

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Matt Regier, on January 28, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Matt Regier, Chair (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Terry Moore (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Carl Glimm (R)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Brooke Sangray, Committee Secretary  
Josh Poulette, Legislative Branch  
Jon Arnold, Legislative Branch  
Ariel Hammerquist, Legislative Branch  
Monte Cole, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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 on Disability Employment & Transitions Divisions;  
Public Testimony

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08:03:57 Chair Keenan  
08:04:55 Acting Director Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human  
Services (DPHHS)  
08:05:07 Chanda Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services  
(DPHHS)

**EXHIBIT(jhh19a01)**

08:14:58 Rep. Regier left the meeting  
08:17:12 Chair Keenan  
08:17:23 Jon Arnold, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**EXHIBIT(jhh19a02)**

08:19:02 Sen. Glimm joined the meeting  
08:24:05 Chair Keenan  
08:24:46 Jon Arnold, LFD  
08:26:00 Rep. Garner  
08:26:15 Jon Arnold, LFD  
08:27:40 Chair Keenan  
08:27:48 Sen. Glimm  
08:29:03 Rep. Caferro  
08:30:09 Jon Arnold, LFD  
08:30:45 Chair Keenan  
08:31:00 Sen. McNally joined the meeting  
08:31:21 Brian Hannan, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
08:32:26 Chair Keenan

**Public Testimony**

08:33:30 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
08:37:02 Scott Birkenbuel, Montana Independent Living Project (MILP)  
08:39:17 Joel Peden, Montana Association of Centers for Independent Living  
08:47:26 June Hermanson, Montana Association for Rehabilitation (MAR)  
08:52:21 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)  
08:57:57 Mitch Tropila, Easterseals-Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain  
09:01:53 Jed Barton, Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow (LIFTT)

**EXHIBIT(jhh19a03)**

09:04:41 Robert Jaquiss, National Federation of the Blind of Montana  
09:07:09 Michael Beers, Summit Independent Living  
09:10:34 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living  
09:15:22 Joy Breslauer, National Federation of the Blind of Montana

09:19:40 Chair Keenan  
09:20:57 Acting Director Johnston, DPHHS  
09:21:06 Chair Keenan  
09:21:14 Sen. McNally  
09:21:18 Chair Keenan  
09:21:27 Jon Arnold, LFD  
09:21:31 Chair Keenan

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
09:21:58

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Brooke Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jhh19aad.pdf](#))