

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the thirty-second meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 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 an overview of the Federal Medicare Part D Program. The following persons testified:

1. Christine Bronson, Medicaid Director, Department of Human Services.
2. Krista Boston, Aging and Adult Services Division, Department of Human Services.
3. Sandra Anderson, Vice Chair, MN Board on Aging, Linkage Line Program (Senior Linkage Line 1-800-333-2433).
4. Catherine Sampson, Executive Director, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging, Director of Linkage Line.
5. Dawn Simonson, Metropolitan Area on Aging, Director, Linkage Line.
6. Susan Gray, Medicare Part D Beneficiary.
7. David Hancox, Metro Center for Independent Living, Disability Linkage Line (1-866-333-2466).
8. Barbara Kuhn, Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, MN.
9. Greg Marita, Attorney, Mid-MN Legal Assistance, Minneapolis, MN.

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

1. Wes Kooistra, Assistance Commissioner, Department of Human Services.
2. Alan Banbuskirk, State Operated Services, Department of Human Services.
3. Dr. Frank Budd, Chair, Veterans Homes Board.
4. Steve Musser, Executive Director, Veterans Homes Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Senator Linda Berglin
Chair



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Health and Human Services Budget Division

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order.

II. Review of Medicare Part D Program:

- A. Krista Boston, Aging and Adult Services Division, Department of Human Services.**
- B. Christine Bronson, Medicaid Director, Department of Human Services.**

Testimony:

- 1. Catherine Sampson, Executive Director, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging, Director of Linkage Line.**
- 2. Sandra Anderson, MN Board on Aging, Vice Chair, Linkage Line Programs.**
- 3. Dawn Simonson, Metropolitan Area on Aging, Director, Linkage Line.**
- 4. Susan Gray, Part D Beneficiary – Consumer.**
- 5. David Hancox, Metropolitan Center of Independent Living, Disability Linkage Line.**
- 6. Greg Marita, Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance.**
- 7. B. J. Kuhn, Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance.**

III. Potential Federal Cuts:

Christine Bronson, Medicaid Director, Department of Human Services.

Testimony:

- 1. Nan Madden, MN Budget Project.**
- 2. Deborah Schlick, Executive Director, Affirmative Options Coalition.**

IV. Bonding Recommendations:

- A. **Wes Kooistra, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Human Services.**
- B. **Alan Banbuskirk, State Operated Services, Department of Human Services.**
- C. **Stephen Musser, Executive Director, Veterans Home Board.**
- D. **Dr. Frank Budd, Chairman, Veterans Home Board.**
- E. **S.F. 2332 (Metzen): Assisted Living Facility (presented by Barry Tilley).**

V. Adjournment.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday, January 19

Health and Human Services Budget Division
Chair: Sen. Linda Berglin
9 a.m. Room 123 Capitol
Agenda: Mental Health Restructuring Funding Mechanism - Chair and Adult Mental Health and Report on Changes to Alternative Care Grants.

Thursday, 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