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DRAFT AGENDA

Juvenile Justice Working Group

of the Law and Justice Interim Committee

Thursday and Friday, February 28-29, 2008
Room 102, Capitol, Helena

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Day 1, Thursday, Feb. 28

- 10:00 a.m. Convene, roll call
Approval of minutes from Jan. 11, 2008
- 10:05 a.m. Secure psychiatric treatment for justice-involved youth; review of out-of-state placements for youth; legislative options, **Sheri Heffelfinger**, legislative staff
- 10:30 a.m. Discussion Question: *How should secure residential psychiatric treatment for seriously mentally ill justice-involved youth be provided and what definitions of mental illness should apply?*
- Discussion with stakeholders
- Department of Corrections
 - youth probation and youth court
 - public defenders
 - county attorneys
 - treatment providers
 - families
 - tribes
 - advocates
 - any other interested persons
- 12:00 noon LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. Children's System of Care and Kid's Management Authorities, **Ms. Mary Dalton**, Administrator, Health Resources Division, DPHHS
- 1:30 p.m. School-based early intervention and community diversion alternatives for youth at risk of initial or further involvement with the juvenile justice system; legislative options, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, staff research analyst

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2:00 p.m. Discussion question: *What can the legislature do to enhance school-based early intervention and provide for other community-based alternatives that divert youth from the juvenile justice system?*

Discussion with interested stakeholders:
-- Governor's Office, Office of Public Instruction, school officials,
local law enforcement, youth court judges, juvenile probation,
Department of Corrections, tribes, advocates, families,
any other interested persons

Work Session: *What actions are the working group ready to take on:*

- *secure psychiatric treatment beds?*
- *early intervention, school-based programs, and other community-based diversion alternatives?*

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Day 2, Friday, Feb. 29

8:00 a.m. Reconvene, roll call

8:15 a.m. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) meetings update; emerging detention issues; legislative options, **Ms. Sheri Heffelfinger**, legislative staff

Juvenile Detention Center data; funding issues, **Cil Robinson**, Montana Board of Crime Control

Discussion question: *Should current juvenile detention laws be changed? If so, how?*

Discussion, questions, and public comment with interested stakeholders:
-- youth court judges, juvenile probation,
juvenile detention center administrators and staff,
local law enforcement (police and sheriffs' offices)
tribes, schools, families, advocates,
any other interested stakeholders

Work Session: *What actions are the working group ready to take on:*

- *juvenile detention?*

12:00 noon Adjournment

If you plan on attending the meeting and will need special services or accommodations, please contact Sheri Heffelfinger at 406-444-3596 or by email, sheffelfinger@mt.gov.