



## Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

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# MINUTES LOG

## Butte and Boulder, Montana

### September 16, 2013

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#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. TERRY MURPHY  
SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED  
SEN. ROGER WEBB  
  
REP. RON EHLI  
REP. JENIFER GURSKY  
REP. CAROLYN PEASE-LOPEZ  
REP. SCOTT REICHNER

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED

SEN. JONATHAN WINDY BOY

#### STAFF PRESENT

SUE O'CONNELL, Lead Staff  
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#### AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST

Agenda ([Attachment 1](#))  
Visitors' list ([Attachment 2](#))

**MONTANA CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER**  
**2500 Continental Drive, Butte, Montana**  
**September 16, 2013**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

- 0:00:06 Sen. Wanzenried called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Sue O'Connell took roll. Sen. Windy Boy was excused. ([Attachment 3](#))
- 0:00:50 Sen. Wanzenried gave opening remarks regarding the agenda and the tour of the facility.
- 0:03:03 Sue O'Connell discussed the reimbursement form and the updated agenda. Ms. O'Connell referred the committee to two additional briefing papers: "Montana Women's Prison" ([Exhibit 1](#)) and "Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center" ([Exhibit 2](#)). She discussed the document "Summary of Facility Populations and Costs" ([Exhibit 3](#)).

**AGENDA**

**MONTANA CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER - Butte, Montana**

- **Overview of MCDC Facility and Services - Mary Dalton, Manager, DPHHS Medicaid and Health Services Branch**
- 0:07:27 Ms. Dalton gave an overview of the Montana Chemical Dependency Center and the services that the facility provides.
- 0:15:21 Ms. Dalton distributed statistical information for the Montana Chemical Dependency Center ([Exhibit 4](#)).
- Committee questions
- 0:33:09 Rep. Ehli
- 0:33:44 Ms. Dalton
- 0:34:35 Rep. Reichner
- 0:34:57 Sen. Webb
- 0:35:10 Ms. Dalton
- **Public Comment**
- 0:37:18 Patti Jacques, NAMI member, asked about the statement that Montana ranks 10th in per capita public expenditures for mental health and substance abuse treatment and if that was for the whole state of Montana.
- 0:37:51 Ms. Dalton said Montana's rank was for the whole state.

**RECESS - COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PUBLIC TOUR THE FACILITY**

- 0:39:09 The meeting reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

0:39:31 Ms. Dalton discussed how MCDC is incorporating physical activity in the treatment process.

Committee Questions

0:44:36 Sen. Wanzenried

0:45:08 Ms. Dalton

0:47:13 Sen. Wanzenried

0:47:38 Ms. Dalton

0:49:43 Sen. Wanzenried

0:50:07 Ms. Dalton

0:51:36 Sen. Webb

0:51:51 Ms. Dalton

0:54:39 Sen. Webb

0:55:05 Ms. Dalton

0:56:23 Rep. Gursky

0:57:34 Ms. Dalton

0:58:37 Joanie Cassidy, Chief of the Chemical Dependency Bureau, discussed the recovery process, step-down homes, and peer support facilitated by professional staff.

1:05:01 Ms. Dalton

1:05:24 Sen. Wanzenried

1:06:10 Ms. Dalton

1:07:55 Sen. Wanzenried

1:08:10 Ms. Cassidy

1:08:19 Ms. Dalton

1:09:05 Sen. Wanzenried

1:09:15 Ms. Cassidy

1:10:50 Rep. Reichner

1:11:01 Ms. Cassidy

1:12:54 Sen. Murphy

1:13:39 Ms. Dalton

1:15:44 Ms. Cassidy

1:18:05 Rep. Reichner

1:20:48 Rep. Ehli

1:21:30 Ms. Dalton

1:25:47 Glenda Oldenburg, Administrator of the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, discussed the department's efforts to develop a continuum of care for chemical dependency services ranging from preventive efforts aimed at youth to inpatient treatment for adults.

1:29:36 Rep. Pease-Lopez

1:30:31 Ms. Cassidy

• **Public Comment**

1:33:23 Morgan Kasuske, Great Falls, Montana, commented on his concern that the state is allowing state attorneys to represent individuals in private cases, specifically allowing DPHHS attorneys to represent people in divorces when the department may also be taking action related to a couple's children.

