

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on March 16, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 303  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Chair (R)  
Rep. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)  
Rep. Barbara Bessette (D)  
Rep. David Dunn (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Terry Moore (R)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Lydia Balian, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, 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 425, 2/14/2019; HB 658, 3/13/2019

09:03:03 Chair Lenz

### **HEARING ON HB 425**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:07:00 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 425, Revise and make permanent Medicaid expansion.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(huh54a01\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(huh54a02\)\*\*](#)

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

09:11:18 SJ Howell, Montana Women Vote (MWV), Healthy Montana Coalition

09:13:36 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(huh54a03\)\*\*](#)

09:18:29 Ligia Arango, self

09:22:04 Dr. Shawna Yates, Southwest Montana Community Health Center

09:24:47 Jason McNees, self

09:27:21 Jennifer Show, self

09:30:12 Holly Blouch, self

09:33:29 Darrell Valance, self

09:38:40 Gina Lytle, self

09:43:50 Joanna Wales, Community Health Partners

09:47:31 Dr. Wendy Grace, self

09:49:22 Kate Clyatt, self

09:50:31 Kristi King, Community Health Partners

09:53:29 Craig Aasved, Shodair Children's Hospital

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(huh54a04\)\*\*](#)

09:55:17 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(huh54a05\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(huh54a06\)\*\*](#)

09:55:50 Diane Magone, Mineral County Hospital

09:58:28 Todd Wilson, Helena Indian Alliance

10:00:52 Richard Liebert, self

10:03:11 Rita Neuman, self

10:08:48 Sarah Caniparoli, self

10:10:38 Barb Mettler, South Central Montana Regional Mental Health Center

10:12:08 Madison Johnson, self

10:14:20 Charlie Smillie, self

10:16:53 Lander Cooney, Community Health Partners

10:19:18 Chaz Rourke, Partnership Health Center

10:21:09 Ezra Davis, Poverello Veterans Center

10:22:53 Eric Schindler, Pureview Health Center

10:24:29 Mike Batista, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Montana

10:25:02 Rebecca Old Elk, Western Native Voice

10:26:56 Dr. Julie Kelso, Billings Clinic

10:30:14 Randy Holom, Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital  
10:32:50 Jill Bonny, Poverello Veteran Services  
10:34:12 Justin Dupree, Fort Peck Indian Tribes  
10:38:23 Michael Corcoran, Chippewa Cree Tribe  
10:39:46 Jessica Windy Boy, Rocky Boy Health Clinic  
10:42:38 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana  
10:44:32 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans  
10:45:57 Mark Gibbons, self  
10:48:31 John Doran, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)  
10:48:50 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)  
10:49:11 Casey Dunning, Missoula Interfaith Collaborative  
10:50:57 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, HD 42  
10:52:00 Elizabeth Mills-Low, self  
10:53:40 Nancy Mills, self  
10:55:52 Ann Buss, self  
11:02:21 Ken Thorson, self  
11:02:48 Andy Boyd, Gallatin Progressive Action Network (GPAN)  
11:03:15 Loren Birdrattler, Blackfeet Nation  
11:03:46 Susan Fenner, Western Native Voice

[EXHIBIT\(huh54a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh54a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh54a09\)](#)

11:04:04 Kim Paul, Blackfeet Nation  
11:04:18 Len Two Teeth, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes  
11:04:35 Dr. John Tremper, Flathead Community Health Center  
11:05:01 Rynalea Pena, Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
11:05:16 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
11:05:31 William Walksalong, Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
11:06:04 Mary Dalton, self  
11:06:22 Nikki Phillips, Benefis Health  
11:06:36 Amy Coseo, American Cancer Society  
11:06:54 Anne Aspholm, self  
11:07:16 Margaret Grayson, Forward Montana Foundation  
11:07:29 Rich Hageman, State Physical Education and Health Teachers Association  
11:07:46 Karlee Simonson, self  
11:08:08 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network  
11:08:21 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor- Congress of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO)  
11:08:27 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce  
11:08:39 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
11:08:50 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
11:09:02 Richard Miltenberger, Montana Health Co-op  
11:09:15 Dr. Keith Foster, Shodair Childrens Hospital  
11:09:30 Dawn Brenner, self  
11:09:48 Meghan Harrington, self  
11:10:07 Stan Ozark, Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital  
11:10:20 Laura Terrill, Planned Parenthood  
11:10:31 Jaquie Helt, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 775

