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MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION BRIEFING August 29, 2011 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.
- The theme of the June 21 meeting was mostly planning for tasks for the interim.
- OPD Update to the Committee: Please see the attached handout
- Committee Membership: please see the attached handout
- Work plan: please see the attached handout

Legislative Finance Committee

- Planned meetings for 2011: June 10, September 29 – 30, and December 8 – 9.
- Planned meetings for 2012: March 8 – 9, June 7 – 8, TBD September and late 2012.
- The theme of the June 10 meeting was mostly planning for tasks for the interim
- Committee Membership: please see the attached handout

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

- Session begins: January 2013 and usually progresses through April
- Governor's budget due to legislature: Usually in the November-December 2012 timeframe
- Commission and agency meet with OBPP: Fall of 2012
- Final Commission approved budget submitted to OBPP: August 2012
- Draft Commission approved budget submitted to OPBB: May 2012
- Agency's draft budget items presented to the Commission: Late in 2011 or early 2012