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Agenda
December 15, 2021
State Capitol Room 152

8:30 a.m. Call to order
Roll call and approval of minutes
New staff assignments
Staff introduction – Alice Hecht, LFD

8:35 a.m. Montana State Library
• Quarterly Financial Report – Katy Callon, LFD
• Update on the real-time network, MLIA funding (HB 49), and 911 funding (HB 50)
  – Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

9:00 a.m. Montana Indian Language Preservation (MILP) and Immersion Programs
• Overview of Rep. Windy Boy’s work
• Accessing MILP Program materials at the Montana Historical Society – Molly Kruckenberg, Montana Historical Society Director
• Panel Discussion - TBD

10:30 a.m. Public Comment

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Commissioner of Higher Education
• Quarterly Financial Report – Katie Guenther, LFD
• Update on shared policy goals – OCHE
• Update on one-time-only appropriations for Finishing Trades, Teacher Education Programs, Workforce Recovery, Accelerate Montana, Cyber Hub, and HiSET – TBD

12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided for committee members)

1:00 p.m. Montana Historical Society
• Quarterly Financial Report – Katie Guenther, LFD

1:15 p.m. Montana Arts Council
• Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
1:30 p.m.  Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB)
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
- Update on the phone system – MSDB

1:50 p.m.  Board of Public Education
- Quarterly Financial Report – Alice Hecht, LFD
- Funding and duties of the Board of Public Education – Alice Hecht, LFD
- Historical perspective on changes in accreditation standards and potential statutory changes– Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division

2:45 p.m.  Break

3:00 p.m.  Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
- Update on Covid-19 Funding – OPI
- Update on the implementation of CSCT – OPI
- Update on the implementation of HB 206 – OPI
- Fall Enrollment and Potential Implications to the Budget- OPI
- Options for funding K-12 enrollment increases – Paul Taylor, OPI Budget Analyst
- Update on staffing levels for the Database Modernization project and Indian Education programs (Indian Language Immersion, Indian Language Preservation, Indian Education for All, and Indian Student Achievement) – OPI

4:30 p.m.  Committee Discussion – Next steps for the work plan

5:00 p.m.  Public Comment

5:15 p.m.  Adjourn