

Health Finance and Policy Committee
Representative Tina Liebling, Chair
February 21, 2022 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Remotely Via Zoom

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Minutes of 2/16/22 for Approval
- III. **Governor Walz's MDH Supplemental Budget Briefing**
Commissioner Jan Malcolm, Minnesota Department of Health
- IV. **Loan Forgiveness Overview/Governor's Loan Forgiveness Proposal**
Minnesota Department of Health
- V. [HF853](#) (Freiberg) Acupuncture practitioner added to practitioners eligible for health professional education loan forgiveness program, and money appropriated.

Testifiers:

Dr. Amy Mager, DACM, licensed acupuncturist, Vice Chair of Public Policy, American Society Acupuncturists
Chuck Sawyer, Senior Government Affairs Liaison, Northwestern Health Sciences University

- VI. [HF1310](#) (Huot) Health professional education loan forgiveness program funding provided for physicians and midlevel practitioners.

Testifier:

Dr. Cybill Oragwu, MD, Family Physician, Long Prairie

- VII. [HF2715](#) (Edelson) Home and community-based employee scholarship program modified to permit loan forgiveness, and employment requirements temporarily modified for nursing assistants.

Testifiers:

Nicole Mattson, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Care Providers of Minnesota
Matt Steele, Director of Government Affairs, LeadingAge Minnesota

- VIII. [HF3418](#) (Vang) Mental health additional professionals made eligible for loan forgiveness under the health professional education loan forgiveness program, mental health provider supervision grant program and mental health professional scholarship grant program established, qualifications modified for case managers, and money appropriated. *(The Committee will be giving the bill an Informational hearing)*

Testifiers:

Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, NAMI-Minnesota
Alma Marquez, Wilder Foundation

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, February 21st, 2022, 3-4:30 PM**

Briefing on Public Interest Review/Bed Moratorium Exception

Minnesota Department of Health

[HF2812](#) (Ecklund) Hospital construction or critical access hospital modification moratorium exceptions authorized.

[HF3470](#) (Her) Hospital construction moratorium exception project added.

[HF3281](#) (Huot) Hospital construction or modification moratorium exception authorized.