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TRANSITION REVIEW COMMITTEE
69th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

December 13, 2024
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Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:
Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Presiding Officer (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope, Vice Presiding Officer (D)
Ann Geiger, Public Member
Mike Lahr, Public Member
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Heather O'Hara, Public Member
Shawna Karjala, Public Member

MEMBERS EXCUSED:
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Melanie Williams, Public Member
Sara Hanson-Balamonte, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dr. Reza Ghomi, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT:
Maddelyn Black, Secretary
Milly Allen, Research Analyst

MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION STAFF: JERRY HOWE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • ANGUS MACIVER, DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION • AMY CARLSON, DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION • TODD EVERTS, DIRECTOR, LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE • DALE GOW, CIO, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SERVICES • RACHEL WEISS, RESEARCH DIRECTOR • ANGIE CARTER, FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER

AGENDA (Attachment 1)

VISITORS' LIST (Attachment 2)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:31:10 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND REPORT

08:32:45 Shawna Karjala, Medicaid Complex Care Coordinator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT 1

08:33:32 Dr. Douglas Harrington, State Medical Officer, DPHHS

08:34:23 Rep. Mary Caferro joined the meeting.

08:36:14 Lindsey Carter, Interim Division Administrator, Senior and Long Term Care, DPHHS

Committee Questions and Discussion

08:43:07 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope

08:43:56 Lindsey Carter, DPHHS

08:45:31 Melanie Williams, Executive Director, Montana Alzheimer's Association

08:45:47 Lindsey Carter

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND REPORT - Continued

08:47:17 Lindsey Carter

See Exhibit 1

Committee Questions and Discussion

08:51:37 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

08:51:59 Lindsey Carter

08:53:10 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope

08:53:47 Lindsey Carter

08:54:42 Rebecca de Camara, Interim State Medicaid Director, DPHHS

DEPARTMENT UPDATES AND REPORT - Continued

08:56:32 Shawna Karjala, DPHHS

08:57:48 Lindsey Carter

See Exhibit 1

08:59:34 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

EXHIBIT 2

EXHIBIT 3

EXHIBIT 4

Committee Questions and Discussion

09:02:47 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
09:03:12 Lindsey Carter
09:04:23 Ann Geiger, Certified Brain Specialist, Liberty Place
09:04:55 Lindsey Carter
09:07:04 Mike Lahr, Attorney, Disability Rights Montana
09:08:13 Shawna Karjala
09:08:32 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
EXHIBIT 5
EXHIBIT 6
EXHIBIT 7
09:08:54 Rep. Mary Caferro
09:09:06 Lindsey Carter
09:13:37 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
09:18:30 Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS
09:18:40 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
09:18:47 Rep. Mary Caferro
09:19:41 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
09:21:31 Rebecca De Camara
09:23:15 Dr. Douglas Harrington, DPHHS
09:23:37 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
09:24:44 Shawna Karjala
09:24:52 Dr. Douglas Harrington
09:27:21 Chad Parker, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, DPHHS
09:28:51 Ann Geiger, Liberty Place
09:29:51 Chad Parker, DPHHS
09:30:57 Rep. Mary Caferro
EXHIBIT 8
09:31:17 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

09:34:07 **Recessed**
09:38:09 **Reconvened**

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES: SOLUTIONS
09:38:21 Ann Geiger, Certified Brain Specialist, Liberty Place
09:40:30 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.

