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61st Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

(as of 6/28/10)

June 29-30, 2010

Law and Justice Interim Committee: Meeting #6

Room 137, Capitol, Helena

Please note: all times are approximate

TUESDAY - DAY 1

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8:00 a.m. Roll Call
Welcome, overview, and acknowledgment of CFHHS members
ACTION: Approve minutes from April 5-6, 2010

Committee Bills Last Session

8:05 a.m. Staff review of 2007-2008 interim work by LJIC on HB 130, HB 131, HB 132, review of session actions, administrative rules, and funding
→ **Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research
→ **Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson**, Legal Staff, CFHHS
→ **Lois Steinbeck**, Legislative Fiscal Division

8:30 a.m. Panel: Implementation, budget cuts, future plans
→ **Anna Whiting Sorrell**, Director, DPHHS
→ **Lou Thompson**, Administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division
→ **Deb Matteucci**, Behavioral Health Facilitator DOC/DPHHS

9:00 a.m. Panel: Local county grant applicant concerns - strategic plans, prospects for the future
→ **MarCee Neary**, (invited) Billings Crisis Center
→ **Kathleen Driscoll**, Ravalli County Commissioner
→ **Scott Malloy**, Director, Bozeman/Gallatin County Mental Health Center

9:45 a.m. BREAK

10:00 a.m. Public comment - HB 130, HB 131, HB 132

10:30 a.m. Staff review of statutory jurisdiction of Law and Justice and Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committees, **Sheri Heffelfinger**, Research Analyst

ACTION: Committee instructions to staff re: HB 130, HB 131, HB 132?

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TUESDAY - Day 1 - Continued

- 10:45 a.m. LJIC work on HB 60-jail suicide prevention, session actions, **Sheri Heffelfinger**
- 11:00 a.m. Committee questions on jail suicide prevention progress report by **David Niss**
- 11:30 a.m. Montana Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association response, **Captain Dennis McCave**, Yellowstone County Detention Center
- 11:45 p.m. Public comment related to jail suicide prevention
- 12:15 p.m. Committee discussion - **ACTION: Committee followup on jail suicide prevention?**
- 12:30 p.m. LUNCH

SJR 29 - Preservation and Storage of Biological Evidence

- 1:30 p.m. Staff review of working group discussions - preliminary bill draft LCdna1
→ **Sheri Heffelfinger**, Legislative Research Analyst
- 1:45 p.m. Panel: Defense attorney and victim advocate recommendations
→ **Jessie McQuillan**, Exec. Dir., Montana Innocence Project
→ **Kelsen Young**, Exec. Dir., Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
→ **Jon Moog** (*invited*), Office of State Public Defender
- 2:30 p.m. Panel: Law enforcement and county perspectives
→ **Mark Murphy**, Montana County Attorney Association
→ **Sheriff David Castle**, Montana Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association
→ **Anne Jacobson**, Evidence Technician, Helena
→ **Megan Ashton**, State Crime Lab
→ Montana Association of Counties (*written comments will be provided*)
- 3:15 p.m. Public comment
- 3:45 p.m. Committee discussion - **ACTION: Committee bill on the SJR 29 issues?**

Agency Oversight

- 4:15 p.m. Department of Corrections
→ **Ross Johnson**, Legislative Audit Division, audit findings on Dept. of Corrections contract management
→ **Mike Ferriter**, Director, Dept. of Corrections
→ Questions from committee
- 4:45 p.m. **Pat Gervais**, Fiscal Analyst, review of Legislative Finance Committee initiatives related to agency budget reductions that may affect the Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Justice, Office of the Public Defender, and Judicial Branch
→ Committee Discussion
→ **ACTION: Appointment of delegates to LFC subcommittee**
- 5:00 p.m. Legislative Audit of MERLIN - Chairman's letter of request

Public comment

Rule review report, **Valencia Lane**, Staff Attorney
Recess until 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 30

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