

## House Public Health Care and Human Services (PHC&HS) Committee Information

*Meeting times and locations.* The House PHC&HS Committee meets on Wednesdays and Fridays upon adjournment from the House floor session. The committee will begin five minutes after adjournment or unless the chair of the committee, Representative Jonathan Singer, announces differently. The committee's designated meeting room is House Committee Room 0112, which is located in the basement level of the State Capitol. Changes to the committee's regular schedule are announced on the House floor prior to adjournment. Additionally, you may follow the House and Senate Committees on Twitter, username @COLCSCcommittees, and follow the House Public Health Care and Human Services hashtag, #COHouPublicHealth and receive updates on the committee's schedule and the status of bills pending before the committee.

*Committee hearings.* Committee meetings are broadcast over the internet. Interested persons who are not able to attend the meeting in person can listen live over the internet. To access the live feed, go to the General Assembly's main page at <http://leg.state.co.us>. At the top of the page is a link (titled "Watch and Listen") to audio broadcasts of current proceedings. Individual committee hearings can be accessed by clicking on the House Committee tab and then selecting the appropriate committee.

*Joint meetings with the Senate Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee and House Health and Insurance (H&I) Committee.* The joint rules of the House and Senate require the Senate HHS, House H&I, and House PHC&HS committees to stay advised of the activities, functions, and budgets of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Public Health and Environment. The House PHC&HS Committee meets jointly with the Senate HHS Committee and House H&I Committees to receive briefings from these departments and the Joint Budget Committee. The committees will also meet jointly to receive briefings and other issues related to health and human services in the state. **Joint meetings of the House H&I, Senate HHS, and House PHC&HS committees during session will be held on Wednesdays upon adjournment of the House and Senate in the Old State Library in the Capitol Building.**

*Testifying before the committee.* Individuals who wish to testify before the committee are asked to sign-up prior to the start of the meeting on the designated sign-up sheets. The sign-up sheets are available on the committee table. There will be a separate sign-up sheet for each bill the committee is hearing at each meeting. Individuals are asked to sign in on the sheet pertaining to their bill of interest.

The chair of the committee, Representative Singer, is responsible for overseeing public testimony and will recognize those on the sign-up sheets in an order most conducive to the business before the committee. With rare exception, everyone signed up to testify will be called upon to testify. Because the meetings are taped and broadcast over the internet, individuals who are testifying are asked to wait to be recognized by the chair prior to beginning their testimony. The appropriate manner of address to the committee chair is "Mister Chair." The appropriate manner of address to House of Representatives committee members is "Representative."

Once witnesses have been recognized by the chair, they may begin their testimony by giving their name and the organization they represent, if any. Committees are subject to tight deadlines and busy schedules. As a courtesy to the legislative members as well as those in the audience waiting to testify, witnesses are asked to keep their testimony concise, relevant to the bill, and, to the extent possible, to not repeat testimony that may have already been provided to the committee. Witnesses may prepare copies of handouts and written testimony for the committee. Witnesses who wish to distribute materials to the committee are asked to bring **14 copies** - one for each member of the committee, as well as a copy for the committee's official record. Please hand any materials to the committee staff person, who will distribute the materials to the committee members.

Witnesses are asked to observe professional decorum during the committee meetings. Clapping, booing, or otherwise disruptive behavior is not permitted. In addition, witnesses must avoid any personal attacks or other emotional outbursts. Finally, all individuals present in the committee room are asked to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices prior to the start of the meeting.

*Committee staff.* The Legislative Council Staff person for the House PHC&HS committee is Julia Group. She is available to answer any questions regarding the committee schedule. Her phone number is (303) 866-4780 and her email is [julia.group@state.co.us](mailto:julia.group@state.co.us).