

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chairwoman Teresa K. Henry, on January 22, 2009 at 8:15 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Teresa K. Henry, Chairwoman (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R);
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Marilyn Daumiller, Legislative Branch
Ryan Evans, OBPP
Erin Powers, OBPP
Donna Small, Committee Secretary
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch
Pat Sullivan, OBPP
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: HB 2: Public testimony on
Disability Services Division,
Vocational Rehabilitation Services,
Developmentally Disabled Services,
Disabled Services and other
divisions including Autism Waiver
and Vocational Rehabilitation for
Brain Injured and other disabled.
1/19/2009

Executive Action: None

00:13:42 Rep. Teresa Henry, Chairman, introduced the hearing
impaired interpreter, Vicki Gregori

Independent Living Services

00:16:35 Travis Hoffman

EXHIBIT(jhh15a01)

00:22:19 Michael Bers

EXHIBIT(jhh15a02)

00:25:07 Sen. Schmidt joined the meeting.

00:26:20 Doug Amsden

00:30:37 Chairwoman Henry

00:30:47 Sierra Lode

00:34:38 Reg Gibbs, President, Rocky Mountain Rehab

00:36:58 Doreen Damon, Vocational Rehabilitation for sightless

00:40:59 Chairwoman Henry

00:41:37 Shyla Patera

00:43:58 Chairwoman Henry

00:44:14 Ms. Patera

00:44:19 George Northcutt, North Independent Living Centers,
Black Eagle

00:47:30 Chairwoman Henry

00:47:43 Katie Keil

00:50:43 Greg Olsen, Helena Industries Manager

00:52:17 Kim Gaub, Advocate for Independent Living

00:54:24 Chairwoman Henry

00:50:15 Michael Woods

00:56:38 Barklay Nickel

EXHIBIT(jhh15a03)

00:57:27 Sen. Lewis joined the meeting.

00:57:51 Mr. Nickel

00:59:38 Chairwoman Henry

00:59:59 Kurtis Mayne, Assistant Director, Extended Employment
Services, Missoula

EXHIBIT(jhh15a04)

01:02:52 Barb Noggle

01:05:34 Chairwoman Henry

01:05:44 Bob Maffit, Independent Living Project, Helena

01:10:33 Chairwoman Henry

01:10:43 Mark Sanders

01:12:16 Tom Osborn, Director, North Central Independent Living

01:13:03 Faith Dawson

01:15:12 Chairwoman Henry

01:15:22 Roxie Arnett

01:16:05 Al Bartos

EXHIBIT(jhh15a05)

01:20:20 Rita Schilling, Director, Job Connection, Billings

01:21:57 Austin Hajek

01:22:58 Char Harasymczuk, President, Association of the Deaf

01:26:41 Christie Huber

01:27:48 Julia M. Saylor

EXHIBIT(jhh15a06)

01:36:16 Recess

01:51:04 Reconvened

01:51:39 Jan Cahill, Executive Director, Montana Disability
Services, Opportunity Resources

EXHIBIT(jhh15a07)

01:55:56 Michelle Belknap, President, Easter Seals

EXHIBIT(jhh15a08)

01:57:01 Lori Kaiser

01:58:35 Chairwoman Henry

02:01:01 Sen. Gary Branae, SD 27, Board Member, Core
Enterprises

02:03:09 Rep. Timothy Furey, HD 91, Missoula, Chairman,
Department of Public Health and Human Services Rates
Commission, also Disabled Veteran

02:06:17 Jason Loble, Lawyer, Board Member, Helena Industries

EXHIBIT(jhh15a09)

02:10:25 Shannon Alexander , Assistant Director, Helena
Industries and Bob Clough, Employee

02:12:20 Lorrie Merrill, Executive Director, Big Sandy
Activities

EXHIBIT(jhh15a10)

02:19:09 Rich Norstrom, Valley Bank

EXHIBIT(jhh15a11)

02:21:47 Edward Sparks

02:24:27 Jenece Jacobs-Sharkey, Opportunity Resources,
Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a12\)](#)

Extended Employment for Disabled

02:29:13 Rojiem Seabrook

02:31:27 Justin Beach

02:32:45 Kathy Fink and son Shay Fink, Family Outreach

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a13\)](#)

02:33:35 Robert Tallon, Executive Director, Reach Inc., Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a14\)](#)

02:35:30 Ken Brown, Director, Reach, Inc., Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a15\)](#)

02:38:23 Rita Schilling, Director, Job Connection Inc.,
Billings

02:40:22 Vanessa Ward

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a16\)](#)

02:42:05 David Eaton, Director, Counterpoint, Livingston

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a17\)](#)

02:44:22 Susan Dow, Developmentally Disabled Children
Service Providers

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a18\)](#)

02:49:09 Recess

02:53:26 Reconvened

Autism Waiver and Other Special Needs Issues

02:53:54 Kimberly Luther

02:58:47 Sen. Schmidt

02:58:51 Ms. Luther

02:59:16 Sen. Schmidt

02:59:30 Ms. Luther

03:00:05 Billie Miller

03:03:00 Susan Pesta

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a19\)](#)

03:06:40 Richard Rader

03:09:49 Paddy Trusler, Lake County Commissioner and Trustee,
Region 5 Child Development Center

03:13:01 Tom McKenna, President, STEP Inc., Billings

03:16:35 Scot Helmig

03:19:57 Tina Owen

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a20\)](#)

03:23:05 Jennifer Whitmire

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a21\)](#)

03:27:04 Kelly Johnson

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a22\)](#)

03:32:53 Jeff Winter

03:38:51 Joe Miller

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a23\)](#)

03:43:44 Amy Marsh

03:46:39 Carol Lumis

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a24\)](#)

3:49:54 Tim Crowe

[EXHIBIT\(jhh15a25\)](#)

03:56:35 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Executive Director,
Disability Rights Montana

04:05:01 Mr. Cahill

04:05:24 Ms. Merrill

ADJOURNMENT

04:13:23 Adjournment: 12:13 P.M.

DONNA SMALL, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT([jhh15a26](#))

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jhh15aad.pdf](#))