

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chairman Teresa K. Henry, on March 13, 2009 at
8:11 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Teresa K. Henry, Chairman (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Marilyn Daumiller, Legislative Branch
Ryan Evans, OBPP
Erin Powers, OBPP
Bryce Bennett, 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 645

Executive Action: Subcommittee Recommendations to the
House Appropriations Committee

00:03:28 Chairwoman Henry discussed the rules of the committee.

Suicide Prevention

00:04:04 Rick Cottingham, self

EXHIBIT (jhh56a01)

00:08:58 Chairwoman Henry

00:09:03 Mr. Cottingham

00:09:11 Chairwoman Henry

00:09:17 Sen. Schmidt

00:09:31 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:09:51 Carl Roston, Department of Public Health and Human
Services (DPHHS)

00:10:22 Sen. Schmidt

00:10:31 Mr. Roston

00:10:50 Sen. Schmidt

00:10:54 Mr. Roston

00:11:21 Sen. Schmidt

00:11:33 Mr. Rosten

00:11:33 Sen. Schmidt

00:11:37 Mr. Rosten

00:11:54 Rep. Morgan

00:12:26 Mr. Roston

Discussion of the Recommendation Process and Projects

00:13:14 Ms. Steinbeck

00:18:19 Sen. Schmidt

00:18:38 Ms. Steinbeck

00:18:51 Sen. Schmidt

00:18:58 Ms. Steinbeck

00:19:07 Sen. Schmidt

00:19:21 Ms. Steinbeck

00:19:53 Marilyn Daumiller, LFD

00:20:26 Chairwoman Henry

00:20:35 Ms. Daumiller

00:20:44 Ms. Steinbeck

00:20:54 Sen. Lewis

00:21:28 Sen. Schmidt

00:22:09 Anna Whiting-Sorrell, Director, DPHHS

00:24:24 Sen. Wanzonried

00:25:05 Sen. Schmidt

00:25:14 Sen. Lewis

00:25:47 Ms. Steinbeck

00:26:29 Chairwoman Henry

00:27:50 Ms. Steinbeck

00:33:09 Chairwoman Henry

00:33:33 Ms. Steinbeck

00:35:05 Sen. Schmidt
00:35:19 Ryan Evans, Office of Budget and Program Planning
(OBPP)
00:36:54 Ms. Steinbeck
00:37:02 Mr. Evans
00:37:57 Chairwoman Henry
00:38:06 Sen. Schmidt
00:38:27 Chairwoman Henry
00:38:38 Sen. Esp
00:38:45 Sen. Schmidt
00:38:50 Chairwoman Henry
00:39:29 Sen. Lewis
00:40:19 Ms. Steinbeck
00:40:36 Mr. Evans

EXHIBIT (jhh56a02)

00:43:19 Sen. Schmidt
00:43:27 Mr. Evans
00:44:06 Ms. Steinbeck
00:45:36 Chairwoman Henry
00:45:54 Mr. Evans
00:46:05 Ms. Steinbeck
00:46:13 Mr. Evans
00:46:16 Ms. Steinbeck
00:46:30 Chairwoman Henry
00:46:45 Mr. Evans
00:47:30 Chairwoman Henry
00:47:39 Mr. Evans
00:47:45 Chairwoman Henry
00:48:04 Mr. Evans
00:49:05 Sen. Schmidt
00:49:13 Chairwoman Henry
00:49:14 Sen. Schmidt
00:49:18 Mr. Evans
00:49:28 Ms. Steinbeck
00:49:51 Mr. Evans
00:50:30 Chairwoman Henry
00:50:58 Sen. Wanzenried
00:51:10 Chairwoman Henry
00:51:15 Sen. Wanzenried
00:51:37 Chairwoman Henry
00:51:45 Sen. Wanzenried
00:52:35 Sen. Schmidt
00:52:58 Chairwoman Henry
00:53:07 Sen. Lewis
00:53:37 Rep. Roberts
00:54:27 Sen. Schmidt
00:55:04 Chairwoman Henry
00:55:18 Sen. Wanzenried
00:55:57 Chairwoman Henry
00:56:27 Laurie Lamson, DPHHS

