

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the sixteenth meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2005, in Room 15 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Berglin, Chair  
Solon, Vice Chair  
Foley  
Higgins  
Koering  
LeClair  
Lourey  
Rosen

A quorum was present.

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 930, authored and explained by Senator Kubly, as follows:

**S.F. 930 (KUBLY):** A bill for an relating to gambling; appropriating money for compulsive gambling prevention and education.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 930:

1. Lance Holthusen, Executive Director, Northstar Alliance, Box 555, Arlington, MN 55307.
2. Phil Kelly, President, Northstar Alliance, Administrator, Project Turnabout, Box 116, Granite Falls, MN.

Senate File 930 was laid over.

The second bill up for consideration was S.F. 826, authored and explained by Senator Larson, as follows:

**S.F. 826 (LARSON):** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying child care center license fees.

Senate File 826 was laid over.

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 9:35 a.m.

The third bill up for consideration was S.F. 255, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 255 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to MinnesotaCare; modifying covered health services; repealing the limited benefits for certain single adults and households without children.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 255:

1. Sheila Hart, 3102 – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Apartment B, Hibbing, MN 55746.
2. Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, NAMI.
3. Mary Simon, Hastings, MN.
4. Lona deCarlo, Oakdale, MN.\
5. Thomas Deyo, 1092 – 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414.
6. Marcia Alexander, 4207 Lakeside, #331, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429.
7. Bill Conley, MN Mental Health Association, and Mental Health Legislative Network.
8. Dr. Trisha Stark, Director, MN Psychological Association, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 310-N, Roseville, MN 55113.
9. Matt Flory, American Cancer Society, 2520 Pilot Knob Road, Mendota Heights, MN 55120.
10. Anne Barnwell, People, Incorporated, Epilepsy Services, 630 Cedar Ave., Apartment 203, Minneapolis, MN 55454.
11. Jim McGowan, MN Diabetes Association, 715 Florida Ave. S., Suite 307, Minneapolis, MN 55426.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 255 be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee.

Senator Berglin requested a roll call vote on passage of S.F. 255.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON PASSAGE OF S.F. 255**

|                        | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Sen. Berglin, Chair    | X          |           |
| Sen. Solon, Vice Chair | X          |           |
| Sen. Foley             | X          |           |
| Sen. Higgins           | X          |           |
| Sen. Koering           | X          |           |
| Sen. LeClair           |            | X         |
| Sen. Lourey            | X          |           |
| Sen. Rosen             |            |           |
|                        | —          | —         |
| Total                  | 6          | 1         |

There being **6 Yes** and **1 No** vote – The **MOTION PREVAILED** and S.F. 255 was passed and referred to the Finance Committee.

Senator Berglin returned to the chair at 11:10 a.m.

The fourth bill up for consideration was S.F. 695, authored and explained by Senator Koering, as follows:

**S.F. 695 (KOERING):** A bill for an act relating to MinnesotaCare; modifying the definition of gross income.

Senator Koering moved that S.F. 695 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Omnibus Health and Human Services bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The fifth bill up for consideration was S.F. 1030, authored and explained by Senator Solon, as follows:

**S.F. 1030 (SOLON):** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying certain medical assistance reimbursement rates for nursing facilities.

Senator Solon moved to amend S.F. 1030 as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

“Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 256B.434, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4f. [RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005.] (a) For the rate year beginning July 1, 2005, a 166-bed nursing facility in the city of Duluth with reimbursement rates substantially below the Duluth average shall receive an increase of \$25 in each case mix payment rate. The increase shall be included in the facility's total payment rate for purposes of determining future rates under this section or any other section.

(b) The commissioner shall identify savings that occur as the result of admissions to the facility described in paragraph (a) of persons transferring from another facility in Duluth that is owned by the same entity and is downsizing. Any savings identified by the commissioner are appropriated to the commissioner for the purposes of paragraph (a).

[EFFECTIVE DATE.] This section is effective July 1, 2005.”

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1030:

Paul Libbons, Administrator, Bay Shore Nursing Home, 1601 St. Louis Ave., Duluth, MN 55802.

Senate File 1030 was laid over.

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 11:20 a.m.