- 1:36:19 Sen Wanzenried asked Ms. O'Connell to provide further information for the committee to review the matter.
- 1:36:45 Patti Jacques asked if there will be other opportunities for public comment on any other topics within the committee jurisdiction.
- 1:37:20 Becky Bey, The Center for Children & Families, Billings, Montana, asked about the waiting list for admission to MCDC.
- 1:37:48 Ms. Cassidy discussed different scenarios regarding the waiting list.
- 1:38:37 Patti Jacques asked about the success rate on all the treatment programs that are offered.
- 1:39:34 Ms. Cassidy discussed the success rate on the outpatient treatment program.
- 1:40:59 Donna Huston, The Center for Children & Families, Billings, said that there will be a conference in Helena on the Adverse Childhood Experience data. She asked if there is room for discussion at the state level to begin to target treatment for children who have parents with addictions.
- 1:42:15 Sen. Wanzenried
- 1:43:49 Sen. Wanzenried recessed the meeting to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. in Boulder.

**MONTANA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER  
Boulder, Montana  
September 16, 2013  
1:00 p.m.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

SEN. TERRY MURPHY  
SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED  
SEN. ROGER WEBB  
REP. RON EHLI  
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**VISITORS' LIST**

Visitors' list ([Attachment 4](#))

**CALL TO ORDER**

- 1:44:28 Sen. Wanzenried reconvened the meeting at 1:20 p.m. at the Montana Developmental Center, Boulder, Montana.
- 1:45:11 Ms. O'Connell briefly discussed the briefing paper on the Montana Developmental Center ([Exhibit 5](#)).
- 1:46:27 Sen. Wanzenried gave an overview of the agenda.

**AGENDA**

**OVERVIEW OF THE SERVICES OF THE MONTANA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER -  
Gene Haire, Superintendent of MDC, and Polly Peterson, MDC Clinical Director**

- 1:48:14 Mr. Haire discussed the purpose of MDC, the clients MDC serves, the treatment provided, and what MDC needs in order to successfully treat people and discharge them back to their homes.

- 1:56:42 Mr. Haire discussed MDC's admissions and commitments (**Exhibit 6**).
- 1:59:15 Mr. Haire discussed the purpose of MDC (**Exhibit 7**).
- 2:01:11 Mr. Haire discussed MDC's budget and resources.
- 2:05:32 Ms. Peterson presented information on the population that MDC serves, the criteria for admission to MDC, MDC's treatment philosophy and programs, the development of the Treatment Mall, clinical resources, and the trends affecting the MDC census.
- 2:24:38 Mr. Haire discussed the buildings on campus.
- 2:27:01 Mr. Haire discussed the barriers to the discharge process.

- **Public Comment**

- 2:29:41 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana, commented on the HJR 16 study and the MDC facility.
- 2:38:37 Carol Daily, mother of an MDC client, commented on her son's stay at MDC.
- 2:42:08 Terry Minow, MEA/MFT, supports the mission and work of the Montana Developmental Center.
- 2:45:11 Alicia Pichette, Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors, discussed the Board of Visitors presence at MDC.
- 2:48:33 Patti Jacques commented on the staff of MDC and the care that the clients of MDC are receiving.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PUBLIC TOUR THE FACILITY**

- 2:51:46 Mr. Haire introduced Dr. Michelle McCall, a psychiatrist serving on the MDC staff.
- 2:53:57 Dr. McCall explained the PRN (per required need) medication that is given as needed or when needed.
- 2:54:36 Mr. Haire discussed the issue of whether MDC has adequate psychiatric coverage.
- 2:55:39 Dr. McCall gave a brief background of her experience and qualifications and what she does at MDC.

Committee questions

- 2:58:40 Sen. Wanzenried
- 2:59:38 Mr. Haire
- 3:00:33 Sen. Wanzenried
- 3:00:49 Mr. Haire
- 3:01:30 Deann Willcut, Fiscal Bureau Chief, DPHHS Developmental Services Division

3:02:42	Sen. Wanzenried
3:03:12	Ms. Willcut
3:03:35	Sen. Wanzenried
3:03:39	Ms. Willcut
3:04:05	Sen. Wanzenried
3:04:30	Mr. Haire
3:05:50	Mary Dalton
3:06:55	Rep. Ehli
3:09:11	Mr. Haire
3:12:14	Rep. Ehli
3:16:14	Sen. Webb
3:16:50	Mr. Haire
3:18:03	Ms. Peterson
3:21:26	Sen. Webb
3:21:52	Mr. Haire
3:32:40	Ms. Willcut
3:25:28	Rebecca de Camara, Administrator, DPHHS Developmental Services Division
3:27:51	Ms. Peterson
3:29:19	Rep. Gursky
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3:32:18	Dr. McCall
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3:46:00	Dr. McCall
3:46:46	Sen. Webb
3:47:07	Mr. Haire
3:50:51	Sen. Webb
3:52:01	Mr. Haire
3:51:33	Sen. Wanzenried

**RECESS**

3:52:13 With no further business before the committee, Sen. Wanzenried recessed the meeting at 5:06 p.m., to reconvene at Warm Springs on September 17, 2013.