

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Bob Keenan-R, on January 16, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 102

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Bob Keenan, Chair (R)  
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)

**Staff Present:** Katya Grover, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Julia Hamilton, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Krista Kaarre, Secretary  
Joshua Poulette, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

**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:

Executive Action:

09:03:36

**Committee Discussion:**

09:03:06 Charlie Brereton, DPHHS

09:03:43 Rep. Bob Keenan

09:03:58 Charlie Brereton, DPHHS

09:04:12 Meghan Peel, Children's Mental Health Services Bureau,  
Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

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09:06:40 Charlie Brereton, DPHHS

09:06:51 Joshua Poulette

09:07:13 Rep. Bob Keenan

09:08:03 Rep. Jane Gillette joined the meeting.

09:08:58 Meghan Peel, DPHHS

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09:09:39 Meghan Peel, DPHHS

09:09:58 Rep. Mary Caferro

09:10:26 Meghan Peel, DPHHS

09:10:51 Rep. Mary Caferro

09:11:19 Charlie Brereton, DPHHS

09:11:44 Rep. Mary Caferro

09:11:58 Rep. Bob Keenan

09:12:07 Meghan Peel, DPHHS

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09:13:19	Rep. Bob Keenan
09:13:40	Jay Phillips, Office of Public Instruction
09:14:16	Rep. Bob Keenan
09:14:53	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:17:00	Rep. Mary Caferro joined the meeting.
09:18:01	Rep. Gillette
09:18:22	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:18:49	Rep. Gillette
09:19:18	Sen. Carl Glimm
09:19:49	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:20:25	Rep. Bob Keenan
09:20:43	Rep. Gillette
09:21:23	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:21:53	Rep. Gillette
09:22:08	Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
09:22:23	Mike Randol, Department of Public Health and Human Services
09:22:52	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:24:49	Rep. Caferro
09:25:08	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:26:01	Rep. Caferro
09:26:20	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:26:33	Rep. Caferro
09:26:56	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:27:47	Rep. Caferro

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09:29:00	Rep. Caferro
09:29:11	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:29:31	Rep. Caferro
09:30:02	Rep. Bob Keenan
09:30:52	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:32:29	Sen. Christopher Pope
09:33:40	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:34:28	Sen. Christopher Pope
09:34:44	Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
09:34:55	Sen. Carl Glimm
09:35:18	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:37:43	Sen. Carl Glimm
09:38:03	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:39:55	Rep. Gillette
09:40:05	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:40:39	Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
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09:43:43	Rep. Bob Keenan
09:44:26	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:45:28	Sen. Carl Glimm
09:45:48	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
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09:50:01	Rep. Caferro

09:50:29	Rep. Bob Keenan
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09:50:59	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:52:41	Rep. Caferro
09:53:07	Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
09:53:21	Nikki Grossberg, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
09:55:12	Rep. Gillette
09:55:59	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
09:57:32	Rep. Gillette
09:57:46	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
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10:01:24	Sen. Christopher Pope
10:02:23	Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
10:03:01	Meghan Peel, DPHHS
10:03:54	Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
10:04:24	Rep. Caferro
10:04:47	Mike Chavers, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)
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10:12:14 Rep. Bob Keenan  
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10:14:28 Charlie Brereton, DPHHS  
10:14:38 Meghan Peel, DPHHS  
10:15:50 Rep. Bob Keenan  
10:16:39 Joshua Poulette  
10:17:21 Recessed  
10:32:50 Reconvened  
10:33:06

**Committee Discussion:**

10:32:52 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.  
10:33:11 Charlie Brereton, DPHHS  
10:34:43 Rep. Bob Keenan  
10:35:09 Meghan Peel, DPHHS  
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11:31:36	Brian Hannan, Office of Budget and Program Planning
11:29:57	

**Committee Discussion:**

11:33:05 Chris Hughes, Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative

11:36:36 Melany Swenson, Intermountain Children's Services

11:39:25 Jenny Murnane Butcher, Montanans Organized for Education

11:40:57 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI MT)

11:43:17 Jeff Folsom, Center for Children, Families and Workforce Development, University of Montana

11:54:08 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

11:56:59 Mike Chavers, YBGR

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:01:59

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Krista Kaarre, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230116JHHaad\)](#)