

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Called to Order:** By Chairman Edith Clark, on January 8, 2007 at 0800 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Edith Clark, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Dan Weinberg, Vice Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)  
Sen. Greg Lind (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Sen. Gregg Barkus R  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Robert V. Andersen, Governor's Budget Office  
Pat Sullivan, Governor's Budget Office  
Marilyn Daumiller, Legislative Branch  
Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary  
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: Secure Examination and Treatment Program, (STEP)

Executive Action: None.

**EXHIBIT (jhh04a01)**

00:11:26 **Motion:** Sen. Lind moved that signed proxy votes be accepted by the committee Chairman.

**Discussion:**

00:13:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:27:50 Break

00:54:53 Reconvene

**Secure Examination and Treatment Program, (STEP)**

**Informational Testimony:**

**EXHIBIT (jhh04a02)**

00:56:27 Joan Miles, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services, (DPHHS)

01:05:31 Mike Ferriter, Director, Department of Corrections

01:12:24 Joyce DeCunzo, Director, Mental Health Disorders Division

01:17:22 Deb Mateucci, Mental Disorders Program Facilitator

**EXHIBIT (jhh04a03)**

01:39:44 John Chappuis, Deputy Director, DPHHS

**EXHIBIT (jhh04a04)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:47:49 Sen. Weinberg

01:49:15 Rep. Morgan

01:50:18 Sen. Steve Gallus

01:54:20 Rep. Kastan

02:02:20 Sen. Lind

02:05:03 Rep. Jayne

02:09:37 Sen. Bales

02:16:09 Rep. Hawk

02:19:19 Sen. Weinberg

02:26:02 Sen. Cobb

02:39:25 Sen. Lind

02:45:59 Gary Himmel

02:46:30 Sen. Barkus

02:52:04 Rep. Morgan

02:52:44 Sen. Gallus, Sen. Weinberg, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kasten left the hearing

03:07:53 Sen. Cobb assumed the Chair

03:09:15 Sen. Brueggeman left the hearing

03:07:53 Rep. Janey

03:12:09 Rep. Hollenbaugh

03:13:44 Rep. Janey left the hearing  
03:13:59 Patty Jocks, individual  
03:21:09 Mignon Waterman, individual  
03:25:38 Anita Roessmann, Staff Attorney for Montana Advocacy  
Program  
03:26:05 Rep. Clark resumed the Chair.  
03:33:44 Cathy McGowan, representing four Mental Health Centers  
03:36:41 Bonnie Addee, Mental Health Ombudsmen  
03:39:41 Tracy Valazquez, Montana Mental Health Association  
03:45:05 Mike Thatcher, Community Correctional Services  
03:50:56 Diana Koch, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of  
Corrections  
03:53:41 Dustin Hankinson, Governor's Advisory Committee on  
Disabilities  
04:00:59 Elaine Alstadt, Sweetgrass and Stillwater Mental Health  
Association  
04:02:47 Sen. Weinberg and Sen. Gallus re-joined the hearing

**ADJOURNMENT**

04:04:04 Adjournment.

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REP. EDITH CLARK, Chairman

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PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**[EXHIBIT \(jhh04a05\)](#)**

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