

HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair of the Committee on Human Services Policy called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 in room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

FISCHER, Peter, Chair
FREDERICK, Luke, Vice Chair
BACKER, Jeff
BAKER, Dave
CURRAN, Brion
EDELSON, Heather
ENGEN, Elliot
FINKE, Leigh
HANSON, Jessica
HICKS, Kim
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul

Members Excused:

KIEL, Debra, Lead

A quorum was present.

Representative Engen moved to approve the minutes from March 11, 2024. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4014 (Acomb) Rule on opioid treatment program medication dispensing for take-home uses modified.

Chair Fischer moves that HF 4014 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep. Acomb presented the bill.

Testifiers:

Dr. Gavin Bart, Director of Addiction Medicine Division, Hennepin Healthcare
Jessica Shortall, Coalition Manager, Safer from Harm

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 4014 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4391 (Hemmingsen-Jaeger) Department of Human Services disability services and substance use disorder services policy bill.

Chair Fischer moved that HF 4391 be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Rep. Hemmingsen-Jaeger explained the bill.

Testifiers:

Kristy Graume, Legislative Director for the Behavioral Health, Housing, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF4391 be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3486 (Freiberg) Recovery Options Act. Substance use disorder treatment; licensed alcohol and drug counselors continuing education requirements modified, religious objections to placements in substance use disorder treatment programs allowed, and report required.

Chair Fischer moved to refer HF 3486 to the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee.

Rep. Frieberg explained the A3 Author's Amendment.

Chair Fischer moved the A3 Author's Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Rep. Freiberg presented the bill, as amended.

Testifiers on HF3486, as amended.

Steven Kind, Minnesota Outreach Coordinator, SMART Recovery

John Capesius, Facilitator, SMART Recovery & Business Owner

Juneal Colbern, Qualified Rehabilitation Consultant

Kristy Graume, Legislative Director for the Behavioral Health, Housing, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 3486 be referred to the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4362 (Edelson) Application of bloodborne pathogen testing expanded to nonsecure direct care and treatment programming, and priority admissions task force member name corrected.

Rep. Edelson moved that HF 4362 be referred to the General Register.

Testifiers:

Carrie Briones, Legislative Director of Direct Care and Treatment, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Jacquelyn Sammons, DCT

Rep. Edelson renewed the motion that HF 4362 be referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4289 (Hanson, J.) Licensed graduate social workers temporarily allowed to engage in clinical practice without supervision if providing crisis response services and to provide treatment supervisions to individuals on crisis teams.

Rep. Hanson moves to refer HF 4289 to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Rep. Hanson explained the bill.

Testifiers:

Michelle Gross, Mental Health Work Group Chair, Communities United Against Police Brutality

Jay Sykes, Step-Father of Brent Alsleben

Rep. Hanson renews the motion that HF 4289 be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4106 (Noor) Timelines for medical assistance eligibility determinations for hospital patients modified, supplemental payments for disability waiver services provided, and additional permissible circumstances for the appointment of an emergency guardian provided.

Rep. Noor moved to refer HF 4106 to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Rep. Noor moved the A1 Author's Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Testifiers on HF 4106, as amended:

Dr. Ryan Greiner, Medical Director, North Memorial Health

Heather Kelly, Manager of Care Management, Fairview Health Services (M Health Fairview University of Minnesota Medical Center, Bethesda, and Fairview)

Gilbert Acevedo, MACSSA

Rep. Noor renewed the motion to refer HF 4106, as amended, to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Frederick assumed the gavel.

HF4393 (Fischer) Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General policy bill; and provisions relating to human services licensing, background studies, provider notifications, substance use disorder medications, and electronic signatures modified.

Chair Fischer moved HF 4393 to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Fischer moved the A1 Author's Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Testifiers on HF4394, as amended.

- Ari Didion, Legislative Director of the Office of Inspector General, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Chair Fischer renewed the motion to refer to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37.

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair

Spencer Crose, Committee Legislative Assistant