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DRAFT AGENDA

January 23-24, 2012

Room 102, State Capitol

January 23

- 9:00 **Call to order, roll call, approval of November written minutes** - Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chair
- 9:05 **Introduction of new State Librarian, Jennie Stapp**
- 9:10 **Local emergency service fees:**
- Overview; legal basis; jurisdictions that have implemented fee system- Helen Thigpen, LSD staff attorney
 - Public comment
- 9:30 **Volunteer firefighters and Workers Compensation: update from Economic Affairs meeting** - Leanne Kurtz
- 9:45 **Family transfer subdivision exemption**
- Overview of statutes, legislative history, local evasion criteria - Leanne Kurtz, ELG staff
 - Panel discussion: How is the exemption used by various counties? Is the law sufficient? Are changes warranted?
 - ▶ Tara DePuy, attorney representing Montana Association of Counties Joint Powers Insurance Authority
 - ▶ Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli Co. Clerk and Recorder
 - ▶ Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors
 - Public comment
- 11:00 **Public safety communications system:** Interoperability history, Executive Order 13-2011; current program overview; policy development, expected local government investment and involvement; future of the program, anticipated legislative involvement; MSPOA comment
- Warren Dupuis, Chief of Staff, State Information Technology Services Division and Statewide Interoperability Coordinator
 - Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association comment
 - Public comment

- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00 **HB 142 compliance: Fire Services Training School Advisory Council (20-31-103, MCA)** - Douglas Steele, Director, MSU Extension; Gar Wood, Member, Advisory Council
- 1:30 **Montana University System/Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education monitoring**
- Tuition policy: increases; Affordability Task Force - Commissioner Sheila Stearns, OCHE
 - Statewide listening sessions - Commissioner Stearns
 - Commissioner of Higher Education: Commissioner Stearns retirement; timeline, process for succession - Commissioner Stearns; Clayton Christian, Commissioner-designee
 - Shared Policy Goals and Accountability Measures: review development; progress; updates - Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division; Tyler Trevor, OCHE
- 3:30 **OCHE Two-year Education Initiative**
- 2-year initiative - John Cech, Deputy Commissioner for Two-Year and Community College Education
 - December 2011 Collegenow Rebranding Summit: report; outcomes
 - 2-year programs tailoring to workforce demands
- 4:45 **Reports from members attending Board of Regents meeting**
- 5:00 **Public comment on any matter within ELG jurisdiction**
- 5:15 **Recess**
- January 24*
- 8:00 **K-12 Data Systems**
- GEMS demonstration - OPI
 - Tracking student achievement and measuring student growth - Dan Whyte, LSD Staff Attorney
- 9:00 **SJR 28 study of outcome-based and performance-based K-12 education systems**
- Comment on study focus adopted in November
 - ▶ Darrell Rud, Montana Association of School Superintendents
 - ▶ Marco Ferro, MEA/MFT
 - ▶ Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
 - Committee discussion, directions to staff

- 9:30 **K-12 Teacher training, recruitment, retention**
- Conversation with the Deans on K-12 teacher education:
 - ▶ Larry Baker, Dean, Montana State University College of Education, Health & Human Development
 - ▶ Roberta "Bobbie" Evans, Dean, University of Montana College of Education and Human Sciences
 - Recruitment problems in districts (provisional licensure)
 - Retention problems
- 10:45 **Cost estimates to implement common core standards** - Kris Wilkinson and Rob Miller, Fiscal Analysts, Legislative Fiscal Division
- 11:00 **MQEC complaint update:** Review complaint; state response; timeline - Dan Whyte
- 11:15 **Administrative Rule Review** - Dan Whyte
- 11:30 **Report from members attending Board of Public Education meeting**
- 11:40 **Public comment on any matter within ELG jurisdiction**
- 12:00 **Review March meeting, instructions to staff**
- 12:15 **Adjourn**