

HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE & POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Representative Mohamud Noor, Chair of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:17AM on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NOOR, Mohamud, Chair
KEELER, Heather, Vice Chair
SCHOMACKER, Joe
GILLMAN, Dawn
BACKER, Jeff
CURRAN, Brion
FRANSON, Mary
FISCHER, Peter
FREDERICK, Luke
GANDER, Steve
GORDON, Jimmy
HICKS, Kim
JACOB, Steve
KNUDSEN, Krista
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
MURPHY, Tom
NORRIS, Matt
VIRNIG, Bianca

Members excused:

A quorum was present.

Representative Frederick moved the minutes of April 8, 2025, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2434 (Schomacker) – Human Services Budget Bill.

Chair Schomacker moved that HF 2434 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Chair Schomacker presented HF 2434.

Nonpartisan staff presented the Human Services Budget Bill.

Testifiers:

- Shireen Gandhi, Temporary Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Marshall Smith, CEO, Direct Care and Treatment (DCT)
- Brian Zirbes, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MAARCH)
- Jenny Mongeau, Commissioner, Clay County
- Barb Dahl, Social Services Director, Scott County
- Dr. Jared Bostrom, Chief Executive Officer, Progress Valley
- Kyle Berndt, Senior Director of State and Federal Policy, ARRM
- Erin Huppert, VP of Advocacy, LeadingAge Minnesota & Long-Term Care Imperative
- Sara Grafstrom, Senior Director of State and Federal Policy, ARRM
- Robert Freeman, Vice-President for Public Policy, Alzheimer's Association MN-ND
- Josh Berg, Director of Minnesota Services & Strategic Growth, Accessible Space Inc.
- Lori Schluttenhofer, Board Member, Minnesota Organization for Habilitation and Rehabilitation
- Lew Zeidner, President & CEO, EOSIS
- Starlisha Doby, Member, SEIU Healthcare MN & IA
- Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association
- Kirsten Anderson, Executive Director, AspireMN
- Maureen Schneider, Chair, Minnesota Board on Aging (Zoom)
- Sherrie Pugh, Chair, Age-Friendly MN Council
- Lisa Lane, Chief External Affairs Officer, Open Arms of Minnesota
- Jon Nelson, Executive Director, Residential Services inc. (Zoom)
- Nancy Cashman, Executive Director, Center City Housing Corp
- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, NAMI Minnesota
- Emily Goldthwaite, Reverend & Director of Congregational Organizing, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
- Frank Jadwin, Program Director of Collaborative Care, Hennepin Healthcare
- Tom Gillespie, Chief Executive Officer, Living Well Disability Services (Zoom)
- Paul Verrette, Public Policy Director, Agate Housing and Services
- Jinny Palen, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health Programs (MACMHP)
- Dawn Simonson, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- Sean Burke, Minnesota Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities
- John Tribbett, Service Area Director of Ending Homelessness, Avivo
- Mike Beltowsky, Vice President of Program Development, Horowitz Health
- Marcus Schmit, Executive Director, Hearth Connection
- Sarah Curfman, President & CEO, Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota
- Gina Evans, MN Adult & Teen Challenge
- Emily Moe, Managing Director of Homeless Housing Program, BDS Housing Support (Zoom)
- Melanie Emery, Owner, Lakeview Residence

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.

Representative Mohamud Noor, Chair

Elijah Henderson, Committee Legislative Assistant