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MARA Meeting Agenda January 9, 2024, Helena, MT – State Capitol Room 102 9:00 A.M.

9:00 – Roll Call

9:05 – Review of Research on Medicaid Expansion Impact

- Joshua Poulette – Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

10:00 - Update on Montana Medicaid Expansion Impact Analysis

- Dr. Bryce Ward - ABMJ Consulting

11:00 - Medicaid in Montana

- Kinda Serafi, Kevin McAvey, and Zoe Barnard - Manatt Health

Noon – Medicaid Expansion: Factors to Consider

- Dr. Charles Blahous - Mercatus Center at George Mason University

12:30 to 1:00 – Lunch

1:00 – Childcare in Montana

- Todd O'Hair - Montana Chamber of Commerce
- Kristina Miller - Wonderschool

1:30 - Update on DLI's Childcare Research Work

- Commissioner Sarah Swanson and Amy Watson - Montana Department of Labor and Industry

2:30 – Montana Demographic Report

- Joshua Poulette, Sam Schaefer, Molly DelCurto, Alice Hecht - LFD

3:30 – Public Comment

January 10, 2024, Helena, MT – State Capitol Room 317 (Joint with Education Interim Committee)
8:00 A.M.

8:00 – Roll Call

8:05 - Committee Descriptions and Duties

- MARA role in statute and products/outcomes – Joshua Poulette and Nick VanBrown - LFD
- EDIC role and work plan – Pad McCracken and Laura Sankey Keip – Leg. Services Div. (LSD)
- EIBC role and work plan – Julia Pattin - LFD

8:30 - The Future of Education

- Ulcca Joshi Hansen - Chief Program Officer, Grantmakers for Education, and author of "The Future of Smart"
- Virgel Hammonds, Chief Learning Officer - KnowledgeWorks
- Questions/discussion with the committees

10:00 - Break

10:15 - Reflections on Visit to Bishop Carroll High School

- Chairs Jones, Bedey, and Salomon and other participants

10:45 - Artificial Intelligence and Implications for Education

- Jason Neiffer, Mike Agostinelli, and Caitlin Byers - Montana Digital Academy

Noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. – For This and Future Generations: Using Education and Workforce Data to Better Serve Students and Families

- Paige Kowalski and Camila Camborda – Data Quality Campaign
- Sean Cottrell and Baron Rodriguez – Data Integration Support Center (DISC) at WestEd
- Montana’s HB 949 (2023 Session) Overview
 - Rep. David Bedey, Bill Sponsor
 - Pad McCracken, LSD
- Questions/discussion with the committees

3:00 - Break

3:15 School funding: The Decennial Study and Data Haves, Wants, Needs

- What is the "Decennial Study"? – Pad McCracken, LSD
- Basics of Cost Studies – Mike Griffith, Senior Researcher and Policy Analyst, Learning Policy Institute
- Current data tools – Julia Pattin, LFD
- Questions/discussion with the committees

4:30 – Committee Business and Future Meetings

4:45 - Public Comment