

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Don Roberts, on January 25, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Don Roberts, Chair (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. John Esp (R)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Marilyn Daumiller, Legislative Branch
Miranda Keaster, 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:

Public Testimony: Senior and Long-term Care Division, Veteran's Services, Aging Services and Adult Protective Services, Skilled Nursing, Home Based & Waiver Services

00:00:03 Chairman Roberts

Veteran's Services

Public Testimony:

00:01:50 Larry Longfellow, Veteran's of Foreign Wars and Ladies Axillary of Montana

00:02:30 Terry Minnow, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Aging Services and Adult Protective Services

Public Testimony:

00:04:15 Laurie Brengle, President, Montana Areas on Aging Director's Association

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a01\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a02\)**](#)

00:10:07 Duayne Lutke, Polson Area Agency on Aging

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a03\)**](#)

00:14:53 Gwen Compton, Meals on Wheels

00:19:01 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a04\)**](#)

00:21:24 Rob Rung, Cascade County Aging Services

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a05\)**](#)

00:25:13 Denise Armstrong, Big Sky Senior Services

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a06\)**](#)

00:31:03 Ruby Owens, Community Member

00:33:06 Jo Lamey, Client Representative, Big Sky Senior Services

00:35:52 Karen Erdie, Director, Roundup Area Agency

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a07\)**](#)

00:39:28 Jack Johnson, Billings Community Member

00:44:09 Caroline Squires, Missoula Senior Companion

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a08\)**](#)

00:50:27 Jim Streeter, Missoula Meals on Wheels Driver

00:56:21 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a09\)**](#)

00:58:23 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

01:02:36 Erin McGowan Fincham, Montana Association of Areas on Aging

01:03:40 Dick Haines, Missoula Aging Service

01:08:00 Bernie O'Connor, Programs Officer, Missoula Aging Services

01:12:30 D'ete McLaughlin, Adult Protective Services

01:14:24 Rich Sherman, Home Caregiver

01:19:30 Jim Atkinson, Director, Flathead County Area on Aging

01:21:24 Chairman Roberts

01:22:14 Recess

01:34:16 Reconvene

01:34:25 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a10\)**](#)

01:34:46 Chairman Roberts

Skilled Nursing

Public Testimony:

01:35:02 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a11\)**](#)

01:42:32 Sarah Garlock, Certified Nurses Assistant, Eagle Cliff Manor

01:43:45 Kathy Hammond, Executive Director, Village Health Care Center

01:46:58 John Tierney, Certified Nurses Assistant, Rocky Mountain Care Center

01:48:30 Kathleen McCardell, Elkhorn Health and Rehabilitation Center

01:52:41 Dev Heegele, Recreation Therapist, Emmanuel Lutheran Home

01:55:21 Jackie Myers, Director, Laurel Health and Rehabilitation

01:57:28 Eric Bryson, Chief Administrator, Lewis and Clark County Health Center

02:00:04 Alexis Laurie, Social Services Director, Eagle Cliff Manor

02:02:36 Frank Soltys, Executive Director, Benefis Health Care

02:05:51 Miranda Meunier, Nurse Practitioner, Billings Clinic Program All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a12\)**](#)

02:12:17 Clark Swan, Billings Community Member

02:16:00 Chairman Roberts

02:16:32 Ann Gonzalez, Director, Billings Clinic,PACE

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a13\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a14\)**](#)

02:21:46 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals of Montana

02:22:22 Lee Jensen, Executive Director, Laurel Health and Rehabilitation Center

02:25:34 Bernice Zimmermann, Admissions Director, Village Health Care

02:28:29 Dale Patterson, Chief Financial Officer, EmpRes Health Care

02:30:48 Stacy Hardy, Social Worker, Village Health Care

02:35:31 Gary Buchanan, Registered Nurse, Emmanuel Lutheran Home

02:37:02 Maura Uggetti, Copper Ridge

02:38:38 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

[**EXHIBIT\(jhh19a15\)**](#)

