

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on January 6, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Chair (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Ed Hill (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary
Stephan Licitra, Remote Meetings Coordinator
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:

Organizational Meeting
DPHHS Overview and Introductions
Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee Overview

Committee Introductions:

15:02:08 Chair Lenz
 15:03:54 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
 15:04:19 Rep. Gillette
 15:04:37 Rep. Dunwell
 15:06:06 Rep. Hill
 15:07:21 Rep. Greef
 15:08:01 Rep. Carlson
 15:09:03 Rep. Buckley
 15:09:27 Rep. Stafman
 15:10:32 Rep. Welch
 15:11:33 Rep. Frazer
 15:12:13 Rep. Stromswold
 15:12:37 Rep. Regier
 15:12:58 Rep. Tenenbaum
 15:13:26 Rep. Kelker
 15:14:08 Rep. Hinkle
 15:14:33 Rep. Buttrey
 15:15:25 Rep. Karjala
 15:15:59 Jasmine Hart, Committee Clerk
 15:16:39 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 15:18:07 Stephan Licitra, Remote Meetings Coordinator (RMC)

Committee Business:

15:19:09 Chair Lenz

DPHHS Overview and Introductions:

15:24:07 Sue O'Connell, LSD
 15:25:11 Acting Director Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:27:59 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:29:00 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:30:17 Todd Harwell, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:31:55 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:33:03 Chanda Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:33:51 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:34:34 Chad Dexter, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:35:06 Marti Vining, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:35:44 Jamie Pelagi, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:36:27 Barb Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:37:23 Rebecca de Camara, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:38:28 Darci Wiebe, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:39:23 Kim Aiken, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:40:19 Carter Anderson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:41:08 John McCarthy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:42:24 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 15:43:17 Acting Director Erica Johnston, DPHHS
 15:43:21 Chair Lenz

Committee Questions and Responses:

15:44:22 Rep. Hill
15:45:33 Acting Director Erica Johnston, DPHHS
15:45:52 Sue O'Connell, LSD
15:46:07 Rep. Dunwell
15:46:56 Acting Director Erica Johnston, DPHHS
15:47:41 Chair Lenz

Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee Overview:

15:48:30 Sue O'Connell, LSD
15:57:20 Chair Lenz

Committee Questions and Responses:

15:57:32 Rep. Karjala
15:57:55 Sue O'Connell, LSD
15:59:03 Chair Lenz

Committee Business:

15:59:52 Patrick Flaherty, House Sergeant at Arms Staff
16:03:42 Chair Lenz
16:05:51 Sue O'Connell, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(huh03a01\)](#)**Committee Questions and Responses:**

16:12:10 Chair Lenz
16:12:58 Sue O'Connell, LSD
16:13:10 Chair Lenz

Committee Input on Rules:

16:13:46 Rep. Kelker
16:14:06 Chair Lenz
16:15:02 Sue O'Connell, LSD
16:15:18 Chair Lenz
16:16:00 Rep. Carlson
16:17:59 Chair Lenz
16:19:04 Rep. Dunwell
16:22:33 Rep. Kelker
16:23:30 Chair Lenz
16:28:15 Rep. Karjala
16:28:23 Rep. Kelker
16:29:29 Chair Lenz
16:30:08 Sue O'Connell, LSD
16:30:35 Chair Lenz
16:30:57 Rep. Dunwell
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16:41:23 Rep. C. Hinkle
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16:51:36 Rep. Karjala
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ADJOURNMENT

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16:52:38

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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