00:57:32 Chairwoman Henry
00:58:19 Ms. Lampson
00:59:30 Sen. Schmidt
00:59:33 Chairwoman Henry
00:59:37 Sen. Wanzenried
01:00:01 Ms. Lampson
01:00:35 Sen. Wanzenried
01:00:45 Mr. Evans
01:01:10 Sen. Wanzenried
01:01:25 Mr. Evans
01:01:43 Sen. Schmidt
01:01:50 Chairwoman Henry

01:02:40 Recess
01:58:30 Reconvene

01:59:06 Chairwoman Henry
01:59:17 Ms. Steinbeck
02:01:45 Chairwoman Henry
02:01:47 Rep. Morgan
02:02:22 Ms. Steinbeck
02:02:37 Rep. Morgan
02:03:19 Sen. Wanzenried
02:03:46 Rep. Morgan
02:04:06 Ms. Steinbeck

02:04:26 **Motion:** Rep. Morgan moved a recommendation to allocate Medicaid \$60 million general fund in HB 645 according to items in the Subcommittee Decision Document.

Discussion:

02:04:44 Sen. Wanzenried
02:05:04 Amy Carlson, OBPP

02:09:34 Rep. Morgan withdrew her motion.

Discussion of the Recommendation Process and Projects

02:09:58 Sen. Lewis
02:10:34 David Ewer, Budget Director, OBPP
02:13:57 Sen. Lewis
02:14:50 Mr. Ewer
02:16:45 Sen. Lewis
02:17:38 Mr. Ewer
02:19:43 Chairwoman Henry

02:20:07 **Motion:** Rep. Henry moved a recommendation to allocate non-Medicaid aging services \$10 million general fund in HB 645 according to items in the Subcommittee Decision Packet.

Discussion:

02:21:26 Sen. Lewis

02:22:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:23:18 **Motion:** Rep. Morgan moved a recommendation to place in HB 645 a 2% per year increase in provider rates with the provision that non-direct care workers receive the same percentage raise as direct care workers.

02:25:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:25:28 **Motion:** Rep. Roberts moved a recommendation that should HB 130, HB 131, and HB 132 be passed, they be approved for funding in HB 645.

02:25:46 Chairwoman Henry

02:26:13 Sen. Wanzenried

02:26:32 Chairwoman Henry

02:26:53 Rep. Morgan

02:27:11 Ms. Daumiller

02:27:24 Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary

02:27:35 **Motion:** Rep. Roberts amended the motion to recommend that the language of HB 60, HB 130, HB 131, and HB 132 be inserted in HB 645 and that funding be allocated in accordance with the bills' language.

Discussion:

02:28:00 Rep. Morgan

02:28:12 Chairwoman Henry

02:28:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:29:04 **Motion:** Rep. Wanzenried moved a recommendation to allocate \$2.5 million general fund in HB 645 for food for food banks over the biennium in addition to the money set aside in the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act".

Discussion:

02:29:44 Rep. Morgan

02:30:00 Sen. Wanzenried

02:30:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:30:32 Rep. Morgan

02:31:37 **Motion:** Rep. Morgan moved a recommendation to allocate \$10 million general fund in HB 645 for Montana Rescue Missions with the funds being distributed depending on number of people served.

Discussion:

02:32:14 Chairwoman Henry

02:32:34 Sen. Wanzenried

02:32:56 Ms. Daumiller

02:33:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:33:49 **Motion:** Rep. Pease-Lopez moved a recommendation to allocate \$800,000 general fund in HB 645 for four new Adult Protection Services full-time employees.

Discussion:

02:34:34 Rep. Pease-Lopez

02:34:53 Sen. Wanzenried

02:35:11 Ms. Steinbeck

02:35:22 Sen. Wanzenried

02:35:34 Rep. Pease-Lopez

02:36:24 Chairwoman Henry

02:36:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:36:58 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved a recommendation to allocate \$200,000 general fund in HB 645 for Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Facilitation Service.

