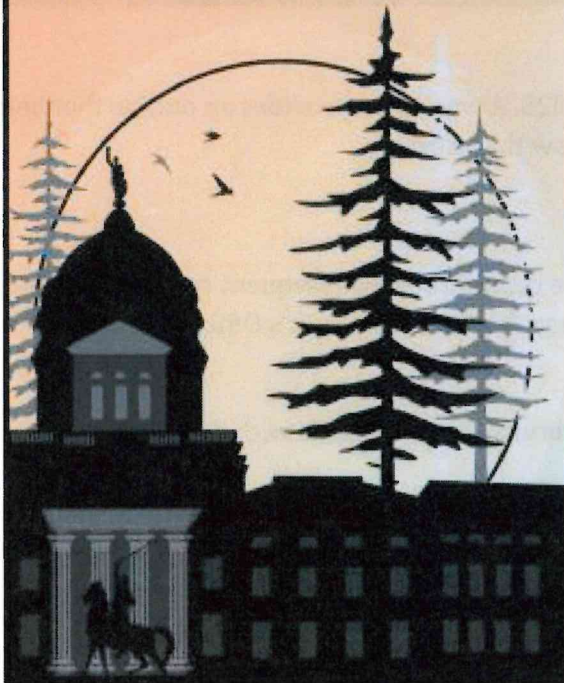


# TRANSITION REVIEW COMMISSION **DRAFT** WORK PLAN 2023-2025



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# BACKGROUND

## THE TRANSITION REVIEW COMMITTEE

[House Bill 29](#), introduced during the 2023 Legislative Session, established the Transition Review Committee. The commission monitors the development of community-based services for individuals who have been or are at risk of being involuntarily committed to the Montana state hospital and who have a primary diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, other forms of dementia, or traumatic brain injury.

Committee membership includes legislators, experts, and stakeholders appointed in accordance with HB 29:

- Senator Dennis Lenz
- Senator Christopher Pope
- Representative Mary Caferro
- Representative Jennifer Carlson
- Heather O'Hara – Vice President, Montana Hospital Association
- Mike Lahr – Attorney, Disability Rights Montana
- Melanie Williams – Program Director, Montana Alzheimer's Association
- Ann Geiger – Executive Director, Liberty Place
- Dr. Reza Ghomi – Co-Founder, Frontier Psychiatry
- Sara Hansen-Baiamonte – family member or guardian of an individual who is or has been committed to the Montana State Hospital
- Mike Randol – Medicaid and Health Services Executive Director

The Legislative Services Division provides staff support to the committee:

- Milly Allen, Research Analyst – milly.allen@legmt.gov
- Jolanda Songer, Secretary – jolanda.songer@legmt.gov

# PLANNING YOUR WORK

## WORK PLAN

The committee meets quarterly between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2025. A work plan provides an outline that helps the committee plan its work and assists Montanans who wish to follow that work.

## COMMITTEE DUTIES

HB 29 clearly outlines the Transition Review Committee's duties. The committee hears frequent reports from the Department of Public Health and Human Services and, when necessary, from the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning. It must also:

- hear reports from those who provide health care and other services to individuals with dementia and traumatic brain injury;
- review efforts in other states to reduce involuntary commitment of individuals with a primary diagnosis of dementia and traumatic brain injury;
- advise the Department of Public Health and Human Services of any problems it observes as residents transition from Montana State Hospital to other facilities;

- provide recommendations to the department; and
- recommend legislative action to the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee, and the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

#### DIRECTION TO STAFF

The committee directs its staff to distribute its assigned 0.2 FTE as needed to meet the requirements of HB 29.

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

The committee meets quarterly and must be disbanded no later than June 30, 2025. The committee adopted a meeting schedule at its October 24, 2023 meeting. The committee will use its eighth meeting date to visit the Montana State Hospital on a date to be determined. There is no spring 2025 meeting date due to the 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.

| Date               |
|--------------------|
| October 24, 2023   |
| January 17, 2024   |
| March 11, 2024     |
| July 15, 2024      |
| September 13, 2024 |
| December 13, 2024  |
| June 13, 2025      |

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

#### COMMITTEE WEBSITE

The committee's legislative web page is the sole official repository of task information, including presentation aids, documents, meeting minutes, and exhibits. You may find it here: <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/transition-review-committee/>

At that website, the public may also:

- Submit written public comment;
- Register to testify remotely; and
- Sign up for email communications from the task force.

