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AGENDA

January 15, 2026

State Capitol, Room 102 and Zoom

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8:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Barry Usher

8:05 a.m. **Criminal Justice Data Warehouse Update**

Kayla Bragg, Executive Director, Montana Board of Crime Control

Janice Fries, Statistical Analysis Center Director, Montana Board of Crime Control

Adam Carpenter, Chief Data Officer, Department of Administration

- Public comment* on the topic
- Council discussion and questions

8:30 a.m. **Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services (CCCS) STEP Program**

Mike Thatcher, Chief Executive Officer, CCCS

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9:00 a.m. **Fines and Fees in the Criminal Justice System**

National overview of recent policy responses

Anne Teigen, Associate Director, Civil and Criminal Justice, NCSL

Jessica Guarino, Policy Associate, Civil and Criminal Justice, NCSL

Perspectives on Montana's legal financial obligations

Hon. Jessie Connolly, President, Montana Magistrates Association

Hon. Kelly Mantooth, President, Commission of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

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10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **Department of Corrections: Agency workgroup update**

Eric Strauss, Director, Department of Corrections

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11:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	HJ 45 - Collateral consequences of criminal record expungement <u>National research</u> <p><i>Meagan Forbes, Dir. of Legislation & Sr. Legislative Counsel, Institute for Justice Joshua Gaines, Deputy Program Dir., Corrections, & Reentry, CSG Justice Center Vittorio Nastasi, Dir. of Criminal Policy, Reason Foundation Sarah Anderson, Assoc. Dir., Criminal Justice and Civil Liberties, R Street Institute</i></p>
2:00 p.m.	<u>Montana stakeholders</u> <p><i>Amy McGhee, Missoula County Clerk of Court Paige Trautwein, Ravalli County Clerk of Court Scott Eychner, Rehabilitation & Programs Chief Exe. Officer, Dept. of Corrections Sarah Swanson, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment* on the topic • Council discussion and questions
2:30 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	Implementation of SB 94 (2023) <u>Feedback from Montana recovery residences</u> <p><i>Rod Ostermiller, Exe. Dir., Bridgemont - Stefans House Kacy Keith, Owner, A Sober Start Tara Williamson, Exe. Dir., Support and Techniques for Empowering People Stephen Ferguson, Exe. Dir., Crosswinds Recovery Carolyn Belling, Regional Director, Hope Center Ministries</i></p>
3:30 p.m.	<u>Feedback from program stakeholders</u> <p><i>Megan Coy, Community Corrections Facilities & Prgms Bur. Chief, Dept. of Corrections Meghan Peel, BHDD Administrator, Dept. of Public Health and Human Services Peter Maney, Executive Director, Recovery Access Montana Terri Todd, National Sober Living Association Rich St. John, Chief of Police, Billings Police Department</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comment* on the topic • Council discussion and questions
4:00 p.m.	Public Comment* on any topic under the council's jurisdiction but not on this agenda
4:15 p.m.	Council Work Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting date • Direction to staff: assigned study, member topics, required reports, etc. • Other directions to staff?
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn

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