02:37:49 **Vote:** Motion passed 7-1 with Rep. Morgan voting no.

02:38:09 Rep. Morgan

02:39:27 Hank Hudson, DPHHS

02:40:11 Rep. Morgan

02:40:26 Mr. Hudson

02:43:18 Rep. Morgan

02:43:56 Mr. Hudson
02:45:10 Rep. Morgan
02:45:30 Mr. Hudson
02:46:45 Rep. Morgan
02:47:11 Ms. Daumiller
02:47:36 Rep. Morgan
02:48:15 Chairwoman Henry
02:48:20 Ms. Daumiller

02:48:23 **Motion:** Rep. Morgan moved the recommendation that 'Temporary Assistance for Needy Families' (TANF) be tracked and reported by the Legislative Finance Committee.

Discussion:

02:48:28 Ms. Daumiller
02:48:36 Sen. Wanzenried
02:49:28 Mr. Hudson
02:50:21 Sen. Wanzenried
02:50:36 Mr. Hudson

02:51:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved an amendment to the recommendation that people being assisted with TANF money receive job or employment skill training. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:

02:51:27 Chairwoman Henry
02:52:03 Rep. Morgan
02:52:11 Ms. Daumiller
02:53:51 Sen. Wanzenried

02:54:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:54:42 **Motion:** Rep. Morgan moved the recommendation that the allocation for a Southwestern Veterans' Home be removed from HB 645.

Discussion:

02:56:05 Sen. Lewis
02:57:11 Rep. Morgan
02:58:03 Rep. Pease-Lopez
02:58:28 Sen. Lewis

02:59:45 **Vote:** Motion passed 7-1 by voice vote with Sen. Lewis voting no.

03:00:28 Chairwoman Henry
03:00:38 Rep. Pease-Lopez
03:01:01 Chairwoman Henry
03:01:09 Rep. Pease-Lopez
03:01:39 Chairwoman Henry
03:01:46 Becky Beckert-Graham, Fiscal Bureau Chief, DPHHS
03:04:00 Chairwoman Henry
03:04:40 Rep. Pease-Lopez
03:05:25 Ms. Beckert-Graham
03:06:07 Rep. Pease-Lopez
03:06:23 Ms. Beckert-Graham
03:06:34 Rep. Pease-Lopez
03:07:14 Chairwoman Henry
03:08:37 Sen. Wanzenried
03:09:07 Sen. Schmidt
03:09:46 Ms. Steinbeck
03:09:54 Sen. Schmidt
03:11:07 Chairwoman Henry

03:12:33 **Motion:** Sen. Schmidt moved the recommendation that \$30,000 general fund be allocated for contracts for staff education family find, \$356,812 general fund be allocated for a pilot project to stabilize foster care caseload, and \$241,314 general fund for education public defenders, CFSD, Courts and Stakeholders in HB 645 according to items in the Subcommittee Decision Document.

Discussion:

03:12:53 Rep. Morgan
03:13:15 Sen. Schmidt
03:14:07 Ms. Daumiller
03:14:47 Sen. Schmidt
03:14:53 Rep. Morgan
03:14:58 Ms. Daumiller
03:15:24 Sen. Schmidt
03:15:36 Chairwoman Henry
03:15:50 Rep. Morgan
03:16:37 Chairwoman Henry

03:16:40 Sen. Schmidt withdrew her motion.

03:16:47 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved a recommendation that the House Appropriations Committee reconcile differences between the Subcommittee on Public Health and Human Services and the Subcommittee on Corrections regarding the 7% vacancy savings for institutional employees.

03:17:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

03:18:07 Sen. Wanzenried

03:19:05 Mr. Evans

03:19:31 Sen. Wanzenried

03:19:38 Mr. Evans

03:19:56 Sen. Wanzenried

ADJOURNMENT

03:20:25 Adjournment: 11:32 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

Subcommittee Decision Packet

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jhh56aad.pdf](#))