

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Wednesday, February 26th, 2025
8:30 am Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Melissa H. Wiklund – Chair, Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair, Senator Paul Utke – Minority Lead, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator John Hoffman Senator Mark Koran, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Lindsey Port

Absent:

Chair Mann called the meeting to order at 8:33 am on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 1402 (Wiklund): Medical assistance rate adjustments establishment for physician and professional services

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 1402, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 1402 (Wiklund): Medical assistance rate adjustments establishment for physician and professional services

Senator Wiklund moved the A1 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A1 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1402, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1402

- Dr. Katie Smentek, MD, on behalf of the Minnesota Medical Association and the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, where she serves as current President, testified in support of Senate File 1402.
- Jessica Brisbois, Manager of Acute Mental Health Services at Children's Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1402.
- Shannon Brown, CEO of Fernbrook Family Center, testified in support of Senate File 1402.
- Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs with the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified on Senate File 1402.
- Dr. Steven Girardeau, Psy.D., LP, on behalf of the Minnesota Psychological Association, testified on Senate File 1402.
- Bentely Graves, Director of HealthCare and Transportation Policy with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, testified on Senate File 1402.
- Dr. Lew Zeidner, PhD, CEO of Eosis Recovery Services, testified in support of Senate File 1402.
- Leah Seeger, licensed marriage and family therapist and President of Minnesota Association of Marriage and Family Therapist, testified in support of Senate File 1402.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Diogo Reis, Health Improvement and Benefit Design Division Manager at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, assisted Senator Wiklund with answering members' questions about Senate File 1402.

Dave Renner, Director of State & Federal Legislation at the Minnesota Medical Association, assisted Senator Wiklund with answering members' questions about Senate File 1402.

Chair Mann passed the gavel to Senator Boldon who assumed the role of Chair.

Senator Abeler moved and explained the A3 Amendment.

Senator Abeler withdrew the A3 Amendment.

Committee members' questions and discussion continued.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 1402, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Utke requested a roll call be taken on the final passage of Senate File 1402, as amended.

The results of the roll call were as follows:

AYES: Senator Wiklund, Senator Mann, Senator Boldon, Senator Kupec, Senator Port
NAYS: Senator Utke, Senator Abeler, Senator Koran, Senator Lieske

Absent: Senator Hoffman

On a vote of 5 AYES, 4 NAYS, AND 1 ABSENT THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1402, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TAXES.

Chair Boldon passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund who assumed the role of Chair.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 477 (Boldon): Case management associate, mental health behavioral aide, and mental health rehabilitation worker supervision requirements modification

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 477, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 477 (Boldon): Case management associate, mental health behavioral aide, and mental health rehabilitation worker supervision requirements modification

Senator Boldon moved the A2 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A2 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 477, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 477

- Ellie Skelton, Executive Director of Touchstone Mental Health and President of the Mental Health Providers Association of Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 477.
- Ashley Kjos, CEO of Woodland Centers, testified in Senate File 477.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments for Senate File 477, as amended.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 477, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 8 (Boldon): Medical assistance coverage provision of psychiatric Collaborative Care Model

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 8, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 8 (Boldon): Medical assistance coverage provision of psychiatric Collaborative Care Model

Senator Boldon moved the A1 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A1 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 8, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 8

- Frank Jadwin, Program Manager of the Collaborative Care Model at Hennepin Healthcare, testified in support of Senate File 8.
- Dr. Tyler Winkelman, MD, primary care physician and Director of General Internal Medicine at Hennepin Healthcare, testified in support of Senate File 8.
- Dr. Kyle Darnall, PsyD, Executive Director of Behavioral Health at CentraCare, testified in support of Senate File 8.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments for Senate File 8, as amended.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 8, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 1561 (Mann): Grant programs establishment for various purposes related to children's mental health

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 1561, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 1561 (Mann): Grant programs establishment for various purposes related to children's mental health

Senator Mann moved the A2 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A2 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1561, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1561

- Kirsten Anderson, Executive Director of AspireMN, walked through Senate File 1561.
- Jennifer Gustafson, Clinical Supervisor for the Dakota County Juvenile Services Center testified on behalf of the Minnesota Juvenile Detention Association, on Senate File 1561.
- Dr. Margot Zarin-Pass, MD, pediatrician at Children's Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1561.
- Todd Archbold, CEO of Prairie Care, testified in support of Senate File 1561.

Committee Members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1561, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 928 (Mann): Children's mental health programs modification and appropriation

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 928, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 928 (Mann): Children's mental health programs modification and appropriation

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A1 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 928, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 928

- Shannon Brown, CEO of Fernbrook Family Center, testified in support of Senate File 928.
- Lisa Xiong, Senior Director of Clinical Services for Change Inc, testified in support of Senate File 928.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 928, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:49am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant

