW
COMMITTEE NOT ON THIS AGENDA (Open Public Comment Period One of Two)**

14:32:24 Karrie Bird, St. Peters Hospital

Committee Questions and Discussion

14:36:20 Melanie Williams
14:36:47 Presiding Officer Carlson
14:37:15 Mike Lahr

RECESS

14:38:45 Reconvened at 15:01:22 p.m.

WORK SESSION

15:01:47 Milly Allen
[EXHIBIT 6](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

15:03:25 Presiding Officer Carlson

Motion

15:04:09 Vice Presiding Officer Pope moved to accept the workplan as presented by Milly Allen.

Vote

15:04:16 The motion carried without objection.
15:04:38 Milly Allen shared about the potential tour at the State Hospital.
15:05:40 Director Randol
15:06:46 Presiding Officer Carlson directed a question to Director Randol.

15:07:05 Presiding Officer Carlson

15:08:27 Heather O'Hara directed a question to Director Randol

15:09:32 Milly Allen shared current agenda items for the meeting in March.

15:11:11 Rep. Caferro

15:13:15 Melanie Williams

15:15:03 Presiding Officer Carlson directed a question to Director Randol.

15:17:22 Rep. Caferro

15:19:07 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

15:21:37 Presiding Officer Carlson
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15:22:40 Julia Hamilton

15:22:47 Presiding Officer Carlson

15:23:03 Julia Hamilton

15:24:21 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

15:26:13 Julia Hamilton

15:26:43 Presiding Officer Carlson directed a question to Julia Hamilton.

15:27:47 Milly Allen

15:28:28 Rep. Caferro directed a question to Julia Hamilton.

15:30:16 Director Randol

15:28:28 Rep. Caferro

15:31:56 Director Randol

15:38:17 Presiding Officer Carlson

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15:42:02 Director Randol

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15:56:33 Milly Allen
15:58:02 Rep. Caferro
15:58:06 Presiding Officer Carlson
15:59:01 Milly Allen
15:59:28 Director Randol
15:59:35 Presiding Officer Carlson
16:00:23 Milly Allen

ADJOURNMENT

16:00:50 Presiding Officer Carlson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.