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MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION BRIEFING October 24, 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.
- Committee Membership: please see August 29 meeting handout.
- Work plan for OPD: Agency legislation, monitor SB 187, and review required reports.
- Reports: The Commission traditionally submits its annual report to the Governor, Supreme Court and Legislature before the end of the calendar year. The agency is finalizing this report.

Legislative Finance Committee

- Planned meetings for 2011: June 10, September 29 – 30, and December 5 – 6.
- Planned meetings for 2012: March 8 – 9, June 7 – 8, TBD September and late 2012.
- Committee Membership: please see August 29 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.
- Reports: On September 30 the agency submitted the net case, case duration, and collection/assessment reports.

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/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: Late in 2011 or early 2012