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TRANSITION REVIEW COMMITTEE
69th Montana Legislature

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Christopher Pope	Jennifer Carlson	Jolanda Songer, Secretary	Sara Hanson-Baiamonte
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MINUTES LOG

October 23, 2024
Room 102
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Presiding Officer (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope, Vice Presiding Officer (D)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R) – Via Zoom
Ann Geiger, Public Member
Sara Hanson-Baiamonte, Public Member – Via Zoom
Mike Lahr, Public Member
Heather O'Hara, Public Member
Shawna Karjala, Public Member
Melanie Williams, Public Member

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Mary Caferro (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Reza Ghomi, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Milly Allen, Research Analyst
Jolanda Songer, Secretary

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

09:31:25 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

09:32:25 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

CIVIL COMMTIMENT PROCESS & PROPOSED DEPARTMENT LEGISLATION

09:36:58 Milly Allen, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT 1

EXHIBIT 2

EXHIBIT 3

EXHIBIT 4

EXHIBIT 5

EXHIBIT 6

09:45:11 Matt Jennings, Attorney, Missoula County

10:03:02 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte joined the meeting via Zoom.

10:03:52 Brett Irigoin, Attorney, Dawson County

10:10:11 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

Committee Questions and Discussion

10:11:46 Mike Lahr, Disability Rights Montana

10:13:29 Matt Jennings, Missoula County

10:32:25 Brett Irigoin, Dawson County

10:33:17 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte

10:35:44 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope

10:36:56 Brett Irigoin

10:38:20 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope

10:39:25 Matt Jennings

10:46:47 Ann Geiger, Executive Director, Liberty Place Inc.

10:50:55 Heather O'Hara, Vice President, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

(See Exhibit 1)

10:52:11 Matt Jennings

10:54:20 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

10:54:41 Melanie Williams, Executive Director, Montana Alzheimer's Association

10:55:21 Matt Jennings

10:58:09 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

Public Comment

10:59:37 None

LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES UPDATE

11:00:36 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

EXHIBIT 7

EXHIBIT 8

Public Comment

11:11:49 None

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DPHHS) UPDATE AND REPORT

11:12:38 Dr. Douglas Harrington, State Medical Officer, DPHHS

EXHIBIT 9

11:15:27 Shawna Karjala, Medicaid Complex Case Coordinator, DPHHS

(See Exhibit 9)

11:18:15 Rebecca DeCamara, Executive Director, Medicaid and Health Services, DPHHS

Committee Questions and Discussion

11:18:37 Mike Lahr, Disability Rights Montana

11:19:12 Shawna Karjala, DPHHS

11:20:17 Heather O'Hara, Vice President, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

(See Exhibit 9)

11:20:41 Shawna Karjala

11:20:59 Lindsey Carter, Administrator, Senior and Long Term Care, DPHHS

11:21:43 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

11:21:58 Heather O'Hara, MHA

11:22:32 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

11:23:14 Stephanie Goetz, Senior and Long Term Care, DPHHS

11:24:36 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope

11:25:06 Lindsey Carter, DPHHS

11:26:32 Sen. Lenz has joined the meeting via Zoom.

11:29:00 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope

11:29:15 Rebecca DeCamara, DPHHS

11:29:57 Ann Geiger, Executive Director, Liberty Place Inc.

(See Exhibit 9)

11:31:16 Dr. Douglas Harrington, DPHHS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DPHHS) UPDATE AND REPORT - Continued

11:31:26 Rebecca DeCamara, Executive Director, Medicaid and Health Services, DPHHS

Committee Questions and Discussion

11:38:25 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

11:42:10 Rebecca DeCamara, DPHHS

11:42:35 Chad Parker, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, DPHHS
11:42:39 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
11:42:52 Rebecca DeCamara
11:43:24 Ann Geiger, Executive Director, Liberty Place Inc.
11:43:43 Rebecca DeCamara
11:44:51 Mike Lahr, Disability Rights Montana
11:45:59 Rebecca DeCamara
11:47:01 Chad Parker, DPHHS
11:48:41 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
11:48:51 Cynthia Wolken, Deputy Director, Department of Corrections (DOC)
11:53:33 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
11:55:13 Rebecca DeCamara
11:58:39 Dr. Douglas Harrington, DPHHS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DPHHS) UPDATE AND REPORT - Continued

