

**Senate Public Safety Budget Division,
Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee,
Senate Health and Human Services Budget Division, and
Senate Health and Family Security Committee**

Monday, February 13, 2006

Chairs: Sen. Jane Ranum

Sen. Leo Foley

Sen. Linda Berglin

Sen. Becky Lourey

Time: 12:00 pm, Rm. 15 Capitol

Agenda

Minnesota Supreme Court Chemical Dependency Task Force Report on Adult and Juvenile
Alcohol and Other Drug Offenders

- Hon. Joanne Smith, Chair, Chemical Dependency Task Force, Second Judicial District
- Hon. Gary Schurrer, Vice Chair, Chemical Dependency Task Force, Chief Judge, Tenth Judicial District
- Jennifer Rinde, recovery addict and a 2004 graduate of the Stearns County Drug Court
- Hon. Robert Rancourt, Tenth Judicial District
- Kathy Swanson, Director of Traffic Safety, Department of Public Safety
- Associate Justice Helen Meyer
- Cheryl Harder, St. Louis County Probation Department
- Gary Remine, Assistant Dodge County Attorney

Members present: Ranum, Berglin, Betzold, Foley, McGinn, Skoglund, Lourey, Rosen, LeClair, Moua, Kiscaden, Neinow, Wergin

Sen. Ranum called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Hon. Joanne Smith, Second Judicial District, gave an overview of the Chemical Dependency Task Force and the major themes outlined in the Task Force report.

Witness responded to questions.

Hon. Gary Schurrer, Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial District, testified on the problems in alcohol and other drug dependent adult offenders and court recommendations as identified by the report.

Witness responded to questions.

Jennifer Rinde, graduate of Stearns County Drug Court, testified on her experience with drug addiction and recovery through the drug court system.

Witness responded to questions.

Hon. Robert Rancourt, Tenth Judicial District, testified on the problems and recommended problem-solving approaches related to treating in alcohol and other drug dependent juvenile offenders and methamphetamine dependent offenders.

Witness responded to questions.

Kathy Swanson, Department of Public Safety, testified on the problems associated with DWI offenders and related problem-solving strategies.

Associate Judge Helen Meyer testified on the three phases of the funding plan recommendations described in the task force report.

Witness responded to questions.

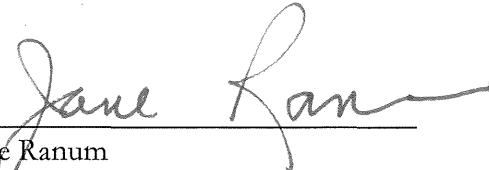
Cheryl Harder, St. Louis County Probation Department, testified on the benefits of problem-solving drug courts based on her experience as a probation officer.

Gary Remine, Assistant Dodge County Attorney, testified on the eligibility requirements for offenders and the suitability of the cases in recognizing the limitations of the proposed drug court programs.

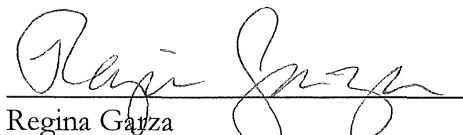
Witnesses responded to questions.

Sen. Ranum adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:



Jane Ranum
State Senator



Regina Gayza
Legislative Assistant

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