

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R, on January 04, 2023 at 3:02 PM, in 152

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)  
Rep. Alice Buckley, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (D)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)  
Rep. Laura Smith (D)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)  
Rep. Zooley Zephyr (D)

**Staff Present:** Milly Allen, Research Analyst  
Katie Reeves, Secretary

**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 116 12/25/2022

Executive Action:

**Committee Discussion:**

15:03:50 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
15:04:06 Rep. Kim Abbott  
15:07:01 Rep. Ed Buttrey  
15:08:19 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
15:08:33 Rep. Ed Buttrey  
15:10:34 **Motion:** Committee Rules adopted as amended.  
**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**HEARING ON HB 116 - Strengthen qualified provider pool statute for children's mental health services**

**Opening Statement:**

15:12:15 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 116, Strengthen qualified provider pool statute for children's mental health services.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:15:52 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:17:30 Meghan Peel, Children's Mental Health Services Bureau, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
15:18:00 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

**Questions from Committee:**

15:18:29 Meghan Peel, DPHHS  
15:18:48 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
15:19:28 Rep. Jane Gillette  
15:20:25 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:20:45 Rep. Jane Gillette  
15:21:21 Rep. Greg Oblander  
15:23:23 Rep. Jennifer Carlson  
15:23:46 Rep. Ron Marshall  
15:24:25 Meghan Peel, DPHHS  
15:24:56 Rep. Ron Marshall  
15:25:25 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
15:25:40 Rep. Jennifer Carlson  
15:25:50 Rep. Laura Smith  
15:26:05 Meghan Peel, DPHHS  
15:28:32 Rep. Nelly Nicol

**Closing Statement:**

15:26:38 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, closed the hearing on HB 116.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:29:26

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230104HUHaad\)](#)