

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on January 28, 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. 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)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 43, 1/28/2021; HB 90, 1/28/2021

15:02:30 Chair Lenz

**HEARING ON HB 90**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:52 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 90, Create an emergency protective services hearing in CPS removals.

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:10:03 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a02\)](#)**

15:14:14 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity

15:15:27 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)

15:17:03 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

15:19:08 Bruce Meyers, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a03\)](#)**

15:28:43 Kenny Shields, self

15:34:41 Dave Kesler, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a04\)](#)**

15:40:23 Cathy Eakin, self

15:43:59 Rae Newmeyer, self

15:45:29 Kelly Santiago, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a05\)](#)**

15:49:26 Tambi Masom, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a06\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:54:09 Valerie Winfield, Cascade County Attorney's Office

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a07\)](#)**

15:59:48 Scott Pederson, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a08\)](#)**

16:07:35 Wyatt Glade, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA), Custer County Attorney's Office

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a09\)](#)**

16:13:03 Honorable Jessica Fehr, 13th Judicial District Court

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a10\)](#)**

16:19:46 Honorable Luke Berger, 5th Judicial District Court

**[EXHIBIT\(huh19a11\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:**

16:24:33 Marti Vining, Department of Public Health and Human Services, (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:25:10 Rep. Gillette  
 16:27:08 Rep. Lenz  
 16:27:38 Rep. Gillette  
 16:28:29 Scott Pederson, MCAA  
 16:30:44 Rep. Kelker  
 16:34:21 Rep. Lenz  
 16:34:55 Rep. Stafman  
 16:36:46 Rep. Lenz  
 16:39:07 Vice Chair Karjala  
 16:40:14 Honorable Jessica Fehr, 13th Judicial District Court  
 16:44:34 Rep. Carlson  
 16:47:00 Marti Vining, DPHHS  
 16:47:40 Rep. Tenenbaum  
 16:49:23 Marti Vining, DPHHS  
 16:49:39 Honorable Jessica Fehr, 13th Judicial District Court  
 16:53:08 Rep. Stafman  
 16:53:37 Rep. Stromswold left the meeting.  
 16:56:20 Scott Pederson, MCAA  
 16:57:41 Vice Chair Karjala  
 16:58:51 Scott Pederson, MCAA  
 17:00:59 Rep. Hill  
 17:02:00 Honorable Jessica Fehr, 13th Judicial District Court  
 17:02:08 Rep. Welch  
 17:03:13 Rep. Lenz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:04:21 Rep. Lenz  
 17:12:00 Chair Sheldon-Galloway

**HEARING ON HB 43****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

17:13:00 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 43, Expand practice of telemedicine.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

17:15:49 Commissioner Troy Downing, Office of the Montana State Auditor,  
 Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

**EXHIBIT(huh19a12)**

17:17:52 Jackie Jones, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)  
 17:24:58 Kendall Cotton, Frontier Institute (FI)  
 17:25:12 Adrienne Cotton, Montana Area Agencies on Aging (AAA); American Association  
 of Retired Persons (AARP); National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)  
 17:25:30 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)  
 17:25:44 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)  
 17:25:58 Sean Slanger, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

17:26:18 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)  
17:26:38 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA); Federally  
Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

**EXHIBIT(huh19a13)**

17:26:55 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**EXHIBIT(huh19a14)**

17:27:30 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA);  
Montana Academy of Physician Assistants (MTAPA)

17:27:58 Ingrid Lovitt, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)

17:28:34 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)

17:29:02 Sarah Compton, Montana Telehealth Alliance

**EXHIBIT(huh19a15)**

17:29:47 Charlie Brereton, Office of the Governor

**EXHIBIT(huh19a16)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

17:31:35 Rep. Gillette

17:32:24 Jackie Jones, CSI

17:32:28 Rep. Hill

17:32:54 Jackie Jones, CSI

17:35:18 Rep. Carlson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:36:11 Rep. R. Knudsen

17:36:46 Chair Sheldon-Galloway

17:37:04 Vice Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
17:38:35

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh19aad.pdf](#))**