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REVISED AGENDA

Thursday and Friday, June 26-27, 2008
Room 137, Capitol, Helena

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Please Note: All times are approximate

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2008

9:30 a.m. Convene, Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Jail and prison mental health standards

Question: Should the LJIC consider drafting committee legislation establishing statewide standards for prisons and jails and requiring data collection and reporting? If so, what specific provisions should be included in the bill draft?

9:35 a.m. Committee questions and discussion on memorandums prepared by David Niss, staff attorney, and provided for review before the meeting. Staff will not present these.

- No. 1 - Custer County Case Study
- No. 2 - Mental health/suicide data
- No. 3 - Jail standards
- No. 4 - Kentucky's jail mental health crisis network
- No. 5 - Prison standards
- No. 6 - Transfer of mental health information

10:00 a.m. Jail standards and data collection
→ Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association, CPT Dennis McCave
→ Board of Crime Control, Don Merritt, Performance and Compliance Bureau Chief
→ Public comment

10:45 a.m. Prison standards and records
→ Department of Corrections (speaker TBD)
→ Public comment

11:15 a.m. **Judicial Salaries**
→ Senator Shockley
→ Public comment

11:30 a.m. Committee work session on jail and prison standards, judicial salaries

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12:00 noon LUNCH

HJR 50 - Involuntary commitment process and costs

Question: Should the committee move forward with a bill draft on commitment laws, crisis services, and cost sharing? If so, what specific provisions should be included in the bill?

1:00 p.m. Commitment laws, crisis services, cost-sharing, and the Oregon model
→ Sheri Heffelfinger, legislative staff

1:30 p.m. Panel on hospital psychiatric services and provider concerns
→ Joan Daly, Billings Crisis Center
→ Trent Lear, Glendive Medical Center
→ Leslie Nyman, Pathways, Kalispell
→ Marlene O'Connell, Benefis, Great Falls
→ Lisa Strom, St. Peter's, Helena
→ Mary Hutton, St. Patrick's, Missoula

3:00 p.m. Community mental health center crisis services: alternatives and funding sources
→ Paul Meyer, Executive Director, Western Montana Mental Health Center

3:30 p.m. BREAK

3:45 p.m. Cost sharing options
→ Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner
→ Other speakers (TBD)

4:15 p.m. Transportation to/from Montana State Hospital
→ Ed Amberg, MSH

4:30 p.m. Public comment

5:00 p.m. Committee discussion and work session

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FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008

In-state residential psychiatric treatment for youth

Question: Does the committee want to consider a committee bill revising placement of justice-involved youth with a disabling mental disorder? If so, what specific provisions should be included in the legislation?

8:00 a.m. Recommendations from the Children's Systems of Care Planning Committee working group
→ Mary Dalton, Administrator, Health Services Division, DPHHS

8:30 a.m. Panel of private residential treatment centers:
→ Shodair (Helena)
→ Acadia (Butte)
→ Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (Billings)

9:30 a.m. Comments on behalf of Youth Court Services, Office of Court Administrator, Judicial Branch
→ Lois Menzies

9:40 a.m. Therapeutic Group Home services
→ A.W.A.R.E. (Butte), Larry Noonan, Executive Director

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- 10:00 a.m. BREAK
- 10:15 a.m. Staffing and costs for a state residential treatment facility for youth
→ Steve Gibson, Administrator, Youth Services Division, DOC
- 10:45 a.m. Public comment
- 11:15 a.m. Committee discussion and work session on in-state residential treatment for youth
- 12:00 noon LUNCH
- 1:00 p.m. **Interstate child abduction matter**
- Mr. Claude Hargrove will address the committee about his family's situation: mother in a divorce proceeding took children to another state, Montana court awarded full custody to father, federal warrant issued for mother, father wants enforcement and Amber alert
- Overview of current law related to Amber alerts and enforcement in interstate child custody/abduction matters, Attorney General's Office (*requested but not confirmed*)
- 1:45 p.m. **Bill drafts - action items**
1. Juvenile detention (Valencia Lane)
→ Public comment
 2. County detainee medical costs (Valencia Lane)
→ Public comment
 3. Housekeeping bill on judicial nomination commission statute (Valencia Lane)
→ Public comment
- Other business**
1. Options for a committee bill to clean up Drug and Mental Health Court statutes (Sheri Heffelfinger)
→ Public comment
 2. Qualifications for friend of the respondent -- update (Valencia Lane)
 3. Rule review report (Valencia Lane)
 4. Work plan and mental health study update (Sheri Heffelfinger)
- 3:00 p.m. Next meeting
- Instructions to staff
- Adjournment

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