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MINUTES LOG

NOVEMBER 19-20, 2015

Room 163, McDonald Hall, Montana State University-Billings
Billings, Montana

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

REP. RON EHLLI, Chair
SEN. MARY CAFERRO, Vice Chair

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SEN. ROGER WEBB

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VISITORS' LIST (Attachment 1)

AGENDA (Attachment 2)

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The committee heard several presentations related to its House Bill 422 study of children's mental health outcomes, Senate Bill 418 study of legislative mental health investments, and Senate Joint Resolution 22 study of guardianship and Alzheimer's disease, in addition to hearing presentations related to its agency oversight duties.

The committee:

- asked staff to provide information on the standards that exist for individuals who are appointed as guardians; and
- did not hold its scheduled work session because of weather-related travel concerns but indicated that staff should follow the adopted study plans for each of the studies in planning activities for the January 2016 meeting.

CALL TO ORDER -- ROLL CALL -- OVERVIEW OF AGENDA

00:00:02 Rep. Ehli called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and gave an overview of the agenda.

00:02:26 The committee secretary called roll. Everyone was present. [\(Attachment 3\)](#)

HOUSE BILL 422 STUDY: CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES

Introduction - Sue O'Connell, Committee Research Analyst

00:03:02 Ms. O'Connell [\(Exhibit 1\)](#)

Evidence-Based Practices and Outcomes Measurement

Tim Conley, Ph.D., Clinical and Research Consulting

Scott Sells, Ph.D., Model Developer of Parenting with Love and Limits

00:07:20 Mr. Conley [\(Exhibit 2\)](#)

Committee Questions of Mr. Conley

00:47:38 Sen. Sands asked about creating an infrastructure for evidence-based programs.

00:52:22 Rep. Karjala asked about an evaluation and benefit costs analysis and a budget for designing an evaluation plan.

00:58:39 Sen. Sands asked how the committee might propose a program that would have adequate data to measure at little cost.

01:01:04 Rep. Ehli asked about buy-in from state agencies to support any proposed programs.

01:05:46 Sen. Caferro asked whether a pilot project could be subject to additional federal requirements and whether any children's mental health providers in the state are currently measuring their outcomes.

01:09:26 Sen. Webb asked whether collection of data could result in an across-the-board exchange of data among providers.

01:12:36 Mr. Sells [\(Exhibit 3\)](#)

Committee Questions of Mr. Sells

- 01:53:01 Rep. Olszewski asked about balancing innovation with fidelity.
01:54:41 Sen. Caferro asked about the PLL model and if it was a Montana-based company.
01:57:39 Rep. Karjala asked Mr. Sells to expand on social impact bonds and explain how a model like PLL would be useful.

BREAK (reconvened at 10:18 a.m.)

Panel Presentation: EBPs and Measurement -- A View from the Field

Jim FitzGerald, Chief Executive Officer, Intermountain
Coralee Goni, Chief Operations Officer, Rimrock
Peter Degel, Executive Director, Youth Dynamics, Inc.
Zoe Barnard, Chief, DPHHS Children's Mental Health Bureau

- 02:00:27 Jim FitzGerald, Intermountain
02:11:21 Coralee Goni, Rimrock
02:20:10 Peter Degel, Youth Dynamics, Inc. **(Exhibit 4)**
02:32:27 Zoe Barnard, Children Mental Health Bureau, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Committee Questions

- 02:50:30 Rep. Ehli asked Mr. FitzGerald about recommending to the next Legislature an evidence-based pilot project to be carried out by the Department of Public Health and Human Services.
02:55:06 Rep. Ehli asked Ms. Barnard her thoughts on how the HB 422 study could move forward.
02:58:05 Rep. Karjala asked the panelists about identifying the stakeholders.
03:12:24 Sen. Caferro asked Ms. Barnard if the department currently had any data on the effectiveness of programming for children's mental health.

Public Comment on the HB 422 Study

- 03:16:06 Dave Wysoski, Gallatin County Probation and Parole
03:19:42 Adam Silverness, Gallatin County Probation and Parole **(Exhibit 5)**
03:22:50 K.C. McLaughlin, Montana Family Wrap Around
03:25:39 Donna Huston, The Center for Children & Families, Billings
03:29:59 Jani McCall, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and Legacy Provider Group
03:35:24 Kathy McGowan, Community Mental Health Centers
03:42:01 Alicia Smith, NAMI Board Member, Bozeman **(Exhibit 6)**

LUNCH BREAK (reconvened at 1:48 p.m.)

