STATE OF MINNESOTA FORTY-THIRD MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

 HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

 **MINUTES**

Representative Liebling, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:31 A.M. on March 19, 2024 in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

LIEBLING, Tina, Chair

BIERMAN, Robert, Vice-Chair

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Minority Lead

ACOMB, Patty

BACKER, Jeff

BAHNER, Kristin

CARROLL, Ned

ELKINS, Steve

FISCHER, Peter

HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda

HER, Kaohly Vang

MURPHY, Tom

NADEAU, Danny

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

PERRYMAN, Bernie

QUAM, Duane

REYER, Liz

SMITH, Andy

Members excused:

KIEL, Debra

A quorum was present.

Representative Bierman moved that the minutes of March 12, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Bierman moved that the minutes of March 13, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Bierman moved that the minutes of March 14, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF4556 (Howard)** Workgroup on Expediting Rental Assistance recommendations for improving application approval times for family homelessness prevention and assistance program, emergency assistance program, and emergency general assistance implemented; and reports required.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4556 be re-referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy.

Representative Howard presented his bill.

Testifying:

1. Ranee Rock, Lived Experience Consultant, Stable Housing is the Priority (SHIP) Collaborative
2. Ellen Sahli, President, Family Housing Fund

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF4556 be re-referred to the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF4106 (Noor) FIRST ENGROSSMENT** 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.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4106, First Engrossment, be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance.

Representative Noor presented his bill.

Testifying:

1. Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF4106, First Engrossment, be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF3992 (Lislegard)** Onetime aid program established for licensed ambulance services, reports required, and money appropriated.

Chair Liebling moved that HF3992 be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Chair Liebling moved the H3992DE1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lislegard presented his bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Paul Peltier, Executive Director, Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS)
2. Jason Sinning, Coordinator of Ambulance Operations, Stevens County Ambulance Service
3. Patrick Waletzko, Emergency Management Director, Ottertail County
4. Erik Simonson, Lobbyist, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities
5. Cap O’Rourke, Executive Director, Minnesota Small Cities

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF3992, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF4366 (Edelson) FIRST ENGROSSMENT** Civil commitment priority admission requirements modified, prisoner in a correctional facility specified to not be responsible for co-payments for mental health medications, county co-payment expense reimbursement allowed, and money appropriated.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4366, First Engrossment, be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance.

Representative Edelson presented her bill.

Testifying:

1. Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Minnesota
2. Lt. Chris Thompson, Jail Administrator, Cass County
3. Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association
4. Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators

Matt Burdick, Health Care and Behavioral Health Legislative Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services, responded to member questions.

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF4366, First Engrossment, be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF4187 (Bierman)** Alternate hospital inpatient payment rate specified.

Vice Chair Bierman moved that HF4187 be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Vice Chair Bierman moved the H4187DE1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Vice Chair Bierman presented his bill as amended.

Chair Liebling laid over HF4187, as amended, for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

**HF4396 (Liebling) FIRST ENGROSSMENT** Health plan companies required to include essential community providers in all health plans, and contract payment rates modified.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4396, First Engrossment, be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Chair Liebling moved the H4396A2 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Liebling presented her bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Marnie Falk, Director of Public Policy, Gillette Children’s
2. Dan Endreson, Director of Policy and Government Affairs, Minnesota Council of Health Plans

Chair Liebling laid over HF4396, First Engrossment, as amended, for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

**HF4571 (Liebling)** Commissioner of health appropriation corrected.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4571 be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Chair Liebling presented her bill.

Chair Liebling laid over HF4571 for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 P.M.

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Representative Tina Liebling, Chair

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Krysta Niedernhöfer, Committee Legislative Assistant