Committee Questions and Discussion
09:49:45 Melanie Williams, Executive Director, Montana Alzheimer's Association
09:51:06 Ann Geiger, Liberty Place
09:51:52 Rep. Mary Caferro
09:52:36 Ann Geiger

09:55:16 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

09:57:23 Shawna Karjala, Medicaid Complex Care Coordinator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

09:57:41 Mike Lahr, Attorney, Disability Rights Montana

09:58:21 Ann Geiger

Public Comment

10:00:26 None

NURSING HOME UPDATE

10:01:45 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

EXHIBIT 9

EXHIBIT 10

See Exhibits 2-4

10:25:25 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:26:16 Tara Wooten, Bureau Chief, Licensure Bureau, DPHHS

10:26:43 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

See Exhibits 8-10

10:32:58 Rep. Mary Caferro

10:34:17 Ann Geiger, Certified Brain Specialist, Liberty Place

10:35:25 Tara Wooten

10:36:09 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

10:38:56 Ann Geiger, Liberty Place

10:39:13 Tara Wooten

10:39:38 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

SAMPLE BUDGET

10:43:34 Julia Hamilton, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT 11

10:44:14 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:59:02 Ann Geiger, Certified Brain Specialist, Liberty Place

10:59:21 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope

11:01:13 Julia Hamilton, LFD

11:02:24 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

11:02:39 Shawna Karjala, Medicaid Complex Care Coordinator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

11:04:20 Rep. Mary Caferro

11:05:09 Julia Hamilton

11:05:21 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
11:08:22 Melanie Williams, Executive Director, Montana Alzheimer's Association
11:08:37 Julia Hamilton
11:09:10 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

Public Comment
11:11:15 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association (MCA)
11:14:24 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
11:15:54 Ann Geiger, Liberty Place
11:16:00 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
11:16:09 Rep. Mary Caferro
11:16:34 Shawna Karjala, DPHHS
11:16:55 Ann Geiger
11:17:08 Shawna Karjala
11:17:28 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
11:18:02 Mike Lahr, Attorney, Disability Rights Montana
11:22:42 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
11:23:13 Milly Allen, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:24:48 **Recessed**
14:04:04 **Reconvened**

ADD-ONS, CATEGORY D LICENSURE, AND FACILITY NEEDS
14:04:42 Bill Treese, Chief Executive Officer, Behavioral Health Solutions
14:05:10 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:08:06 Dr. Kristina Kovacs, Chief Clinical Officer, Behavioral Health Solutions
EXHIBIT 12

Committee Questions and Discussion
14:21:59 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:22:16 Dr. Kristina Kovacs, Behavioral Health Solutions

ADD-ONS, CATEGORY D LICENSURE, AND FACILITY NEEDS - Continued
14:22:38 Bill Treese, Behavioral Health Solutions
See Exhibit 12
14:24:35 Mike Lahr joined the meeting.

Committee Questions and Discussion
14:26:50 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:27:44 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
14:28:49 Dr. Kristina Kovacs
14:31:33 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

14:31:50 Dr. Kristina Kovacs
14:34:45 Bill Treese
14:39:52 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
14:40:31 Dr. Kristina Kovacs
14:41:16 Ann Geiger, Certified Brain Specialist, Liberty Place
14:41:45 Dr. Kristina Kovacs
14:42:15 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

Public Comment
14:45:00 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association (MCA)
EXHIBIT 13
EXHIBIT 14
14:50:36 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:50:50 Lynn Mullowney Cabrera, Advocate, Alzheimer's Association
14:55:21 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:55:48 Crystal Schultz, Director of Nursing, Valley Vista
14:58:04 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE TRANSITION REVIEW COMMITTEE
14:58:29 None

WORK SESSION
14:58:41 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:59:35 Milly Allen, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:00:19 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:02:57 Shawna Karjala, Medicaid Complex Care Coordinator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
15:05:02 Rep. Mary Caferro
15:05:27 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
15:06:50 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:09:04 Shawna Karjala, DPHHS
See Exhibit 1
15:09:41 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:10:09 Sen. Dennis Lenz
15:14:18 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:14:25 Rep. Mary Caferro
15:15:11 Ann Geiger, Certified Brain Specialist, Liberty Place
15:17:51 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:22:11 Shawna Karjala, DPHHS
15:24:07 Rep. Mary Caferro

15:24:21 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:24:57 Milly Allen, LSD

ADJOURNMENT
Adjournment: 15:26:50