

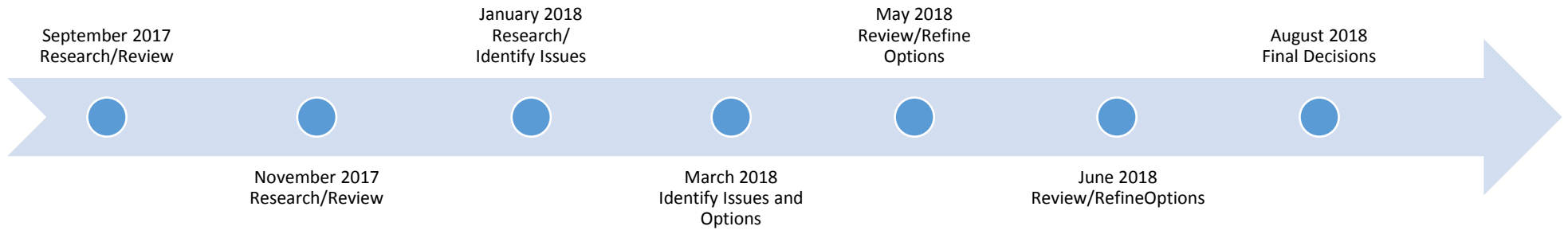
CHILDREN, FAMILIES, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

INTERIM STUDIES: Assignments and Tasks

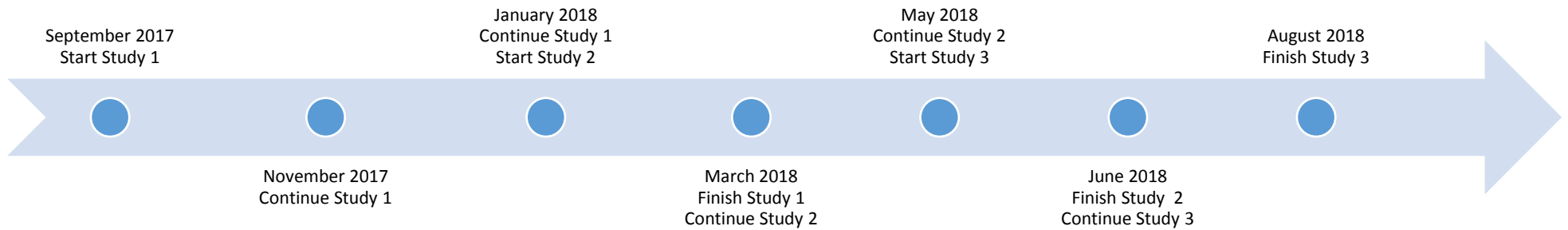
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The timeline below illustrates the general steps of an interim study and how they would be carried out over the Committee’s planned meeting schedule.



The timeline below shows how the committee could focus its attention on one study topic at a time, assuming that the committee will want to spend more time on some studies than on others.



HJR 20 Study: Health Care Price Transparency

HJR 20 asks for a study of health care price transparency. The table below shows the study activities listed in the resolution and the staff estimates of the amount of committee time required to fully carry out each task. *Additional decision points related to a potential subcommittee are listed on Page 5.*

Study Task	Meeting Date	Committee Time
(1) Review factors influencing the pricing of health care services, including costs associated with service delivery models	September 2017	2 hours
(2) Review efforts undertaken in other states and in Montana to make health care cost information more widely available	November 2017	2 hours
(3) Review ways to improve consumer understanding of the different factors affecting health care prices and out-of-pocket costs	January 2018	1 hour
(4) Review methods for encouraging consumers to make informed decisions about health care costs	January 2018	1 hour
(5) Review existing price transparency tools and health care quality measures, including health care outcomes data and hospital accreditation data	January 2018	2.5 hours
(6) Review ways to ensure that health care transparency efforts provide consumers with information about both costs and quality of health care services	January 2018	1.5 hours
(7) Examine the role of the state in improving health care price transparency	March 2018	1 hour
(8) Review information, make recommendations, develop legislation as necessary	March through August 2018	8 hours
	Total	19 hours

HJR 17: Prescription Drug Pricing

HJR 17 asks for a study of prescription drug pricing and its effects on Montanans. The table below shows the study activities listed in the resolution and the staff estimates of the amount of committee time required to fully carry out each task.

