

Senate Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division

Chair: Sen. John Hottinger

Thursday, February 16, 2006

3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Room 123 State Capitol

Present:

Hottinger, Chair
Gary Kubly
Sean Nienow
Betsy Wergin

Absent:

Bob Kierlin
Sandy Pappas
Linda Scheid
Dan Sparks

Senator Hottinger called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Minnesota Dept. of Human Services, Overview of Child Care Assistance Programs

- Cherie Kotilinek, Manager, Child Care Assistance Program
- Ann Sessoms, Director, Transitions to Economic Stability Division

Using a PowerPoint presentation, they covered a survey of Child Care Assistance Programs in Minnesota. The topics covered were:

- Overview of the structures
- Changes in policy
- Examples of benefits to families
- Family profiles
- Access on an urban/rural basis
- Information on future policy changes

AGENDA ITEM #2: Minnesota Dept. of Human Services and Wilder Research, "Child Care Use in Minnesota: 2004 Statewide Household Child Care Survey"

- Deb Swenson-Klatt, Manager, Child Development Services, Minnesota DHS
- Richard Chase, Senior Research Scientist, Wilder Research

Using the attached summary and survey, Ms. Swenson-Klatt and Mr. Chase gave an overview of child care use in Minnesota. The purpose of the study was to update a 1999 survey and track the trends in child care use in Minnesota.

Senator Hottinger adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Senator John C. Hottinger
Division Chair



Jane Bowman
Division Secretary

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