

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PHYSICIAN-HOSPITAL COMMITTEE
HELENA, MONTANA
DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2011**

MINUTES

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

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ITEM # 1: Call to Order

Members Present: Dr. Kristin Spanjian, Ms. Pat Bollinger, Dr. Dean Center, Dr. Mary Anne Guggenheim, Dr. Anna Earl

Staff Present: Ms. Maggie Connor, Mr. Ian Marquand, Mr. Jerry Morse

Guests Present: Sen. Anders Blewett, Sen. Jim Shockley, Rep. Dick Barrett, Steven Speckart, Kay Brown, Rev. John C. Board, Doris Fisher, Kathryn Tucker, Dustin Hankinson, Kent Hanawalt, Dr. Jones, Casey Blumenthal, Bradley Williams, Pat Murdo, Jessica Grennan, Jean Branscum

ITEM # 2: Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Dr. Dean Center made the motion to approve the agenda and Ms. Pat Bollinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 3: Approval of September 13, 2011 Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Dean Center made the motion to approve the September 13, 2011 minutes and Dr. Anna Earl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 4: Open Forum: Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT:

In accordance with 2-3-103(1), MCA, the Board will hold a public comment period. Please note that Open Forum is the public's opportunity to address the committee on any topic that is not on the agenda for this meeting. While the committee cannot take action on the issues presented, the committee will listen to comments and may ask the issue be placed on a subsequent agenda for possible action by the Board. The Chair of the committee will determine the amount of time allotted for public comment.

Dr. Kristin Spanjian opened the floor to public comment. No comments were received from the public at this time.

ITEM # 5: Physician Assisted Death Position Statement

The committee listened to numerous comments from the public representing various perspectives related to the concept of physician-assisted death. The committee discussed the comments. Extensive discussion among Drs. Anna Earl, Mary Anne Guggenheim, Kristin Spanjian, Dean Center and Mr. Ian Marquand concerning obtaining a written legal opinion for the Board before the committee could propose a position statement. Mr. Marquand stated that he thought it appropriate to ask Anne O'Leary, and if need be, other legal staff within the Business Standards Division to assist her. Dr. Spanjian summarized that before the next full board meeting on November 18, 2011 the committee would seek a legal opinion to be brought up for brief discussion.

Adjourn