

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Ron Ehli, on January 28, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ron Ehli, Chair (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Pat Noonan (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Scot Conrady, Legislative Branch  
Cynthia Hollimon, Legislative Branch  
Noah Horan, Committee Secretary  
Lois Steinbeck, 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 Public Testimony - Senior Long Term Care

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON SENIOR LONG TERM CARE DIVISION**

**VETERANS SERVICES TESTIMONY:**

00:01:54 Jim Higgins, Montana National Guard Veterans Association  
00:08:38 Gary White, American Legion of Montana; Disabled American Veterans

**AGING SERVICES TESTIMONY:**

00:10:55 Lisa Shepherd, Area IV Agency on Aging  
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a01\)](#)

00:15:59 Barbara Blanchard, Self  
00:19:00 Richard Twelzy Sr., Self  
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a02\)](#)

00:22:48 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner  
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a03\)](#)

00:25:29 Claire Adrienne, Client, Missoula Aging Services  
00:33:15 Tammy Walston, testifying on behalf of Vanessa Fitchett, Long Term Care  
Ombudsman, Polson Agency on Aging  
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a04\)](#)

00:37:21 Frank Peterson, Self  
00:42:30 Susan Bailey, Program Manager, Adult Resource Alliance Center  
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a05\)](#)

00:46:51 Denise Armstrong, Executive Director, Big Sky Senior Services  
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a06\)](#)

00:51:15 Claudia Clifford, American Association of Retired Persons  
00:52:07 Erin McGowan, Montana Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a07\)](#)

**SKILLED NURSING TESTIMONY:**

00:58:43 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Healthcare Association  
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a08\)](#)

01:05:02 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association  
[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a09\)](#)

01:08:25 Peter Gray, Benefis  
01:11:23 Eric Wood, CEO, Pioneer Medical Center  
01:14:41 Kyle Hopstad, Interim Administrator  
01:18:08 Katherine Beaty, Administrator, Valley View Estates  
01:21:17 Joe Dosen, Self  
01:23:15 Sarah Garlock, Human Resources Coordinator, Eagle Cliff Healthcare  
01:25:29 Kelly Bilau, Administrator, Brendan House  
01:30:22 Lisa Herrera, Certified Nursing Assistant, Rocky Mountain Care Center  
01:32:10 Maura Uggetti, Copper Ridge Health and Rehab  
01:36:41 Sally Hanson, Social Worker, Eagle Cliff Healthcare

01:39:21 Bonnie Tighe, Elkhorn Healthcare and Rehabilitation  
01:42:04 Gary Spaeth, Self  
01:48:42 Carly Kveseth, Eagle Cliff Healthcare  
01:51:56 Heather Franklin, Eagle Cliff Healthcare  
01:53:51 Tom Klotz, Administrator, Elkhorn Healthcare and Rehabilitation  
01:58:37 John Pickett, Administrator, Hot Springs Healthcare and Rehabilitation  
02:01:28 Guy Hayter, Big Sky Healthcare Community  
02:02:49 Terri Roche, Director of Reimbursement, EmpRes Healthcare Management  
**[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a10\)](#)**

02:06:38 Bob Frye, Self  
02:12:28 George Bewick, Administrator, Rocky Mountain Healthcare  
02:15:08 Brian Huso, Administrator, Eagle Cliff Healthcare

02:19:00 Chair Ehli

02:19:27 Recess  
02:34:03 Reconvened

02:34:26 Denise Armstrong, Big Sky Senior Services  
02:34:48 Laura Yamamoto, Adult Protective Services  
02:34:59 Denise Armstrong, Big Sky Senior Services  
02:35:46 Laura Yamamoto, Adult Protective Services  
02:37:07 Denise Armstrong, Big Sky Senior Services  
02:37:14 Chair Ehli

**HOME-BASED AND WAIVER SERVICES TESTIMONY:**

02:39:17 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center  
**[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a11\)](#)**

02:42:26 Justice Ender, Summit Independent Living Center  
**[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a12\)](#)**

02:44:35 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services  
**[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a13\)](#)**  
**[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a14\)](#)**

02:46:55 Nancy Davenport, Self  
**[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a15\)](#)**

02:49:01 Kelly Lynch, testifying on behalf of Connor Casillas  
02:53:38 Liz Davies, Supervisor, Community Medical Center; Glenna Dreese  
02:56:10 Adam Atkins, Self  
02:57:40 Michelle Williamson, Self  
**[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a16\)](#)**

03:01:19 Vicki King, Self  
03:04:07 Richard Frisbee, Self  
**[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a17\)](#)**

03:06:51 Brian Irvin, Self  
03:08:20 Rick Eakle, Self  
03:09:35 Michael Woods, North Central Independent Living  
03:11:36 Claudia Clifford, American Association of Retired Persons

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a18\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a19\)](#)

03:14:12 Tyler Stosich, Self  
03:16:22 Todd Wood, Agency on Aging

[EXHIBIT\(jhh19a20\)](#)

03:19:50 Darren Lawson, Self  
03:23:04 Mark Goins, Peer Advocate, Summit Independent Living Center  
03:24:49 Jackie Helt, Service Employees International Union  
03:27:47 Sheila James, Self  
03:31:13 Sheila Thompson, Opportunity Resources  
03:33:59 Christopher Clasby, Self  
03:36:34 Laurie Miller, Registered Nurse, Rescare Home Care  
03:38:47 Gary Nowell, Home and Community-Based Services  
03:40:53 Mike Mayer, Director, Summit Independent Living Center  
03:41:22 Becky Cottrell, Self  
03:43:15 Jim Brown, Self  
03:43:55 Don Johnston, Self  
03:44:16 Mike White, Assisted Living Homes  
03:45:49 John Stevenson, Easter Seals Goodwill  
03:46:56 Verne Anderson, Self  
03:48:03 Patty Rigney, Self  
03:49:31 Naomi Burkett, Nightingale Nursing  
03:50:17 Janessa Hendon, Nightingale Nursing  
03:51:23 Linda Sandman, Sunhaven Assisted Living  
03:52:51 Scott Haeffner, Self  
03:54:11 Rose Hughes, Self  
03:56:22 Glenn Furey, Self  
03:58:35 Diana Mitchell, Self  
03:59:19 Kate Sholy, Opportunity Resources  
03:59:56 Jed Barton, Living Independently

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 04:02:16

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jhh19aad.pdf](#))**