11:10:45 Galen Hollenbaugh, Department of Labor and Industry  
 11:10:56 Amanda Cahill, American Heart Association, American Stroke Association  
 11:11:09 Bill Warden, Bozeman Health, St. Peter's Health  
 11:11:18 Sean Slanger, Montana Lehrerleut Hutterite Colonies  
 11:11:33 Sen. Frank Smith, SD 16  
 11:11:50 Drenda Niemann, Association of Montana Public Health Officials, Montana  
 Public Health Association, Montana Environmental Health Association, Lewis  
 and Clark City County Board of Health  
 11:12:13 Jill Steeley, Pureview Health Center  
 11:12:31 William Snider, Pureview Health Center  
 11:12:41 Genna Southworth, Flathead Community Health Center  
 11:13:04 Craig McCloor, self  
 11:13:20 Anne Giuliano, self  
 11:13:34 Molly Moody, Big Sky 55+  
 11:13:51 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Federation of Public Employees  
 11:14:09 Brenna Love, Associated Students of the University of Montana  
 11:14:22 Sam Forstag, Montana Associate Students  
 11:14:37 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group  
 11:14:50 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Montana  
 11:15:00 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
 (MCADSV)  
 11:15:14 Julia Bartos, Winds of Change Mental Health Center  
 11:15:29 Jonathan Griffin, St. Peters Health, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
 11:15:50 Rep. Casey Schreiner, HD 26

**Opponents' Testimony:**

11:16:31 John Harwood, self  
 11:26:05 Sen. David Howard, SD 29

**EXHIBIT(huh54a10)**

**EXHIBIT(huh54a11)**

11:29:45 Rep. Mark Noland, HD 10  
 11:33:25 Rep. Bradley Tschida, HD 97  
 11:42:41 Rep. Derek Skees, HD 11  
 11:44:57 Sen. Steve Hinebauch, SD 18  
 11:47:08 Brent Mead, Montana Policy Institute  
 11:49:44 Scott Creamer, self  
 11:57:24 Ed Halland, self  
 12:03:36 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity Montana  
 12:03:51 Robert Leach, self  
 12:06:21 Cynthia Marble, self  
 12:11:03 Keith Newmeyer, self  
 12:13:44 Mary McGill, self  
 12:16:12 Raye Newmeyer, self  
 12:17:05 Beth Cooper, self  
 12:21:37 Karla Berglee, self  
 12:23:19 Mike Cooper, self  
 12:25:07 Tim Ravndal, self

**Informational Testimony:**

12:26:17 Cynthia Wolken, Department of Corrections  
12:26:40 Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

12:27:54 Rep. Kelker  
12:28:18 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
12:29:03 Rep. Kelker  
12:29:17 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
12:29:53 Rep. Morigeau  
12:30:44 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
12:32:05 Rep. Bessette  
12:33:04 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana  
12:33:27 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
12:33:44 Rep. Dunwell  
12:35:50 Ann Buss, self  
12:38:30 Chair Lenz  
12:39:20 Rep. Bessette  
12:39:25 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
12:40:13 Rep. Bessette  
12:40:24 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
12:40:45 Rep. Usher  
12:41:27 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity Montana  
12:42:40 Rep. Usher  
12:43:34 Rep. Caferro  
12:45:32 Rep. Webb  
12:46:13 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
12:46:39 Rep. Webb  
12:46:43 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
12:47:21 Rep. Mandeville  
12:48:58 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
12:50:00 Rep. Bahr  
12:50:28 Jessica Windy Boy, Rocky Boy Health Clinic  
12:51:18 Rep. Bahr  
12:51:30 Jessica Windy Boy, Rocky Boy Health Clinic  
12:52:11 Rep. Abbott  
12:52:41 Cynthia Wolken, Department of Corrections  
12:53:59 Rep. Ricci  
12:54:20 Rep. Caferro  
12:56:06 Rep. Winter  
12:56:19 Vice Chair Pierson  
12:56:36 Madison Johnson, self  
12:56:40 Vice Chair Pierson  
12:56:52 Madison Johnson, self  
12:57:01 Rep. Morigeau  
12:57:54 Dr. Yates, Southwest Montana Community Health Center  
12:59:08 Rep. Kelker  
12:59:49 Mary Dalton, self  
13:01:06 Rep. Dunwell

13:02:04 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

**Closing by Sponsor:**

13:03:36 Rep. Caferro

13:14:32 Recessed

13:36:14 Reconvened

13:36:16 Chair Lenz

**HEARING ON HB 658**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

13:38:01 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 658, Generally revise healthcare laws and permanently expand Medicaid.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

13:55:14 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

**EXHIBIT(huh54a12)**

13:56:30 Nikki Phillips, Benefis Health

13:57:49 Dr. Jane Gillette, self

14:00:57 Rep. Nancy Ballance, HD 87

14:06:25 Keith Newmeyer, self

14:07:45 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana

14:11:40 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

14:17:01 Craig Aasved, Shodair Children's Hospital

14:17:37 Randy Holom, Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital

14:18:28 John Doran, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

14:21:14 Dr. Julie Kelso, Billings Clinic

**EXHIBIT(huh54a13)**

14:22:25 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce

14:23:27 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce

14:25:13 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

14:28:13 Sean Slanger, Montana Lehrerleut Hutterite Colonies

14:29:15 Bill Warden, Bozeman Health, St. Peter's Health

14:29:53 Raye Newmeyer, self

14:30:21 John Harwood, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

14:35:32 SJ Howell, Montana Women Vote (MWV), Healthy Montana Coalition

14:38:55 Mike Batista, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Montana

