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MINUTES LOG

November 18, 2025
UM Campus Missoula
Missoula, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Luke Berger, Vice Presiding Officer
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Alan Doane, Public Member
Shantelle Gaynor, Public Member
Brian Gootkin, Public Member
Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Public Member
Brandon Kelm, Public Member
Jimmy Patelis, Public Member
David Armstrong, Public Member
Amy Tenney, Public Member
Scott Twito, Public Member
Chad Parker, Representing DPHHS
Koan Mercer, Representing OPD

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Barry Usher, Presiding Officer (R)
Sen. Laura Smith (D)
Mark Dunn, Public Member
Jessica Flint, Public Member
Charlie Brereton, Public Member
Brett Schandelson, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:**STAFF PRESENT:**

Laura Sherley, Lead Staff
Abbie J.N. Cziok, Legal Staff
Ania Alduenda, Secretary

AGENDA [\(Attachment 1\)](#)**VISITORS' LIST [\(Attachment 2\)](#)****CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

08:00:01 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED IN MONTANA**Stakeholder Roundtable**

08:01:13 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
08:05:38 Council Member Jessica Flint joined the meeting.
08:05:59 Deana Lougee, Probation Parole Sergeant, Department of Corrections (COR)
08:06:20 Brad Newman, Board Member, Montana Board of Pardons and Parole (MBPP)
[EXHIBIT 1](#)
08:07:32 Sen. Laura Smith joined the meeting.
08:14:04 Tammy Hinderman, Division Administrator, Appellate Defender Division, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)
08:14:58 Matt Jennings, County Attorney, Missoula County
[EXHIBIT 2](#)
08:40:52 Dir. Brian Gootkin, COR
08:42:26 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
08:42:40 Tammy Hinderman, OPD

Committee Discussion / Questions

08:45:59 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
08:47:23 Deana Lougee, COR
08:48:12 Matt Jennings, Missoula County
08:48:36 Brad Newman, MBPP
08:49:07 Council Member Scott Twito
08:51:54 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
08:52:29 Council Member Scott Twito

08:53:51 Council Member Eldena Bear Don't Walk
08:56:11 Matt Jennings, Missoula County
08:56:46 Dir. Brian Gootkin, COR
08:57:39 Council Member Jimmy Patelis
09:01:25 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
09:03:11 Council Member Eldena Bear Don't Walk
09:06:04 Tammy Hinderman, OPD
09:10:13 Council Member Scott Twito
09:11:10 Tammy Hinderman, OPD
09:12:24 Brad Newman, MBPP

Stakeholder Roundtable Closing Statements

09:14:39 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
09:14:58 Deana Lougee, COR
09:17:11 Dir. Brian Gootkin, COR
09:17:43 Brad Newman, MBPP
09:18:44 Tammy Hinderman, OPD
09:21:18 Matt Jennings, Missoula County

Public Comment

09:22:33 May Simmons, Lake County Resident
[EXHIBIT 3](#)
09:25:31 Alden Hoagland

SILOED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS

09:27:45 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
09:27:57 Matt Jennings, County Attorney, Missoula County
[EXHIBIT 4](#)

Committee Discussion / Questions

09:55:56 Council Member Alan Doane
09:56:02 Matt Jennings, Missoula County
09:57:49 Council Member Shantelle Gaynor

Public Comment

10:00:16 May Simmons, Lake County Resident
10:02:33 Alden Hoagland
10:04:23 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
10:05:04 **Recessed**
10:23:20 **Reconvened**

VICARIOUS TRAUMA IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

10:24:00 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger

Research Presentation

10:24:34 Laura Sherley, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT 5](#)
[EXHIBIT 6](#)

Stakeholder Roundtable

10:26:38 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
10:27:01 Andrew Laue, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Activate Resiliency
10:27:45 Stacey Umhey, Executive Director, Supporters of Abuse Free Environments (S.A.F.E.)
[EXHIBIT 7](#)
10:28:27 Joan Burbridge, Center of Defense Excellence (CODE) Attorney, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)
10:29:32 Lt. Eric Gilbertson, Patrol Division, Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office (See Exhibit 5)

Committee Discussion / Questions

10:50:59 Council Member Shantelle Gaynor
10:52:13 Andrew Laue, Activate Resiliency
10:54:51 Stacey Umhey, S.A.F.E.
10:57:04 Joan Burbridge, OPD
10:59:44 Lt. Eric Gilbertson, Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office
11:06:41 Sen. Laura Smith
11:07:06 Lt. Eric Gilbertson, Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office
11:07:23 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
11:09:03 Andrew Laue, Activate Resiliency
11:12:50 Joan Burbridge, OPD

Public Comment

11:15:54 May Simmons, Lake County Resident
11:18:13 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys' Association (MCAA) and Montana Sheriffs' and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

Committee Discussion / Questions

11:22:22 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
11:22:57 Nanette Gilbertson, MCAA and MSPOA

Public Comment - Continued

11:24:07 Beth Brenneman, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

COUNCIL WORK SESSION**Next Steps for January 15, 2026 Meeting**

11:28:19 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
11:28:31 Laura Sherley, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC UNDER THE COUNCIL'S JURISDICTION

11:29:54 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger
11:30:37 Amanda McKnight, Trout Creek, MT Resident
EXHIBIT 8
11:34:04 Sophie Trudgeln
11:36:15 May Simmons, Lake County Resident

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AFTERNOON TOURS AND MEETING WRAP UP

11:38:52 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:39:33