

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the fifteenth meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in Room 123 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Berglin, Chair
Foley
Higgins
Koering
LeClair
Lourey
Rosen

Member Excused:

Solon, Vice-Chair

A quorum was present.

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 127, authored and explained by Senator Wiger, as follows:

S.F. 127 (WIGER): A bill for an act relating to counties; providing for a rate increase determination for the Ramsey County nursing facility; appropriating money.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 127:

1. Pat Reller, Director, Ramsey County Nursing Home, Maplewood, MN 55109.
2. Lynn Megan, Ramsey County Nursing Home Task Force.
3. Joyce Carlson, AFSCME Council #5.

Senate File 127 was laid over.

The second bill up for consideration was S.F. 1043, authored and explained by Senator Sams, as follows;

S.F. 1043 (SAMS): A bill for an act relating to health; providing an exception to the nursing home moratorium; appropriating money.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1043:

Dan Donough, Director, Lakewood Health Center, Wadena County Nursing Home.

Senate File 1043 was laid over.

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 884, authored and explained by Senator Kubly, as follows:

S.F. 884 (KUBLY): A bill for an act relating to human services; extending the deadline for a nursing facility moratorium exception project.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 884:

1. David Armstrong, Administrator, Renvilla Nursing Home.
2. Paul McLaughlin, Renvilla Nursing Home.

Senate File 884 was laid over.

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 884, authored and explained by Senator Larson, as follows:

S.F. 1118 (LARSON): A bill for an act relating to health; extending approval for a nursing facility moratorium exception proposal approved under the competitive exception process.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 1118:

1. Lee Rogness, President and Chairman of the Board, Lutheran Brother Home, Fergus Falls, MN.
2. John Zwiers, Administrator, Broen Nursing Home.

Senator Koering moved to amend S.F. 1118 as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

“Section 1. [MORATORIUM PROJECT DEADLINE EXTENSION.]

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.073, subdivisions 3 and 10, the commissioner of health shall extend the project approval until December 31, 2007, for a nursing home moratorium exception project that was approved on December 20, 2002, under Minnesota Statutes, section 144A.073, for a nursing facility in Otter Tail County.”

Delete the title and insert:

“A bill for an act relating to human services; extending the deadline for a nursing facility moratorium exception project.”

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

Senate File 1118 was laid over.

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1391, authored and explained by Senator Larson, as follows:

S.F. 1391 (LARSON): A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing the facility reimbursement rate for a facility in Otter Tail County.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 1391:

1. Susan Olson, Battle Lake Good Samaritan Nursing Home.
2. Jim Wolf, Administrator, Battle Lake Good Samaritan Center.

Senate File 1391 was laid over.

The sixth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 928, authored and explained by Senator Kierlin, as follows:

S.F. 928 (KIERLIN): A bill for an act relating to health; increasing medical assistance reimbursement rates for a nursing facility in Houston County.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 928:

Grant Thayer, Administrator, Lutheran Home in Caledonia, 425 North Badger St., Caledonia, MN.

Senate File 928 was laid over.

The seventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1079, authored and explained by Senator Foley, as follows:

S.F. 1079 (FOLEY): A bill for an act relating to health; providing an exception to the moratorium on nursing home beds by allowing relicensure and recertification of beds placed on layaway.

Senator Foley moved to amend S.F. 1079 as follows:

(See Attachment "A" – SCS1079A-1)

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

The following persons testified on S.F. 1079:

1. Shirley Barnes, CEO, Crest View Nursing Home Corporation (Proponent).
2. Greg Tabell, Audit Director, Department of Human Services (Responded to Questions).
3. Dan Dixon, President/CEO, Guardian Angels Care Center, 280 Evans Ave., Elk River, MN 55330 (Opponent).
4. Mark Peterson, Administrator, Guardian Angels Care Center, 280 Evans Ave., Elk River, MN 55330 (Opponent).

Senate File 1079 was laid over.

The eighth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1302, authored and explained by Senator Wergin, as follows:

S.F. 1302 (WERGIN): A bill for an act relating to health; providing a temporary rate increase to allow a nursing facility in Princeton to recover costs incurred as a result of the nursing facility survey process.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1302:

1. Bob Dahl, President, Elim Homes, Princeton Care and Rehabilitation Center, Princeton, MN.
2. Meaghan Helge, MN Department of Health (Responded to Questions).

