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AGENDA

July 15, 2026

State Capitol, Room 172 and Zoom

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8:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Barry Usher

8:35 a.m. **Criminal Justice Data Warehouse:** Implementation update and review of related provisional draft council legislation

Implementation update

Kayla Bragg, Executive Director, Montana Board of Crime Control

Janice Fries, Statistical Analysis Center Director, Montana Board of Crime Control

Adam Carpenter, Chief Data Officer, Department of Administration

Provisional draft legislation

Laura Sherley, LSD Staff

- **(CJOC PD6)** - Establish criminal justice data warehouse priorities for the 2027-2028 interim
 - Public comment* on the topic
 - Council discussion and questions
 - *Potential action item:* revise/approve CJOC-PD6, if wanted

9:15 a.m. **Montana Board of Pardons and Parole:** Overview of board role and responsibilities

Jimmy Patelis, council member and Board of Pardons and Parole member

Joseph McElroy, Member, Board of Pardons and Parole

Brad Newman, Member, Board of Pardons and Parole

- Public comment* on the topic
- Council discussion and questions

10:15 a.m. **Break**

- 10:30 a.m. **Funding for Pre-adjudication Services:** Overview of state funding and grant opportunities for counties
- County funding opportunities
 Eric Bryson, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties
- State grants through DPHHS
 Meghan Peel, BHDS Administrator, Dept. of Public Health and Human Serv.
- Public comment* on the topic
 - Council discussion and questions
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **HJ 45 – Study of Collateral Consequences of Criminal Convictions and Criminal Record Expungement**
- Update on the implementation of Dept. of Labor and Industry Reentry Office
 Sarah Swanson, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry
- Montana and other state record clearance laws
 Abbie Cziok, LSD Attorney
- Provisional draft legislation
 Laura Sherley, LSD Staff
- **(CJOC PD5)** - Generally revise laws related to the misdemeanor expungement clarification act
 - Public comment* on the topic
 - Council discussion and questions
 - *Potential action item:* revise/approve CJOC-PD5, if wanted
- 2:00 p.m. **Federal vs. State Definition of Bodily Injury:** Review of updated provisional draft council legislation
- Abbie Cziok, LSD Attorney*
- **(CJOC-PD3.2)** – Revise laws related to partner and family member assault
 - Public comment* on the topic
 - Council discussion and questions
 - *Potential action item:* revise/approve CJOC-PD3, if wanted
- 2:30 p.m. **Child Victim Services:** Overview of other state laws related to child advocacy centers and review of related provisional draft council legislation
- Laura Sherley, LSD Staff*
- **(CJOC-PD4)** – Define child advocacy centers
 - Public comment* on the topic
 - Council discussion and questions
 - *Potential action item:* revise/approve CJOC-PD4, if wanted
- 3:00 p.m. **Public Comment*** on any topic under the council's jurisdiction but not on this agenda

3:15 p.m. **Council Work Session**

- Next meeting date: September 2, 2026
- Review of *Draft* Council 2025-2026 Biennial Report
- Direction to staff: assigned study, member topics, required reports, etc.
- Other directions to staff?

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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