

JT. SENATE HEALTH & FAMILY SECURITY COMMITTEE and  
HOUSE HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT DIVISION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006  
12:30 P.M.  
ROOM 15 CAPITOL

Members present:

Lourey, Chair  
Berglin  
Fischbach  
Foley  
Higgins  
LeClair  
Moua  
Nienow

Members excused:

Kelley  
Wergin

Sen. Abler convened the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

The meeting was informational regarding:

- Facilitating Insurance Market Reform: discussion of positive efforts in the private market to create greater efficiencies and improved outcomes, and of the government's role in facilitating these efforts.

Testifiers were:

Kip Sullivan, MN Universal Health Care Coalition  
Sen. Yvonne Prettner-Solon  
Jo Ann Hoag, V. P., St. Luke's Hospital and Clinics, Duluth  
Vondie Woodbury, Exec. Dir., Muskegon (MI) Community Health Project  
Jenny Peterson, Project Director, Twin Ports Health Access Program  
Dr. Robert Meiches, CEO, MMA  
Prof. John Nyman, U of M HSRP

- Safety Net for the Uninsured.

Testifiers were:

Dr. Michael Belzer, Medical Director, Hennepin County Medical Center.  
Rhonda L. Degelau, Exec. Dir., MN Assn of Community Health Centers.  
Sherlyn Dahl, Exec. Dir., Family HealthCare Center in Fargo/Moorhead, Board Member, MN Association of Community Health Centers.  
Dr. Brent Asplin, Medical Director and Department Head, Regions Hospital Emergency Department.  
Ron Brand, Exec. Dir., MN Assn of Community Mental Health Programs.  
Tom Steinmatz, Program Director, Washburn Child Guidance Center, Mpls.  
Gary Cunningham, CEO, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, Mpls., and Board Chair, Neighborhood Health Care Network.  
Sharon Oswald, Health & Independence Manager, Greater Twin Cities United Way, staff for the Partnership for Improving Children's Oral Health.

3:10 Rep. Abler adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Senator Becky Lourey, Chair



Pat Wallner, Legislative Assistant

**Health Care Solutions Series**  
House Health Care Cost Containment Division  
Senate Health and Family Security Committee  
12:30 – 3:00 PM, February 16, 2006  
Room 15, Capitol  
Chair, Sen. Becky Lourey  
Co-Chair, Rep. Jim Abeler

I. Call to Order

II. Facilitating Insurance Market Reform

- ① MN Universal Health Care Coalition  
Kip Sullivan
  
- Generations Health Care Initiatives
  - ⑤ Jenny Peterson, Project Director, Twin Ports Health Access Program
  - ③ Jo Ann Hoag, V.P., St Luke's Hospital and Clinics, Duluth
  - ④ Vondie Woodbury, Exec Dir, Muskegon (MI) Community Health Project
  - ② *Sen. Yvonne Prettner-Solom*
- ⑥ Minnesota Medical Association proposal  
Dr. Robert Meiches, CEO, MMA
  
- ⑦ HSA presentation  
Prof. John Nyman, U of M HSRP

III. Safety Net for the Uninsured

- ⑧ Dr. Michael Belzer, Medical Director, Hennepin County Medical Center.
- ⑨ Rhonda L. Degelau, Exec. Dir., MN Assn of Community Health Centers
- ⑩ Sherlyn Dahl, Exec. Dir., Family HealthCare Center in Fargo/Moorhead,  
Board member, Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers.
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Emergency Department.
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Minneapolis
- ⑮ Sharon Oswald, Health & Independence Manager, Greater Twin Cities United  
Way, staff for the Partnership for Improving Children's Oral Health.
- ⑭ Gary Cunningham, CEO, NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center,  
Minneapolis, and Board Chair, Neighborhood Health Care Network.

IV. Adjournment