12:00:01 Lindsey Carter, Administrator, Senior and Long Term Care, DPHHS
12:04:26 Rebecca DeCamara, Executive Director, Medicaid and Health Services, DPHHS
12:06:28 Chad Parker, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, DPHHS
12:07:14 Rebecca DeCamara, DPHHS
12:07:29 Lindsey Carter, DPHHS
12:08:42 Rebecca DeCamara

Committee Questions and Discussion

12:10:06 Lindsey Carter
12:10:21 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
12:11:05 Lindsey Carter
12:13:24 Heather O'Hara, Vice President, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
12:14:02 Chad Parker, DPHHS
12:14:17 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
12:16:08 Rebecca DeCamara
12:17:53 Melanie Williams, Executive Director, Montana Alzheimer's Association
12:18:39 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
12:20:21 Sen. Dennis Lenz

12:21:05 **Recessed**
13:17:31 **Reconvened**

ADD-ONS AND FACILITY NEEDS

13:17:49 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
13:19:21 Dr. Kristi Kovacs, Chief Clinical Officer and Co-Founder, Behavioral Health Solutions (BHS)

13:31:08 Manprit Somal-Smoot, Vice President, Specialty Programs, Evergreen Healthcare Group
13:41:03 Bill Treese, CEO and Founder, BHS

Committee Questions and Discussion
13:44:37 Mike Lahr, Disability Rights Montana
13:45:31 Dr. Kristi Kovacs, BHS
13:48:36 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
13:49:18 Mike Lahr, Disability Rights Montana
13:52:26 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
13:54:57 Ann Geiger, Executive Director, Liberty Place Inc.
13:55:21 Dr. Kristi Kovacs
13:58:03 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY MATTER WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE TRANSITION REVIEW COMMITTEE
13:58:48 None

WORK SESSION
13:59:05 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

14:00:20 **Recessed**

14:00:23 Ann Geiger, Executive Director, Liberty Place Inc.
14:00:27 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

14:06:57 **Reconvened**

WORK SESSION - Continued
14:06:59 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:09:49 Ann Geiger, Executive Director, Liberty Place Inc.
(See Exhibit 7)
14:10:47 Mike Lahr, Disability Rights Montana
14:15:24 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:19:37 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
14:22:57 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:23:34 Ann Geiger, Liberty Place Inc.
14:27:43 Melanie Williams, Executive Director, Montana Alzheimer's Association
14:28:36 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:29:06 Ann Geiger
14:30:17 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)
14:31:44 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:32:59 Heather O'Hara, Vice President, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
14:35:55 Ann Geiger

14:38:10	Mike Lahr, Disability Rights Montana
14:40:03	Heather O'Hara, MHA
14:41:10	Ann Geiger
14:41:52	Shawna Karjala, Medicaid Complex Case Coordinator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
14:42:45	Ann Geiger
14:44:09	Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:45:33	Heather O'Hara
14:48:32	Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
14:52:14	Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:53:38	Shawna Karjala, DPHHS
14:54:19	Sen. Dennis Lenz
14:54:56	Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:55:23	Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
14:57:11	Julia Hamilton, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
14:57:33	Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:02:23	Shawna Karjala
15:02:43	Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:03:11	Ann Geiger
15:04:27	Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
	EXHIBIT 10
15:05:03	Ann Geiger
15:06:10	Melanie Williams, Montana Alzheimer's Association
	(See Exhibit 10)
15:07:37	Heather O'Hara
15:07:53	Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:08:03	Melanie Williams
15:09:38	Milly Allen, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD) – Requests and Recommendations Summary
15:11:16	Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:11:41	Milly Allen, LSD
15:12:53	Ann Geiger
15:13:09	Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:13:51	Milly Allen
15:14:11	Ann Geiger
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15:20:52	Shawna Karjala
15:21:28	Mike Lahr

15:24:02 Shawna Karjala
15:24:21 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:25:15 Shawna Karjala
15:26:53 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
15:28:46 Mike Lahr
15:31:28 Melanie Williams left the meeting.
15:31:40 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:36:37 Milly Allen
15:37:32 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:37:33 Shawn Karjala
15:37:40 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
15:39:28 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

Motion

15:40:57 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson moved for staff to draft a letter with requests for information and recommendations to be shared with the committee for review and responded to within a couple of days of receipt to be finalized and send to the department.

Vote

15:41:54 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:42:25 Mike Lahr
15:42:46 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
15:43:59 Milly Allen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:46:10