

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on January 25, 2023 at 3:00 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 (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. Zooey Zephyr (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)

**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 252 01/19/2023

HB 45 01/20/2023

Executive Action:



**HEARING ON HB 45 - Provide oversight and standard for community benefits/charity care**

**Opening Statement:**

15:03:36 Rep. Bob Keenan (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 45, Provide oversight and standard for community benefits/charity care.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:10:40 Brenton Craggs, DPHHS

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[EXHIBIT\(230125HUUHa2\)](#)

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:14:42 Dwayne Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association

[EXHIBIT\(230125HUUHa3\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230125HUUHa4\)](#)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:18:14 Leslie Howe, DPHHS, Inspector General Program Manager

15:18:41 Sarah Carlson, Legislative Audit Division, Program Analyst

[EXHIBIT\(230125HUUHa5\)](#)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:20:52 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:22:54 Rep. Bob Keenan-R

15:22:57 Rep. Ed Stafman

15:23:00 Rep. Bob Keenan-R

15:23:06 Rep. Ed Stafman

15:23:45	Dwayne Preshinger
15:23:55	Rep. Ed Stafman
15:24:25	Dwayne Preshinger
15:25:15	Rep. Ed Stafman
15:25:39	Dwayne Preshinger
15:26:04	Bob Olson, Hospital Association
15:27:04	Rep. Kim Abbott
15:27:29	Brenton Craggs
15:27:44	Rep. Amy Regier left the meeting.
15:29:32	Rep. Kim Abbott
15:29:43	Brenton Craggs
15:30:21	Rep. Kim Abbott
15:31:08	Sarah Carlson
15:32:21	Rep. Kim Abbott
15:32:52	Dwayne Preshinger
15:34:02	Rep. Jodee Etchart
15:34:53	Rep. Bob Keenan-R
15:35:16	Dwayne Preshinger
15:35:28	Rep. Ron Marshall
15:36:29	Brenton Craggs
15:37:07	Leslie Howe
15:37:27	Rep. Ron Marshall
15:38:02	Leslie Howe
15:38:25	Rep. Nelly Nicol

15:39:06	Dwayne Preshinger
15:39:31	Rep. SJ Howell
15:40:38	Dwayne Preshinger
15:41:18	Rep. SJ Howell
15:41:36	Dwayne Preshinger
15:41:47	Bob Olson
15:43:49	Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:44:20	Bob Olson
15:44:29	Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:44:41	Bob Olson
15:45:23	Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:45:42	Bob Olson
15:45:56	Rep. Edward Buttrey
15:46:44	Bob Olson
15:47:44	Rep. Edward Buttrey
15:47:58	Bob Olson
15:48:11	Rep. Edward Buttrey
15:49:04	Bob Olson
15:50:36	Rep. Edward Buttrey
15:50:42	Bob Olson
15:51:41	Chair Jennifer Carlson
15:52:19	Bob Olson
15:53:39	Rep. Michael Yakawich
15:55:10	Sarah Carlson

15:57:43 Rep. Laura Smith  
15:59:18 Brenton Craggs  
16:01:06 Rep. Laura Smith  
16:01:34 Brenton Craggs  
16:02:00 Rep. Ed Stafman  
16:02:25 Brenton Craggs  
17:10:19 Chair Carlson

**Closing Statement:**

16:05:18 Rep. Bob Keenan (R), HD 5, closed the hearing on HB 45.

**Discussion:**

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**HEARING ON HB 252 - Youth behavioral health screening**

**Opening Statement:**

16:06:30 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 252, Youth behavioral health screening.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:10:36 Elsie Arntzen, Superintendent  
16:12:09 Tom Moore, Great Falls Superintendent  
16:15:41 Amber Malinak, Principal & Superintendent  
16:18:05 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI Montana

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16:19:19 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
16:20:31 Chad Johnson, Hardin School District  
16:22:37 Jenny Murnane-Butcher, Self

16:23:54 Tom Livers, Schodaire Childrens Hospital  
16:24:41 Bella Nyman, Rural Behavioral Health Institute  
16:25:28 Heather Zaluski, Child Psychiatrist, Medical Director  
16:27:34 Janet Lindow, RBHI, Suicide Prevention Specialist  
16:29:47 Maryanne Dunwell, Senator  
16:31:46 Kayleigh Brown, Implementation Director Rural Institute  
16:33:27 Tobin Novasio, Self  
16:34:31 Nicole Gomez, Montana Women Vote  
16:34:54 Daniel Martin, Self  
16:36:14 Lauren Wilson, American Academy Pediatrics

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:36:58 Kathleen Wedemeyer, Citizen Commission on Human Rights

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:40:08 Meghan Peel, DPHHS  
16:40:28 Karl Rosston, DPHHS, Suicide Prevention

**Questions from Committee:**

16:41:02 Rep. Ed Stafman  
16:41:21 Karl Rossten  
16:42:05 Rep. Laura Smith  
16:42:22 Meghan Peel  
16:42:50 Karl Rossten  
16:43:45 Rep. Gregory Frazer  
16:44:18 Karl Rossten  
16:44:42 Dr. Heather Zaluski  
16:47:02 Rep. Gregory Frazer

16:47:35 Dr. Heather Zaluski  
16:48:54 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:50:17 Dr. Heather Zaluski  
16:52:03 Rep. Zooey Zephyr  
16:52:37 Dr. Heather Zaluski  
16:53:01 Dr. Janet Lindow  
16:53:59 Rep. Zooey Zephyr  
16:55:00 Karl Rossten  
16:55:40 Dr. Janet Lindow  
16:56:56 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
16:57:46 Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D  
16:58:02 Kayleigh Brown  
16:59:05 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
16:59:07 Kayleigh Brown  
16:59:50 Rep. Ed Stafman  
17:00:14 Dr. Janet Lindow  
17:01:17 Rep. Ron Marshall  
17:02:10 Karl Rossten  
17:04:10 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
17:04:54 Meghan Peel  
17:05:33 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
17:05:59 Meghan Peel

**Closing Statement:**

17:06:48 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, closed the hearing on HB 252.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:11:02

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230125HUUaad\)](#)