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Agenda (updated Jan. 26) January 29-30, 2018 State Capitol, Room 102

Please note: All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.

Monday, January 29

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order -- Roll Call -- Senator Diane Sands, Presiding Officer
- 9:05 a.m. Administrative Matters: Meeting overview, committee budget
→ Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- 9:10 a.m. Administrative Rule Review
→ Julianne Burkhardt, Staff Attorney, LSD
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*
- 9:15 a.m. Agency Oversight: Board of Pardons and Parole Update
→ Scott Cruse, Presiding Officer
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*
- 9:45 a.m. Agency Oversight: Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission Report
→ Matthew Dale, Executive Director, Office of Victim Services, Department of Justice (DOJ)
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK
- 10:45 a.m. Access to Justice Commission Presentation
→ Justice Beth Baker, Montana Supreme Court
→ Nolan Harris, Director, Court Help Program
→ Patricia Fain, Statewide Pro Bono Coordinator, Judicial Branch
→ Judge Leslie Halligan, Fourth Judicial District (Missoula/Mineral Counties)
→ Angie Wagenhals, Montana Legal Services Association
→ Paul Kirgis, Dean, Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Montana
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*

- 11:45 a.m. Judicial Branch Update
→ Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:15 p.m. Agency Oversight: Department of Corrections Updates
→ Adrienne Cotton, Government Relations Director, DOC
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*
- 2:15 p.m. SJ 25 Study: Overview of Locked Housing Unit at MSP -- unit procedures and practices, institutional discipline, mental health treatment
→ Sam Jovanovich, Locked Housing Unit Manager, MSP
→ Colleen Ambrose, Chief Legal Counsel, DOC
→ Questions from the committee
- 3:15 p.m. BREAK
- 3:30 p.m. SJ 25 Study: Youth Facilities -- overview of youth detention facility licensing by DOC; operation and housing practices at DOC operated or contracted youth facilities
→ Cindy McKenzie, Youth Services Division Administrator, DOC
→ Questions from the committee
- 4:00 p.m. SJ 25 Study: Public comment on study and previous panels*
- 4:30 p.m. Public comment* on any topic within the LJIC's jurisdiction but not on this agenda
- 4:45 p.m. Recess until Tuesday, January 30th at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Reconvene -- Roll Call

8:05 a.m. Agency Oversight: Department of Justice
→ Jon Bennion, Chief Deputy Attorney General, DOJ
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*

8:15 a.m. HJ 6: Update on AID Montana and Montana Summit on Substance Use Disorders
→ Jon Bennion, DOJ
→ LJIC members who attended and LJIC staff
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*

8:45 a.m. SJ 25 Study: Overview of Development and Use of Existing Jail Standards and Current Housing Practices in Adult County Detention Centers
→ staff TBD, Montana Association of Counties
→ Sheriff Mike Linder, Yellowstone County
→ Lt. Steve Metzger, Yellowstone County Detention Center
→ Undersheriff Pat Roos, Custer County
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*

10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:15 a.m. Agency Oversight: Office of State Public Defender
→ Harry Freebourn, Interim Director
→ Peter Ohman, Public Defender Division Administrator
→ Chad Wright, Appellate Defender Division Administrator
→ Carleen Green, Central Services Division Administrator
→ Daniel Miller, Conflict Defender Division Administrator
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*

10:45 a.m. Committee Issue: Legal Background on Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country
→ Professor Maylinn Smith, Adjunct Professor of Law and Co-Director, Margery Hunter Brown Indian Law Clinic, Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Montana
→ Professor Monte Mills, Assistant Professor of Law and Co-Director, Margery Hunter Brown Indian Law Clinic, Alexander Blewett III School of Law, University of Montana
→ Questions from the committee
→ Public comment*

- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:15 p.m. Committee Issue: County Sheriffs' Perspectives' on Current Trends, Challenges, and Jail Populations
- Sheriff Brian Gootkin, Gallatin County
 - Sheriff TJ McDermott, Missoula County
 - Jason Kowalski, Jail Commander, Missoula County
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public comment*
- 2:00 p.m. Committee Issue: Prerelease and Community Corrections Providers' Perspectives - Past Successes, Present Trends and Challenges, and Ideas for the Future
- Amy Tenney, CEO, Boyd Andrew Community Services
 - Jan Begger, COO, Alternatives, Inc.
 - Alex Vukovich, WATCH Program Administrator, CCCS, Inc.
 - Questions from the committee
 - Public comment*
- 3:00 p.m. Public comment* on any topic within the LJIC's jurisdiction but not on this agenda
- 3:15 p.m. Committee Work Session
- Staff review of next meeting agenda items
 - Agency oversight: What updates and information would the LJIC like to request from the agencies for future meetings?
 - SJ 25 study: What additional information would the LJIC like to receive at future meetings? Are there speakers or stakeholders the LJIC would like to invite for future meetings or next steps it would like to take?
 - HJ 6 study: What additional information would the LJIC like to receive at future meetings? Are there speakers or stakeholders the LJIC would like to invite for future meetings or next steps it would like to take?
 - Are there member issues the LJIC would like to include during future agendas or to which the LJIC would like to dedicate staff time?
 - Other discussion items or directions to staff?
 - Next meeting: March 19-20 and May 21 -- locations TBD
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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