

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the thirty-third meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2006, in Room 123 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Berglin, Chair
Solon, Vice Chair
Higgins
Koering
LeClair
Lourey

Members Absent:

Foley
Rosen

A quorum was present.

The first item on the agenda was a continuation of the bonding proposals under the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Budget Division. The following persons gave a presentation:

S.F. 2332 (METZEN): Authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for construction of affordable assisted living housing in Dakota County.

The bill was presented by Barry Tilley, Capitol Hill Consultants.

The following persons testified regarding S.F. 2332:

1. Cheryl Jacobson, Assistant Director of Administration, Dakota County Community Development Agency (Proponent).
2. Alan Banbuskirk, State Operated Services Division, Department of Human Services (Responded to Questions).

Following the presentations a ballot was passed out to the members of the committee so that they could select bonding projects according to priority:

(SEE ATTACHMENT "A")

The next item on the agenda was a presentation on the potential federal budget cuts. The following person gave a presentation on how Minnesota will be affected by these cuts:

Christine Bronson, Medicaid Director, Department of Human Services explained the changes.

The following persons testified:

1. Nan Madden, Director, MN Budget Project, 2314 University Ave. W., #20, St. Paul, MN 55114.
2. Deborah Schlick, Executive Director, Affirmative Options Coalition.
3. Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey County.
4. Written Testimony submitted by Association of MN Counties, 125 Charles Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103-2108.
5. Dave Haley, Ramsey County Human Services.

The next item on the agenda was a report on the changes to alternative care grants. The following persons presented testimony:

1. Lisa Rotegard, Aging and Adult Services, Department of Human Services.
2. Dan Peterson, Sr., Director, Community Services Perham Memorial Home and Hospital, Perham, MN.

The last item up on the agenda was a presentation on the Mental Health Restructuring Funding Mechanisms for Child and Adult Mental Health. The following persons testified:

1. Wes Kooistra, Assistant Commissioner, Chemical and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Human Services.
2. Marion Brandt, CEO, South Country Health Alliance Program, LeSuer, MN.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.


Senator Linda Berglin
Chair


Rochelle M. Polansky
Legislative Assistant

Health and Human Services Budget Division

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair

Thursday, January 19, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.

Room 123 State Capitol

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order.**

- II. **Bonding Recommendations (Continued from 1/18/06):**
 - A. **S.F. 2332 (Metzen): Assisted Living Facility (presented by Barry Tilley, Capitol Hill Consultants for Dakota County).**
 1. **Cheryl Jacobson, Assistant Director of Administration, Dakota County Community Development Agency.**
 2. **Kathryn S. Hahne, Faegre and Benson.**
 - B. **Members to Prioritize Bonding Proposals.**

- III. **Potential Federal Cuts:**
 - A. **Christine Bronson, Medicaid Director, Department of Human Services.**

Testimony:

 1. **Nan Madden, MN Budget Project.**
 2. **Deborah Schlick, Executive Director, Affirmative Options Coalition.**
 3. **Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey County.**
 4. **Hand Out – provided by MN Association of Counties.**

- IV. **Report on Changes to Alternative Care Grants:**
 - A. **Lisa Rotegard, Aging and Adult Services, Department of Human Services.**
 - B. **Dan Peterson, Senior Director of Community Services, Perham Memorial Home and Hospital (may not be here until 10:00 a.m.)**

V. Mental Health Restructuring Funding Mechanism, Child and Adult Mental Health:

- A. Wes Kooistra, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Human Services.**
- B. Marion Brandt, South Country Health Alliance.**
- C. Rachel Tschida, AXIS Health Care.**
- D. Kathy Thurstone, AXIS Health Care.**
- E. Commissioner Gail Dorfman, Hennepin County, Member of MHAG and also representing Association of MN Counties.**

VI. Adjournment.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Tuesday, January 31

Health and Human Services Budget Division
Chair: Sen. Linda Berglin
9 a.m. Room 123 Capitol
Agenda: Health Impact Fee Hearing on Court Ruling and Impact on Budget.

Tuesday, February 7

Health and Human Services Budget Division
Chair: Sen. Linda Berglin
9 a.m. Room 123 Capitol
Agenda: TBA

Thursday, February 23

Health and Human Services Budget Division
Chair: Sen. Linda Berglin
9 a.m. Room 123 Capitol
Agenda: TBA