

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on March 21, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152  
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. 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. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

**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 660, 3/19/2019; HB 700, 3/19/2019

15:02:05 Vice Chair Buttrey assumed the Chair.

15:02:08 Rep. Morigeau joined the meeting.

### **HEARING ON HB 700**

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

15:02:26 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 700, Establish mandatory continuing education for child protective social workers.

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

15:05:09 Bob Leach, self

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

15:05:36 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:05:59 Rep. Kelker  
15:06:27 Laura Smith, DPHHS  
15:09:00 Rep. Kelker  
15:09:04 Laura Smith, DPHHS  
15:09:13 Rep. Mandeville  
15:09:34 Rep. Lenz  
  
15:11:20 Rep. Ricci joined the meeting.  
  
15:11:39 Rep. Mandeville  
15:11:48 Rep. Lenz  
15:12:57 Rep. Dunwell  
15:13:31 Laura Smith, DPHHS  
15:13:41 Rep. Dunwell  
15:14:07 Laura Smith, DPHHS  
15:14:26 Rep. Sales  
15:15:10 Rep. Lenz  
15:15:41 Rep. Sales  
15:15:57 Rep. Lenz  
15:16:16 Rep. Webb  
15:16:41 Laura Smith, DPHHS  
15:17:19 Rep. Webb  
15:17:25 Laura Smith, DPHHS  
15:17:44 Rep. Kelker  
15:18:32 Rep. Lenz  
15:20:31 Rep. Kelker  
15:21:34 Rep. Lenz  
15:22:08 Rep. Sales  
15:22:57 Rep. Lenz  
15:23:06 Rep. Sales

15:23:22 Rep. Lenz  
15:23:51 Rep. Moore  
15:24:22 Laura Smith, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:24:59 Rep. Lenz  
  
15:26:56 Rep. Lenz resumed the Chair.

**HEARING ON HB 660****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:27:18 Rep. Joel Krautter (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 660, Create Mobile Crisis Unit Grant Program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:29:35 Sen. Edie McClafferty, SD 38  
15:32:02 Gary White, American Legion of Montana  
15:32:49 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana  
15:36:03 Jennifer Preble, Center for Mental Health, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention,

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15:39:06 Sophie Yazak, self  
15:41:06 Jennifer Fauque, self  
15:42:53 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
15:44:51 Tana Kultgen, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)  
15:46:26 Brandi Vail, Western Montana Mental Health Center

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:48:19 Dennis Nyland, self

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:48:54 Rep. Dunwell  
15:49:51 Brandi Vail, Western Montana Mental Health Center  
15:50:49 Rep. Welch  
15:51:39 Rep. Krautter  
15:52:04 Rep. Welch  
15:52:16 Dennis Nyland, self  
15:53:34 Rep. Welch  
15:54:03 Rep. Krautter  
15:54:30 Vice Chair Pierson  
15:55:02 Dennis Nyland, self  
15:55:33 Vice Chair Pierson  
15:55:47 Dennis Nyland, self  
15:56:40 Rep. Dunwell  
15:57:34 Dennis Nyland, self

15:58:19 Chair Lenz  
15:59:03 Dennis Nyland, self  
15:59:56 Chair Lenz  
  
16:00:07 Rep. Usher joined the meeting.  
  
16:00:26 Dennis Nyland, self  
16:01:10 Rep. Sales  
16:01:33 Dennis Nyland, self  
16:02:07 Brandi Vail, Western Montana Mental Health Center  
16:02:44 Rep. Sales  
16:02:56 Brandi Vail, Western Montana Mental Health Center  
16:03:32 Rep. Moore  
16:04:02 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana  
16:04:52 Rep. Moore  
16:05:10 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana  
16:05:29 Brandi Vail, Western Montana Mental Health Center  
16:05:48 Rep. Dunwell  
16:06:17 Brandi Vail, Western Montana Mental Health Center

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:07:00 Rep. Krautter  
  
16:09:37 Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:11:08

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh58aad.pdf](#))**