

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on January 27, 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. 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)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)

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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 216, 1/27/2021; HR 1, 1/27/2021

15:01:27 Chair Lenz

HEARING ON HB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:02 Rep. Connie Keogh (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 216, Allow Medicaid reimbursement for license outdoor behavioral programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:08:56 Brie Shulman, InnerRoads Wilderness Therapy Program

[**EXHIBIT\(huh18a01\)**](#)

15:16:10 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants (MTAPA);
Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA); Montana Nurses
Association (MNA)

15:17:08 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana (BHAM)

15:18:48 Kristin Stratford, self

[**EXHIBIT\(huh18a02\)**](#)

15:20:23 Lyndsay Alt, Juvenile Probation Officer

[**EXHIBIT\(huh18a03\)**](#)

15:24:35 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.

15:24:47 Dr. Molly Gannon, self

[**EXHIBIT\(huh18a04\)**](#)

15:29:21 Larry Webber, self

[**EXHIBIT\(huh18a05\)**](#)

15:33:39 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

[**EXHIBIT\(huh18a06\)**](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:36:04 Rebecca Decamara, Department of Public Health and Human Services
(DPHHS)

15:36:33 Carter Anderson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:37:09 Rep. Carlson

15:38:34 Brie Shulman, InnerRoads Wilderness Therapy Program

15:39:02 Rep. Gillette

15:39:15 Rep. Keogh

15:40:18 Rep. Gillette

15:40:41 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:41:48 Rep. Buttrey

15:42:16 Brie Shulman, InnerRoads Wilderness Therapy Program

15:44:19 Rebecca Decamara, DPHHS

15:44:43 Chair Lenz

15:44:58 Rep. Buttrey
 15:45:07 Rebecca Decamara, DPHHS
 15:45:46 Vice Chair Karjala
 15:49:40 Rep. Dunwell
 15:50:32 Brie Shulman, InnerRoads Wilderness Therapy Program
 15:52:14 Rep. Kelker
 15:53:07 Rep. Keogh
 15:55:21 Rep. Kelker
 15:56:16 Rep. Greef
 15:58:06 Brie Shulman, InnerRoads Wilderness Therapy Program
 15:59:10 Rep. Gillette
 16:00:13 Rep. Keogh
 16:01:05 Chair Lenz
 16:01:10 Rep. Gillette
 16:01:38 Chair Lenz
 16:01:43 Vice Chair Karjala
 16:02:05 Chair Lenz
 16:02:16 Rep. Hill
 16:04:06 Brie Shulman, InnerRoads Wilderness Therapy Program
 16:04:50 Vice Chair Karjala
 16:05:53 Brie Shulman, InnerRoads Wilderness Therapy Program

Closing by Sponsor:

16:07:34 Rep. Keogh

 16:08:27 Brief Recess
 16:10:38 Reconvened

HEARING ON HR 1**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:10:43 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HR 1, Resolution to support health care workers.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:16:34 John Forkan, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union #2
 16:17:18 Rachel Schmidt, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)
 16:18:26 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)
 16:19:38 Vicky Byrd, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh18a07\)](#)

16:23:03 Jason Smith, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh18a08\)](#)

16:24:37 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh18a09\)](#)

16:26:34 Charlotte Skinner, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh18a10\)](#)

16:28:28 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
[EXHIBIT\(huh18a11\)](#)

16:30:12 Heather O'Hara, self
[EXHIBIT\(huh18a12\)](#)

16:32:02 Crystal Losing, self
16:33:25 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:34:36 Rep. Dunwell
16:36:14 Rep. Stafman
16:37:35 Rep. Hill
16:40:15 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:41:01 Rep. Stafman
16:42:12 Rep. Gillette
16:42:53 Rep. Stafman

Closing by Sponsor:

16:44:58 Rep. Stafman

16:47:40 Chair Lenz
16:48:08 Rep. Carlson
16:48:41 Chair Lenz
16:49:27 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:50:28 Sue O'Connell, LSD
16:50:46 Chair Lenz
16:51:00 Sue O'Connell, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

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16:51:12

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh18aad.pdf](#))