



TRANSITION REVIEW COMMITTEE 68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

March 11, 2024
Room 102
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Reza Ghomi

STAFF PRESENT:

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

09:30:10 Presiding Officer Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

09:31:13 Mike Randol, Medicaid and Health Services Executive Director/State Medicaid Director, DPHHS
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09:34:39 Dr. Harrington, State Medical Officer, DPHHS
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slide 9 - 11)

Committee Questions and Discussion

09:36:46 Presiding Officer Carlson

09:40:29 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte

09:40:57 Rep. Caferro

09:46:24 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

09:47:15 Director Randol

09:48:18 Dr. Harrington

09:48:50 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

09:49:45 Director Randol

09:50:31 Presiding Officer Carlson

DEPARTMENT UPDATES Continued

09:52:27 Director Randol
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slide 12 - 20)

Committee Questions and Discussion

09:58:40 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

10:03:10 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte

10:04:42 Ann Geiger
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slide 18)

10:06:53 Presiding Officer Carlson
[EXHIBIT 1](#) (Slide 8)

10:12:41 Rep. Caferro
10:18:18 Presiding Officer Carlson
[EXHIBIT 2](#)
10:22:56 Vice Presiding Officer Pope
10:23:59 Presiding Officer Carlson
10:25:42 Sen. Lenz
10:29:03 Rep. Caferro
10:30:10 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte
10:34:29 Presiding Officer Carlson
10:34:01 Sen. Lenz
10:34:41 Vice Presiding Officer Pope
10:36:11 Vice Presiding Officer Pope directed a question to Director Randol.
10:42:24 Melanie Williams, Montana Alzheimer's Association
10:47:13 Presiding Officer Carlson

BEST PRACTICES FOR TREATMENT AND CARE OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

10:48:09 Ann Geiger, Executive Director, Liberty Place
[EXHIBIT 3](#)
[EXHIBIT 4](#)
[EXHIBIT 5](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

11:04:29 Rep. Caferro
11:05:05 Vice Presiding Officer Pope
11:07:12 Presiding Officer Carlson
[EXHIBIT 3](#)
11:11:38 Milly Allen, Research Analyst

Public Comment on Department Updates

11:12:10 None

Public Comment on Best Practices for Treatment of TBI

11:12:26 None

NURSING HOME UPDATE

11:13:13 Jill Sark, Montana Health Care Association

[EXHIBIT 6](#)

Committee Questions and Discussion

11:29:09 Melanie Williams, Montana Hospital Association

11:30:47 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

11:35:13 Presiding Officer Carlson

11:37:01 Ann Geiger

11:39:52 Presiding Officer Carlson directed a question to Director Randol.

Public Comment on Nursing Home Update

11:44:04 None

RECESS

11:44:48 Reconvened at 12:58:26

STATUTORY REVIEW: EXTENSION AND DISCHARGE FROM INVOLUNTARY CIVIL COMMITMENT

12:58:39 Maddie Krezowski, Legislative Attorney

[EXHIBIT 7](#)

[EXHIBIT 8](#)

12:59:59 Vice Presiding Officer Pope joined the meeting.

Committee Questions and Discussion

13:16:10 Heather O'Hara

13:17:24 Ann Geiger

13:18:14 Presiding Officer Carlson

13:23:53 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.

13:23:56 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

13:26:25 Melanie Williams

13:27:56 Rep. Caferro

13:32:33 Melanie Williams

13:33:20 Presiding Officer Carlson
[EXHIBIT 2](#) (Page 1 and 2)

Public Comment on Civil Commitment Issues

13:39:05 None

Committee Questions and Discussion

13:39:24 Presiding Officer Carlson

13:40:07 Milly Allen

13:41:40 Presiding Officer Carlson

RECESS

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RECAP OF MARCH 6 LEGISLATOR VISIT TO MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL

13:57:35 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

Committee Questions and Discussion

14:09:40 Director Randol

14:15:27 Presiding Officer Carlson

14:19:45 Rep. Caferro

14:19:53 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE TRANSITION REVIEW
COMMITTEE NOT ON THIS AGENDA**

14:23:12 Tom Cherry

14:23:29 Danny Tenenbaum

WORK SESSION

Site Visits of Montana State Hospital/Spratt Unit

14:27:03 Presiding Officer Carlson

14:27:47 Sen. Lenz
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

14:33:03 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte

14:34:46 Rep. Caferro

14:38:05 Sen. Lenz

14:38:32 Presiding Officer Carlson

14:41:52 Sen. Lenz

14:43:59 Director Randol

Discussion of Issues and Potential Solutions, Legislative and Non-Legislative

14:44:33 Presiding Officer Carlson

[EXHIBIT 2](#)

14:49:34 Rep. Caferro

14:53:47 Presiding Officer Carlson

Public Comment

14:55:25 Dr. Kristina Kovacs, Behavioral Health Solutions

Committee Questions and Discussion

14:57:19 Melanie Williams

15:01:12 Rep. Caferro

15:02:05 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte

15:02:43 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

15:08:12 Sen. Lenz

15:09:26 Presiding Officer Carlson

15:09:53 Director Randol

15:11:15 Presiding Officer Carlson directed a question to Director Randol.

15:13:08 Heather O'Hara

15:13:49 Sen. Lenz directed a question to Director Randol.

15:14:51 Presiding Officer Carlson directed a question to Director Randol.

15:19:37 Melanie Williams

15:20:10 Sen. Lenz directed a question to Jill Sark.

15:23:16 Director Randol

15:23:32 Sen. Lenz

15:23:52 Vice Presiding Officer Pope

15:27:26 Ann Geiger

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15:40:44 Presiding officer Carlson
15:43:21 Heather O'Hara
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15:44:39 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte
15:44:57 Presiding Officer Carlson

ADJOURNMENT

15:46:27 Presiding Officer Carlson adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.