Senate File 1302 was laid over.

The ninth and last bill up on the agenda was S.F. 506, authored and explained by Senator Nienow, as follows:

S.F. 506 (NIENOW): A bill for an act relating to human services; designating nursing facilities in Chisago County as metro for purposes of determining reimbursement rates.

Senator LeClair moved to amend S.F. 506 as follows:

(See Attachment "B" – SCS0506A-1)

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

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 506:

1. Mary Courts, Administrator, Margaret S. Parmly Residence, 28210 Old Towne Road, Chisago City, MN 55013.
2. Steve Mork, Administrator, Green Acres County Care Center, 38315 Harder Ave., North Branch, MN 55056.
3. Lance Lindman, SEIU Local 113, 675 Stinson Boulevard, Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

Senate File 506 was laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Senator Linda Berglin
Chair



Rochelle M. Polansky
Legislative Assistant

Health and Human Services Budget Division

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.

Room 123 State Capitol

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order.

- II. **S.F. 127 (Wiger):** Rate increase for Ramsey County Nursing Home.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
Testimony:
 - 1. Pat Reller, Ramsey County Nursing Home Director, Maplewood, MN.
 - 2. Lynne Megan, Ramsey County Nursing Home Task Force.
 - 3. Joyce Carlson, AFSCME, Council 5.
 - B. Amendment(s).
 - C. Division Action.

- III. **S.F. 1043 (Sams):** Nursing home moratorium exception.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
 - B. Amendment(s).
 - C. Division Action.

- IV. **S.F. 884 (Kubly):** Extend deadline for nursing home moratorium exception.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
Testimony:
 - 1. David Armstrong, Administrator, RenVilla.
 - 2. Paul McLaughlin, Administrator, Renville.
 - B. Amendment(s).
 - C. Division Action.

V. **S.F. 1118 (Larson): Extend approval for approved nursing home moratorium exception.**

A. **Author's Presentation.**

Testimony:

Lee Rogness and John Zwiers, Administrator, Broen Home.

B. **Amendment(s).**

C. **Division Action.**

VI. **S.F. 1391 (Larson): Battle Lake Good Samaritan Home.**

A. **Author's Presentation.**

Testimony:

Jim Wolf, Administrator, Battle Lake Good Samaritan Center.

B. **Amendment(s).**

C. **Division Action.**

VII. **S.F. 928 (Kierlin): Increase Medical Assistance reimbursement for a nursing facility in Houston County.**

A. **Author's Presentation.**

Testimony:

Grant Thayer, Administrator, Lutheran Home in Caledonia, 425 North Badger St., Caledonia, MN.

B. **Amendment(s).**

C. **Division Action.**

VIII. **S.F. 1079 (Foley): Exception to moratorium on nursing home beds to all re-licensure and re-certification of lay-away-beds.**

A. **Author's Presentation.**

Testimony:

1. **Shirley Barnes, CEO, Crestview Corporation.**

2. **Mark Peterson, Guardian Angels Care Center, 400 Evans Ave., Elk River, MN 55330.**

3. **Dan Dixon, Guardian Angels Care Center, 280 Evans Ave., Elk River, MN 55330.**

B. **Amendment(s).**

C. **Division Action.**

IX. S.F. 1302 (Wergin): Temporary rate increase for nursing home in Princeton to recover survey process costs.

A. Author's Presentation.

B. Amendment(s).

C. Division Action.

X. S.F. 506 (Nienow): Chisago County as Metro for nursing home rates.

A. Author's Presentation.

Testimony:

**Lance Lindman, SEIU Local 113, 257 Stinson Blvd.,
Minneapolis.**

B. Amendment(s).

C. Division Action.

XI. Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING:

***** NOTE ROOM CHANGE *****

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

**Health and Human Services Budget Division
Sen. Linda Berglin, Chair
9 a.m. Room 15 Capitol**

Agenda:

S.F. 930-Kubly: Compulsive gambling prevention and education

S.F. 826-Larson: Modify Child Care License Fees

S.F. 255-Berglin: MinnesotaCare for Single Adults

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

S.F. 769-Berglin: New CHANCE

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

S.F. 22-Solon: Rx bulk purchasing

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

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