



## Health and Human Services Interim Budget Committee

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Room 172  
Helena, Montana

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### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rep. Bob Keenan, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)

### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Josh Poulette, Senior Fiscal Analyst  
Julia Hamilton, Fiscal Analyst  
Grace Gibney, Secretary

### **AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))**

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

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

09:02:41 Rep. Bob Keenan called the meeting to order. Staff took committee roll.

**LFD QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND MEDICAID MONITORING REPORT:**

09:04:44 Julia Hamilton, Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) presented LFD Quarterly Financial Report.

09:20:42 Josh Poulette, Senior Fiscal Analyst, (LFD) presented Medicaid Monitoring Report.

09:33:12 Sen. Carl Glimm joined the meeting.

**RECESS:**

09:34:12 Reconvened at 09:46:48

**DPHHS UPDATES:**

09:47:01 Charlie Brereton, Director, Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS) gave updates relating to the agency's organizational highlights. Provided an update on current staff recruitment goals.

09:55:11 Jennifer Savage, Healthcare Facilities Administrator, DHHS introduced herself to the committee and described her background and new role as division administrator.

09:57:32 Dr. Micah Hoffman, Medical Director, Warm Springs Hospital gave and introduction to the committee.

10:02:00 Kim Aiken, Chief Financial Officer, DPHHS presented SFY24 Initial Update and discussed updates on ARPA funding.

11:12:17 Rep. Mary Caferro asked questions surrounding Medicaid eligibility and the current redetermination process.

11:16:33 Gene Hermanson, Medicaid Officer, DPHHS explained updates on Medicaid provider rate adjustments, discussed Montana Milestones Part C.

**LUNCH:**

12:08:26 Reconvened at 12:47:47

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

12:48:10 Jackie Mohler, Executive Director, Family Outreach spoke about provider rate study and effect of services provided at Family Outreach.

12:53:44 Jason Smith, Executive Director, Montana Consortium For Urban Indian Health spoke about impact of Medicaid redetermination process on Indian Health in Montana and need for outreach strategies.

12:55:55 Coleen Smith, Executive Director, Youth Connections/ Montana Alliance and Prevention spoke about concerns about perceived misleading data in the Heart Funding Report.

### **HEALTHCARE FACILITIES DIVISION UPDATE:**

- 01:00:25 Mike Randall, Facilities Director, DPHHS noted recent accomplishments and gave the committee an update on reform initiatives.
- 01:09:41 Kim Aiken, Chief Financial Officer, DPHHS gave an update on contracting expenditures and contract staffing utilization.

### **HB 872 UPDATE:**

- 01:30:18 Rep. Bob Keenan gave an update on HB 872 committee meetings on early childhood services and behavioral health.
- 01:37:41 Charlie Brereton, Director, DPHHS continued to discuss HB 872 Behavioral Health System for Future Generations and report on development process.
- 01:55:47 Rep. Jane Gillette asked questions relating to child care subsidies and home visiting.
- 02:03:52 Tracy Moseman, Bureau Chief, Early Childhood, DPHHS answered questions about the effects of HB

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- 02:13:35 Sen. Dennis Lenz suggested a joint meeting with Children and Families committee in March 2024.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 02:20:57 Mary Windecker. Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana made comments on provider rate increases.
- 02:25:48 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director NAMI Montana made comments on fiscal sustainability of facilities.
- 02:30:16 Sarah Corbally, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Montana Coalition on Advocacy Work, Montana Home Visiting Coalition discussed home visiting funds usage and made comments on prevention and wellness.
- 02:34:59 Rose Hughes, Montana Healthcare Association made comments on provider rates and redetermination and the adjustments that affect assisted living facilities.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- 02:40:39 Rep. Bob Keenan adjourned the meeting.