Study Task	Meeting Date	Committee Time
(1) Review price changes for prescription drugs over the past 10 years, including specific groups or types of drugs as identified by the committee	September 2017	1 hour
(2) Review factors related to the price changes	September 2017	1.5 hours
(3) Review the cost of prescription drugs to the Medicaid program, Healthy Montana Kids Plan, and public employee group benefit plans	November 2018	.5 hours
(4) Review efforts in other states and in Congress to control the cost of prescription drugs or obtain more information about drug pricing	November through March 2018	3 hours
(5) Review information, make recommendations, develop legislation as necessary	March through August 2018	8 hours
	Total	14 hours

HJR 24: Services for Developmentally Disabled Adults

HJR 24 asks that the committee study services available to developmentally disabled adults and whether improvements could be made in service delivery or payment. The table below shows the study activities listed in the resolution and the staff estimates of the amount of committee time required to fully carry out each task.

Study Task	Meeting Date	Committee Time
(1) Review the number of adults receiving DD services in the community and the number waiting for services, by category of service	September 2017	.5 hours
(2) Review the length of time individuals spend on the waiting list for services, by category of service	September 2017	.5 hours
(3) Review the factors used in developing the cost plan for each individual	September 2017	1 hour
(4) Review the limitations placed on the use of funds in the cost plan and the effects such limitations have on service providers	November 2017	1.5 hours
(5) Review the transition of individuals from school-based to community services as they move into the adult system, including sharing of information among service providers	November 2017	1 hour
(6) Review service delivery models used in other states	January through May 2018	2 hours
(7) Review barriers to reducing the waiting list or providing community services in a more timely manner	January through May 2018	2 hours
(8) Review information, make recommendations, develop information as necessary	March through August 2018	8 hours
	Total	16.5 hours

Potential Subcommittee for HJR 20

The Legislative Council on June 6 agreed to set aside additional funding from its Emerging Issues account to help cover the costs of a subcommittee for HJR 20. Council members encouraged the Children and Families Committee to form a subcommittee that could include members of the public as well as members of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee.

If the Committee decides to form a subcommittee for the HJR 20 study, members should discuss and decide the following questions:

1. How many Committee members will be on the subcommittee and who will chair it?
2. Should the subcommittee include members of the public? If so:
 - a. How many public members should be included?
 - b. Which stakeholders should they represent?
 - c. How will they be selected?
 - d. Will they be voting members?
 - e. Will they be paid for time and travel costs?
3. What study tasks will be delegated to the subcommittee?
4. Does the full Committee want any of the information or presentations prepared for the subcommittee to be presented to the full Committee, as well, for its own education or assessment?
5. How many meetings should the subcommittee have? (The number will depend on the funding available and may impact the number of meetings the full Committee may have.)
6. When should the subcommittee complete its work?
7. How frequently would the Committee like to receive reports about the subcommittee's activities?

Subcommittee meetings are subject to the same public notice and open meetings requirements as regular Committee meetings. In addition, minutes must be kept for subcommittee meetings.

The *Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees* adopted by the Legislative Council sets out procedures for subcommittees on Pages 3 and 4. Key provisions include:

- The presiding officer has authority to establish temporary or standing subcommittees.
- The subcommittee presiding officer shall:
 - work closely with the committee staff to set research priorities; and
 - make periodic reports and recommendations to the full Committee.
- A subcommittee recommendation is a recommendation to the full Committee. Only the full Committee may take an action to implement a subcommittee recommendation.