



Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

PO BOX 201706
Helena, MT 59620-1706
(406) 444-3064
FAX (406) 444-3036

64th Montana Legislature

SENATE MEMBERS

MARY CAFERRO--Vice Chair
FREDERICK (ERIC) MOORE
DIANE SANDS
ROGER WEBB

HOUSE MEMBERS

RON EHLLI--Chair
JESSICA KARJALA
ALBERT OLSZEWSKI
GORDON PIERSON

COMMITTEE STAFF

SUE O'CONNELL, Lead Staff
ALEXIS SANDRU, Staff Attorney
FONG HOM, Secretary

MINUTES LOG

OPTIONAL PRE-MEETING TOUR AND DISCUSSION

September 13, 2015

St. Peter's Community Hospital
Helena, Montana

Please note: This document is a Minutes Log and provides a notation of the time elapsed between the beginning of the meeting and the time at which the item was presented or discussed, a motion was made, or a vote was taken. The narrative presented here is provided only as a guide to the audio or video record of the meeting. The official discussion, motion, or vote is available on the audio or video archive of this meeting. The Legislature does not prepare a transcript of meeting activities. The time designation may be used to locate the referenced discussion on the audio or video recording of this meeting.

Access to an electronic copy of these minutes and the audio or video recording is provided from the Legislative Branch home page at <http://leg.mt.gov>. On the left-side menu of the home page, select Committees, then Interim. Once on the page for Interim Committees, scroll down to the appropriate committee. The written Minutes Log, along with the audio and video recordings, is listed by meeting date on the interim committee's web page. Each of the Exhibits is linked and can be viewed by clicking on the Exhibit of interest. All Exhibits are public information and may be printed.

Please contact the Legislative Services Division at 406-444-3064 for more information.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

REP. RON EHLLI, Chair
SEN. MARY CAFERRO, Vice Chair
SEN. DIANE SANDS
SEN. ROGER WEBB
REP. JESSICA KARJALA

STAFF PRESENT

SUE O'CONNELL, Lead Staff
ALEXIS SANDRU, Staff Attorney
FONG HOM, Secretary

VISITORS' LIST (Attachment 1)

AGENDA (Attachment 2)

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- 00:00:00 Rep. Ehli called the meeting to order at 4:56 p.m., following a tour of the St. Peter's Hospital Behavioral Health Unit.
- 00:00:40 The committee secretary called roll. Sen. Moore, Rep. Olszewski and Rep. Pierson did not attend the optional meeting. (Attachment 3)
- 00:01:30 Nate Olson, Administrator of St. Peter's Hospital, welcomed the committee.
- 00:05:00 Meghan Gallagher, Program Director, discussed the program and scope of services of the Behavioral Health Unit. (Exhibit 1)

Committee questions

- 00:13:12 Rep. Ehli asked about the discharge plan for patients and how many patients return to the facility that they came from.
- 00:14:40 Sen. Webb asked about investigation of complaints.
- 00:15:14 The committee members asked general questions about the unit, including the types of care, the costs, and the admission process.
- 00:32:06 Dr. Andrea Mow gave a presentation on dementia. (Exhibit 2)

Committee questions

- 00:42:47 Sen. Sands asked if there was a dementia planning organization.
- 00:43:21 Rep. Ehli asked if Dr. Mow was familiar with the Alzheimer's and Dementia Work Group.
- 00:44:01 Sen. Webb asked about the percentage of people going to the Montana State Hospital or Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center.
- 00:44:41 Rep. Sands asked about traumatic brain injuries.
- 00:47:05 Sen. Caferro discussed the benefits of people living in smaller groups, rather than nursing homes or institutions.

Public Comment - none

- 00:48:39 Rep. Ehli adjourned the optional pre-meeting discussion at 5:45 p.m.