Committee Tour of the Billings Community Crisis Center (not recorded)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MONITORING

Billings Community Crisis Center Presentation -- MarCee Neary, BCCC Program Director

- 03:50:00 Ms. Neary **(Exhibit 7)**

Committee Questions of Ms. Neary

- 04:08:31 Rep. Olszewski asked if there is a network between the different organizations to take individuals who are turned away from the Community Crisis Center.
- 04:12:08 Sen. Sands asked about the center's reliance on local mill levies and if services provided by the center are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.
- 04:14:56 Rep. Ehli asked about the model that the Community Crisis Center is using and about funding for the Detox Center.

Psychiatric Training Track Proposal -- Dr. Eric Arzubi, Billings Clinic

- 04:23:04 Dr. Arzubi ([Exhibit 8](#)) ([Exhibit 9](#))

Committee Questions of Dr. Arzubi

- 04:50:25 Rep. Pierson asked about the budget, recruiting and training of psychiatrists, and recruitment of nurse practitioners.
- 04:53:55 Sen. Webb asked about a training program for psychiatrists and the use of telepsychiatry.
- 04:56:01 Sen. Moore asked about the shortage of trained psychiatrists.
- 04:57:38 Rep. Ehli asked if a similar model existed for training other physicians.

BREAK (reconvened at 3:30 p.m.)

AGENCY OVERSIGHT: DPHHS UPDATE AND REPORTS

- 04:59:52 Richard Opper, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services, gave an overview of the following department activities:
- 05:01:02 Medicaid Expansion Waivers ([Exhibit 10](#))
- 05:08:20 Healthcare reform and the Governor's Council on Health Care Innovation and Reform members ([Exhibit 11](#))
- 05:12:20 Protect Montana Kids Initiative and Protect Montana Kids Commission members ([Exhibit 12](#))
- 05:16:21 Meetings being held with Medicaid providers about program integrity audits
- 05:20:11 Community mental health grant money
- 05:22:45 Bed capacity at the proposed forensic mental health facility that would be located at Galen

Committee Questions of Director Opper

- 05:29:15 Rep. Pierson asked about the use of the D Wing at Montana State Hospital after patients are moved to the new Galen facility.
- 05:31:30 Sen. Moore asked for an update on other aspects of Medicaid expansion.
- 05:34:01 Sen. Moore asked about legislative members on the Protect Montana Kids Commission.
- 05:37:54 Sen. Sands asked about the closure of the Montana Developmental Center and the need for a discussion regarding repurposing other facilities.
- 05:41:15 Rep. Ehli asked about the appointments to the Protect Montana Kids Commission and the Governor's Council on Health Care Innovation and Reform.
- 05:43:11 Sen. Caferro asked about the lease for the facility, the amount of spent by the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division on institutions vs. investments in the community, the average costs of serving someone in the community vs. serving them in the institution, and what measures are being taken to keep patients safe

from sexual assaults in the D Wing of the State Hospital.
05:49:15 Rep. Ehli asked about the Galen facility, the \$4 million budgeted in HB2, and the intent of the Legislature for the appropriation.
05:54:18 Sen. Webb asked about staffing at the Galen facility, whether DPHHS will seek accreditation for the Galen facility, and if the facility will have its own administrative staff or will it be managed out of the State Hospital.
05:57:51 Sen. Caferro asked about the appropriation for staffing 54 beds in the Galen facility.
05:59:21 Rep. Pierson asked about the operational costs for the D Wing in Warm Springs.
06:00:55 Sen. Moore asked about the differences in licensure between a mental health facility and a hospital.

PUBLIC COMMENT on any other topic in the committee's jurisdiction

06:02:24 Alicia Smith, Bozeman, said NAMI-Montana supports the psychiatric residency program that Dr. Arzubi proposed.
06:04:04 Jani McCall, Legacy Provider Group, Montana Children's Initiative, and Yellowstone Youth Crisis Network, supported the train and retain psychiatry program.
06:05:16 Scott Dion, Havre, commented on the situation with his grandson.
06:06:43 Donald Harr, Billings, commented on the shortage of psychiatrists.
06:10:02 Gregg Wilkinson, Children's Rights Montana, provided written comments ([Exhibit 13](#)); a news article ([Exhibit 14](#)); and a document showing quotes from numerous people about the operations of the DPHHS Child and Family Services Division ([Exhibit 15](#)).
06:21:18 Phil Richmond, Chair, Yellowstone County Mental Health Advisory Board, distributed bumper stickers to committee members.
06:22:28 Benette Johnson, commented on the statute relating to grandparent contact with their grandchildren.
06:27:00 Aimee Grmoljez
06:27:46 Dave Wanzenried urged the committee to look at the proposal for establishing a medical school in Montana.

RECESS

06:34:00 With no further business before the committee, Rep. Ehli recessed the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

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