

Government Relations Committee of HRDC, IX

Date: 02/04/2025

Location: Virtual

Committee members present:, Bruce Grubbs, Gene Townsend, Linda Young

Committee members excused: Steve Klein, Scott MacFarlane

Staff present: Heather Grenier, Krista Dicomitis

Guests present:

Gene Townsend called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Opening Public Comment:

Gene Townsend requested opening public comment. No public comment was made.

Agenda:

1. Previous meeting minute approval

The previous meeting minutes from January 7th, 2025 were reviewed. There were no edits requested. Linda Young moved to approve the meeting minutes. Bruce Grubbs seconded. All members voted in favor to approve the minutes.

2. February Outreach Calendar

Heather Grenier provided an update on the plans for February Outreach, including the upcoming Park County Commission meeting to meet the new commissioner and introduce the Park County Advisory Council. She also shared that the scheduled meeting for Bozeman City Commission will highlight shelter, housing and transportation.

Gallatin County and Livingston City Commissions will be scheduled in March.

3. Legislative Priorities

House Bill 21 for the State Low Income Housing Tax Credit was tabled. House Bill 310 for shelter funding operations was heard Friday morning. Buttrey's Medicaid Bill is being heard February 5th. Heather testified on House Bill 274 for a Medicaid Waiver for Medical Respite programming to which she shared was received relatively positively. Heather Grenier reminded the committee about other bills being monitored including potential permanent supportive housing bills and those impacting non-profits.

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4. Draft Shelter Funding Strategy

Heather Grenier provided an overview of the current draft created for local support needed for shelter operations. Data to highlight the percentage of shelter stays by population is being pulled to better inform the approach in sharing this information with municipalities. These plans are with support and strategy oversight from the Regional Housing Coalition.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive Session held. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 4th, 2025.