14:46:44 Mary Dalton, self

15:04:13 Ed Halland, self

15:04:52 Wendy Cross Guns, self

15:06:14 Todd Wilson, Helena Indian Alliance

15:08:01 Rynalea Pena, Northern Cheyenne Tribe

15:11:43 Philomena Whiteman, self  
15:12:32 Jessica Windy Boy, Rocky Boy Health Center  
15:14:25 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, HD 42  
15:19:46 Jess Rhoades, Governor's Office

**EXHIBIT(huh54a14)**

15:21:58 Loren Birdrattler, Blackfeet Nation  
15:24:08 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

**EXHIBIT(huh54a15)**

**EXHIBIT(huh54a16)**

15:27:01 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Montana  
15:30:05 Sen. Keith Regier, SD 3

**EXHIBIT(huh54a17)**

15:33:14 Kate Clyatt, self  
15:36:00 Ezra Davis, Poverello Veteran Services  
15:37:42 Jessica Crist, Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church  
15:39:21 Kristin Page-Nei, American Cancer Society  
15:42:01 Amy Coseo, self  
15:44:45 Joanna Wales, Community Health Partners (CHP)  
15:47:12 Chaz Rourke, Partnership Health Center  
15:48:21 Dr. Wendy Grace, self  
15:50:24 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

**EXHIBIT(huh54a18)**

**EXHIBIT(huh54a19)**

15:51:14 Ann Buss, self  
15:53:15 Mark Anderlik, Montana Public Health and Social Services Coalition  
15:55:41 Dr. John Tremper, Flathead Community Health Center  
16:01:11 Madison Johnson, self  
16:03:30 Kristi King, Community Health Partners  
16:04:43 Kim McKeehan, Little Shell Tribal Council  
16:05:32 Kim Paul, self  
16:09:00 Dr. Shawna Yates, self  
16:09:21 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)  
16:09:47 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network  
16:10:04 Laurel Hesse, Planned Parenthood  
16:10:24 Tom Newell, Opportunity Solutions Project  
16:10:46 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students  
16:11:20 Janice Frisch, self  
16:11:41 Gary Marks, self  
16:12:00 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana  
16:12:18 Susan Fenner, Western Native Voice  
16:12:47 Rich Tatarka, self  
16:13:08 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association  
16:13:24 Al Smith, Montana Tribal Association  
16:13:45 Bob Leach, self

16:14:20 Mary McGill, self  
16:14:35 Cynthia Marble, self  
16:15:12 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Federation of Public Employees  
16:15:29 Sean Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network  
16:15:51 Tim Ravndal, self  
16:16:03 Molly Moody, Big Sky 55+  
16:16:26 Carla Berglee, self

**Informational Testimony:**

16:17:21 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
16:17:37 Lindsey Simon, Montana Legal Services Association  
16:18:33 Nicholas Hart, Alzheimer's Association of Montana  
16:18:59 Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
16:19:22 Scott Eychner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

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16:20:11 Rep. Buttrey  
16:20:16 Rep. Webb  
16:20:32 Rep. Buttrey  
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16:24:40 Rep. Winter  
16:25:09 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC  
16:26:33 Rep. Kelker  
16:27:22 Nicholas Hart, Alzheimer's Association of Montana  
16:28:44 Rep. Kelker  
16:29:10 Nicholas Hart, Alzheimer's Association of Montana  
16:30:17 Rep. Usher  
16:30:41 Quinn Holzer, LFD  
16:30:54 Rep. Usher  
16:31:16 Quinn Holzer, LFD  
16:31:33 Josh Poulette, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
16:33:57 Rep. Usher  
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16:49:14 Rep. Buttrey  
16:50:54 Chair Lenz  
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16:51:13 Rep. Mandeville  
16:51:59 Rep. Buttrey

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16:55:49 Rep. Buttrey  
16:56:35 Rep. Welch  
16:56:58 Rep. Buttrey  
16:58:30 Rep. Dunwell  
16:59:33 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
17:00:48 Scott Eychner, DLI  
17:02:17 Rep. Dunwell  
17:02:49 Al Smith, Montana Tribal Association  
17:05:35 Rep. Morigeau  
17:06:03 Lindsey Simon, Montana Legal Services Association  
17:07:47 Rep. Moore  
17:08:35 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
17:10:00 Rep. Moore  
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17:20:36 Vice Chair Pierson  
17:20:50 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association  
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17:37:25 Rep. Dunwell  
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17:39:55 SK Rossi, ACLU Montana

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:40:16 Rep. Buttrey

17:46:54 Chair Lenz

17:47:45 Rep. Kelker

17:48:31 Rep. Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:49:15

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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