



**Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim  
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**HJR 20 SUBCOMMITTEE  
DRAFT AGENDA**

**Sept. 12, 2017**

State Capitol, Room 137

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

- 8:30 a.m. 1. Call to Order -- Roll Call**  
*Rep. Kathy Kelker, Presiding Officer*
- 8:35 a.m. 2. Subcommittee Information and Staffing**  
*Sue O'Connell, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division*
- 8:45 a.m. 3. Introduction of Subcommittee Members**
- 9:15 a.m. 4. Subcommittee Purpose, Topics, and Goals**  
*Rep. Kelker and Subcommittee Members*
- 9:45 a.m. 5. Public Comment**
- 10:00 a.m. 6. BREAK**
- 10:05 a.m. 7. Introduction to Topic Terminology**  
*Rep. Kelker*
- 10:15 a.m. 8. Discussion of Pre-Meeting Reading Materials**  
*Josh Poulette, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (via phone)*  
*Subcommittee Members*
- 10:45 a.m. 9. Panel Discussion: Health Care Costs**
- a. JJ Carmody, Director of Reimbursement and Health Policy, Billings Clinic
  - b. Rob Brandt, CEO, Mountainview Medical Center, White Sulphur Springs
  - c. Roy Strong, CEO, Ortho Montana, Billings *(via phone)*
  - d. Dr. Kurt Lindemann, DDS, Kalispell
- 11:45 a.m. e. Questions of Panel Members**  
*Subcommittee Members and Members of the Audience*
- 12: 15 p.m. 10. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. 11. Subcommittee Discussion: Panel Information**  
*Discussion of Information and Implications for Transparency and Consumer Costs*

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- 1:45 p.m. 12. Subcommittee Discussion: Standard Operating Procedures**
  - a. Duties of Members
  - b. Meeting Formats
  - c. Involvement of Public
  - d. Communication with Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Committee
  - e. Voting Procedures
  - f. Recommendations to the Children and Families Committee
  - g. Other
- 2:05 p.m. 13. BREAK**
- 2:20 p.m. 14. Public Comment\*** related to the HJR 20 study
- 2:50 p.m. 15. Subcommittee Discussion: Key Points to Share with Interim Committee**
- 3:20 p.m. 16. Preview of Next Meeting**
  - a. Outline of Planned Agenda Items -- Rep. Kelker
  - b. Subcommittee Requests for Information/Presentations
- 3:30 p.m. 17. Adjournment**

**Questions for Panel Discussion of Health Care Costs**

- 1. Is your health care entity a for-profit or nonprofit organization?
  - a. If your entity is a for-profit organization, roughly what is your profit margin?
  - b. If your entity is a nonprofit entity, what kind of margin do you try to maintain? Do you benefit from donations? How are donations used to offset the costs of providing services?
- 2. In a general sense, what are your costs for providing the healthcare services that you or your organization offer? Include the aspects of your expenditure budget; for example, personnel, supplies, equipment, contracted services, utilities, maintenance, capital expenses.
- 3. Over the past 3 to 5 years, how much have your costs for providing services increased? What areas of the budget have increased the most?
- 4. Over the past 3 to 5 years, what efforts have you or your organization made to reduce costs? How successful have these efforts been?

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