

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the thirty-fifth meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 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.

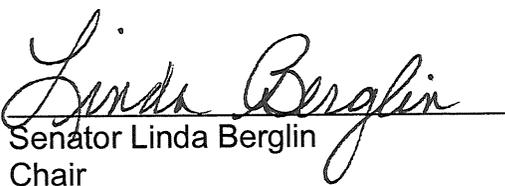
The first item on the agenda was a presentation on reverse mortgages for long term care. The following person testified:

Barbara Stucki, Project Manager, Use Your Home to Stay at Home Initiative, National Council on Aging, Bend, Oregon.

The second item on the agenda was an update on the Medicare Part D Program given by the following:

1. Christine Bronson, Medicaid Director, Department of Human Services.
2. Jim Varpness, Director, Aging and Adult Services, Department of Human Services.
3. Julie Johnson, Pharmacist and Executive Director, Minnesota Pharmacist Association.
4. Laurie Kieffer, 1570 Marion St., St. Paul, MN.
5. Chris Eaton, R.N., Anoka Regional Treatment Center.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


Senator Linda Berglin
Chair


Rochelle M. Polansky
Legislative Assistant

Health and Human Services Budget Division

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair

Wednesday, February 15, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.

Room 123 State Capitol

A G E N D A

I. Call to Order.

II. Reverse Mortgages for Long Term Care.

Barbara Stucki, Project Manager, Use your Home to Stay at Home Initiative, National Council on Aging, Bend, Oregon.

III. Update on Medicare Part D Program:

Christine Bronson, Medicaid Director DHS

Jim Varpness, Director of Aging and Adult Services

A. Status of Executive Order.

B. Status of CMS “fixing” their system problems.

C. Number of claims paid and how much money paid out so far; have claims leveled out.

D. Senior Linkage Line: Update, volume of calls, etc.

Testimony:

1. Julie Johnson, Pharmacist and Executive Director of Minnesota Pharmacist Association

2. Laurie Kieffer, 1570 Marion St., St. Paul, MN.

3. Chris Eaton, R.N. Anoka Regional Treatment Center

IV. Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, February 23

Health and Human Services Budget Division

Chair: Sen. Linda Berglin

10 a.m. Room 123 Capitol

Agenda: TBA