The six bill up for consideration was S.F. 769, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 769 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money for the new chance program.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 769:

1. LaMontique Fairbanks, New Chance Program, Minneapolis, MN.
2. Tamara Pernell, Parent with New Chance Program.
3. Sherry Glanton, Division Director, New Chance Program, Minneapolis, MN.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 769 as follows:

Page 1, line 6, delete "general" and insert "TANF"

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

Senator Berglin laid over S.F. 769 for possible inclusion in the Omnibus Health and Human Services Bill.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

  
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Senator Linda Berglin  
Chair

  
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Rochelle M. Polansky  
Legislative Assistant

Health and Human Services Budget Division

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair

Wednesday, March 9, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.

Room 15 State Capitol

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order.
  
- II. S.F. 930--Kubly: Compulsive gambling prevention and education.
  - A. Author's Presentation.  
Testimony:  
Lance Holthusen, Ex. Director, Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance, Inc.
  - B. Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.
  
- III. S.F. 826--Larson: Modify Child Care License Fees
  - A. Author's Presentation. *Bring back to pre 2003 funds*
  - B. Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.
  
- IV. S.F. 255--Berglin: MinnesotaCare for Single Adults.
  - A. Author's Presentation.  
Testimony:
    1. Sheila Hart, 3102 – 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Apt. B, Hibbing, MN 55746.
    2. Sue Abderholden, NAMI – will introduce – Mary Simon, Hastings, MN.
    3. Lona DeCarlo, Oakdale, MN.
    4. Tom Deyo, 1092 – 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414.
    5. Marcia Alexander, 4207 Lakeside, #331, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429.

**Testimony (Continued):**

6. **Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.**
7. **Bill Conley, Mental Health Association of MN.**
8. **Judy Hawley, Director, MN Chapter, Physical Therapy Association, 200 South 6<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 470, Minneapolis, MN 55402.**
9. **Matt Flory, American Cancer Society, 2520 Pilot Knob Road, Mendota, MN 55120.**
10. **Trisha Stark, MN Psychological Assn., 1711 West County Road B, Suite 310-N, Roseville, MN 55113.**
11. **Anne Barnwell, People, Inc. Epilepsy Services, 630 Cedar Ave., Apt. 203, Minneapolis, MN 55454.**
12. **Jim McGowan, Volunteer, MN Diabetes Assn., 715 Florida Ave. S., Suite 307, Minneapolis, MN 55426.**
13. **Ray Olson (will be providing written testimony).**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**V. S.F. 695--Koering: Definition of gross income.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**VI. S.F. 1030--Solon: Modify MA rates for a nursing facility.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

**Paul Libbons, Administrator, Bayshore Nursing Home, 1601 St. Louis Ave., Duluth, MN 55802.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**VII. S.F. 769--Berglin: New Chance.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

- 1. LaMontique Fairbanks, Director, New Chance.**
- 2. Sherry Glanton, Division Director, New Chance.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**VIII. S.F. 22--Solon: Rx bulk purchasing.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

- 1. Alan Ingram, Director, National Assn. of Social Workers-MN.**
- 2. Mike Vanselow, Assistant Attorney General.**
- 3. Don Pylkkanen, MN Universal Health Care Coalition.**
- 4. Janis Ray, Greater MN Health Care Coalition, 47 N. Park St., Mora, MN 55051.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**IX. S.F. 23--Solon: Rx Pricing Criteria Reporting Act.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

- 1. Mike Vanselow, Assistant Attorney General.**
- 2. Janis Ray, Greater MN Health Care Coalition, 47 N. Park St., Mora, MN 55051.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**X. S.F. 24--Solon: Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

- 1. Matthew Flory, American Cancer Society, 2520 Pilot Knob Rd., Suite 150, Mendota Heights, MN.**
- 2. Jim Chase, Executive Director, MN Community Measurement, 2550 University Ave. W., Suite 245N, St. Paul, MN 55114.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**XI. Adjournment.**

**NEXT MEETING(S):**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2005**

**Health and Human Services Budget Division  
Sen. Linda Berglin, Chair  
9 a.m. Room 123 Capitol**

**Agenda: TBA**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2005**

**Health and Human Services Budget Division  
Sen. Linda Berglin, Chair  
9 a.m. Room 123 Capitol**

**Agenda: TBA**