

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the forty-eighth meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 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
Lourey
LeClair

Member Excused:

Foley

Member Absent:

Rosen

Other Members Present:

Betzold
Hottinger
Neuville
Ranum
Skoglund
Rep. Ruth Johnson
Rep. Hilstrom

A quorum was present.

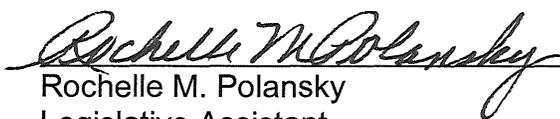
This meeting was called to discuss the safety and operational concerns at St. Peter's Regional Treatment Center regarding the Sexual Offender Treatment Program. Two sex offenders escaped in March, 2005, and four more escaped in April of 2006. The following persons gave a presentation:

1. Roberta Opheim, Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.
2. Wes Kooistra, Assistant Commissioner, Chemical and Mental Health Services, Department of Human Services.
3. Mike Tessneer, Chief Financial Officer, State Operated Services, Department of Human Services.
4. Sheriff Dave Lang, Nicollet County.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Senator Linda Berglin
Chair



Rochelle M. Polansky
Legislative Assistant

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Senator Linda Berglin, Chair

Wednesday, April 26, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.

Room 123 Capitol

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order.

- II. Safety and Operational Concerns at St. Peter's Regional Treatment Center:
 - A. Roberta Opheim, Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

 - B. Wes Kooistra, Assistant Commissioner, Chemical and Mental Health Services, Department of Human Services.

 - C. Sheriff Dave Lang, Nicollet County Sheriff.

- III. Adjournment.