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## October 2023

### Montana's HB872 Commission

*Special Guests*

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# HB872 – 2023 Session

**House Bill 872 transfers \$300 million dollars** from the state general fund to a state special revenue fund titled the [Behavioral Health System for Future Generations \(BHSFG\) Fund](#).

**The HB872 Commission**, established in the bill, is charged with recommending how funds allocated to DPHHS through the behavioral health and developmental disabilities state special revenue fund are expended.

- The commission will submit reports of its recommendations as needed to the Office of Budget and Program Planning and to the legislative fiscal analyst.
- The commission will transmit its recommendations to the governor for his consideration.



# HB872 \$\$ Allowable Uses

**\$225 million will go into the new account.** The allowable uses include:

- studying and planning of the development of a comprehensive behavioral health system
- statewide community-based investments to stabilize behavioral health and developmental disabilities service providers and delivery, increase and strengthen the behavioral health and developmental disabilities workforce, increase service capacity to meet identified behavioral health and developmental disabilities services demands, and increase opportunities for Montanans to receive integrated physical and behavioral health care
- acquisition of new or remodeling of existing infrastructure or property to support the establishment of behavioral health settings and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities
- planning, operation, or other contract expenses associated with intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities
- planning, operation, or other contract expenses associated with behavioral health settings
- Medicaid and CHIP matching funds for payments made to behavioral health settings
- Medicaid and CHIP matching funds for payments made to intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities

**Another \$75 million will go into the state's long-range building fund** for future capital projects in the behavioral health system.



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## Commission Meetings [Info](#)

- **13 total meetings** planned between July 2023 and November 2024
  - 1 – 2 days each, roughly once per month
- Held in State Capitol and in various other locations around the state
- **Topics/focus to date:**
  - Establish BHSFG [Guiding Priorities](#)
  - Criminal Justice System Reflections: Judicial, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, Jails
  - Crisis Now Model in Montana (Missoula)
- **Upcoming:**
  - Capacity of the developmental disabilities delivery system (Kalispell)



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## Opportunities for Input

- **Public Comment** at Commission Meetings
  - Attend in-person
  - Attend on Zoom - *link will be made available closer to the meeting*
- **Submit Feedback Electronically**
  - Use [online form](#)
    - Can include attachments

## What's helpful?

- **Solution-oriented ideas** for the barriers you observe
- Inclusion of **consumer voices**



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## Submissions from Commissioner Dr. Janet Lindow

- [Needed data to inform priorities](#)
- [Priorities for consideration](#)



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## Helpful Links

- [Behavioral Health System For Future Generations](#)
- [HB872 Commission](#): Past & Future Meeting Info & Recordings
- HB872 [Bill language](#)
- [Commission Feedback Form](#)
- [Senator John Esp](#)
- [Dr. Janet Lindow](#), Rural Behavioral Health Institute