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I2 Community Oversight Committee presenting first bi-annual report to County Commission on Marijuana Initiative implementation

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On Wednesday, November 14, members of the Community Oversight Committee will be presenting the first bi-annual report on I2 (aka “marijuana initiative) implementation at the weekly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

The report notes that data-gathering was challenging because government systems do little in the way of recording time.

“We are very proud of this report. It reflects a cooperative effort by a nine member oversight committee to oversee implementation of policies and record keeping not previously performed in Missoula County,” stated John Masterson, chair of the Oversight Committee.

The committee is composed of Missoula County citizens from diverse backgrounds, including criminal defense attorneys and drug abuse counselors. This report reflects efforts by all committee members during the past nine months.

The thirty-five page report will be available on the Committee's website at:

<http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/initiative2/reports/2007/>

A few copies of the report will be available at the meeting. Also, available will be the committee's grievance form. The grievance form is available at the following web address:

<http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/initiative2/grievance-packet.pdf>

At Wednesday's meeting, Chair John Masterson will make a statement to the County Commissioners regarding the oversight committee's findings. Committee members will also be available for questions from the commissioners.

Appointed by the county commissioners in February 2007, the Community Oversight Committee has held nine public meetings (not counting subcommittee meetings), and has met all the initiative-prescribed deadlines for implementation.