Questions and Comments:

02:42:37 Chairman Roberts

02:42:42 Sen. Caferro

02:43:08 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association

02:43:19 Sen. Caferro

02:43:30 Rose Hughes

02:43:42 Sen. Caferro

02:44:30 Rose Hughes

02:45:34 Sen. Lewis

02:46:47 Miranda Meunier, Billings, PACE

02:47:25 Chairman Roberts

02:47:38 Miranda Meunier

02:48:00 Chairman Roberts
02:48:06 Miranda Meunier
02:48:27 Chairman Roberts
02:48:40 Lee Jensen, Executive Director, Laurel Health and Rehabilitation Center
02:49:53 Chairman Roberts
02:50:02 Roger Hagan, The American Legion of Montana
02:52:05 Brian Huso, Eagle Cliff Manager

Traumatic Brain Injury

Public Testimony:

02:54:14 Chairman Roberts
02:54:17 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a16\)](#)
02:58:31 Tana Ostrowski, Traumatic Brain Injury Family Member
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a17\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a18\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a19\)](#)
03:00:17 Ian Elliot, Montana Traumatic Brain Injury Person
03:03:17 Shawna Mickel, Montana Traumatic Brain Injury Person
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a20\)](#)
03:05:46 Terri Stephens, Brain Injury Hotline Employee
03:09:17 Doug Amsden, Montana Traumatic Brain Injury Person
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a21\)](#)
03:10:45 Kristin Nicholson, Montana Traumatic Brain Injury Person
03:13:20 Chairman Roberts
03:13:24 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
03:13:52 Mark Sanders, Brain Injury Association of Montana
03:15:06 Kristin Morgan, Montana Traumatic Brain Injury Person
03:15:50 Jesse Crawford, Montana Traumatic Brain Injury Person

Home Based and Waiver Services

Public Testimony:

03:18:39 DeeDee Rhodes, Montana Independent Living Project
03:20:59 Sheila James, Receiver of Services
03:24:22 Kelly Casiasis, Parent
03:27:10 Shyla Pattera, North Central Independent Living Services
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a22\)](#)
03:29:16 Mark Sanders, Brain Injury Association of Montana
03:30:30 Travis Hoffman, Montana Independent Living Centers
03:35:03 Claudia Clifford, AARP
03:37:29 Brooke Jaqueth, Receiver of Services
03:39:48 Jennifer Sutliff, Receiver of Services
03:41:34 Donna Harrison, Caregiver of Kay Brown
03:43:23 Kendra Riggs, Receiver of Services

03:46:13 Jerry Golins, Receiver of Services

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a23\)](#)

03:50:50 Brittany Ki-+nnard, Receiver of Services

03:53:22 Scott Birkenb----uel, Montana Independent Living Program

03:55:11 Susan Kohler, Chief Executive Officer, Missoula Aging Services

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a24\)](#)

03:58:08 Laurie Miller, Easter Seals Goodwill

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a25\)](#)

04:01:39 Craig Heine, Easter Seals Goodwill

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a26\)](#)

04:03:51 Paula Bridger, Family Member of Disabled

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a27\)](#)

04:05:06 Nan Creighton, Receiver of Services

04:07:59 Penelope Loucas, Family Member of Service Receiver

04:10:11 Roberta MacGrady, Receiver of Services

04:11:41 Chris Fleming Bloxom, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a28\)](#)

04:14:07 Jackie Helt, Home Care Workers

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a29\)](#)

04:15:47 Ann Geiger, Executive Director, Liberty Place

04:17:11 Bob Maffit, Executive Director, Montana Independent Project

04:19:57 Chairman Roberts

04:20:06 Rep. Belcourt

04:20:26 Chairman Roberts

04:20:29 Sen. Caferro

04:21:24 Rep. Esp

04:21:38 Chairman Roberts

ADJOURNMENT

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Miranda Keaster, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a30\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a31\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a32\)](#)

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jhh19aad.pdf](#))