



Brian Schweitzer
Governor

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER STATE OF MONTANA

Interim Chief Public Defender
Dave Stenerson

MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION BRIEFING January 19, 2012 Meeting **LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE INTERIM ACTIVITY**

Law and Justice Interim Committee

- Planned meetings for 2011: June 21, September 9, and December 15-16
- Planned meetings for 2012: February 23-24, April 19-20, June 21-22, and August 31.
- Committee Membership: please see August 29 Commission meeting handout.
- Work plan for OPD: Agency legislation, monitor SB 187, and review required reports.
- Reports: The Commission submitted its annual report to the Governor, Supreme Court and Legislature on December 15, 2011.

Legislative Finance Committee

- Planned meetings for 2011: June 10, September 29-30, and December 5-6.
- Planned meetings for 2012: March 8-9, June 11-12, TBD September and late 2012.
- Committee Membership: please see August 29 Commission meeting handout.
- Work plan for OPD: Study attorney caseloads, impacts of additional funding added during Governor's amendments to HB 2 on caseloads, and general monitoring of expenditures including those in capital cases.
- Reports: On September 30, 2011 the agency submitted the net case, case duration, and collection/assessment reports to the LFC.

63rd Legislative Session and Budget Process (working backwards in time)

- Session begins: January 2013 and usually progresses through April of that year
- Governor's budget due to Legislature usually in the November-December 2012 timeframe
- Commission/agency personnel meet with the Budget Office in the fall of 2012
- Final Commission-approved budget submitted to the Budget Office in August/September 2012
- Draft Commission-approved budget submitted to the Budget Office in May 2012
- Agency's draft budget items presented to the Commission on January 19, 2012