

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Backer, Chair of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00PM, on February 26, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BACKER, Jeff, Chair  
NADEAU, Danny, Vice-Chair  
BIERMAN, Robert, DFL Caucus Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
CARROLL, Ned  
DIPPEL, Tom  
ELKINS, Steve  
FRANSON, Mary  
GILLMAN, Dawn  
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda  
HUOT, John  
KNUDSEN, Krista  
LIEBLING, Tina  
MAHAMOUD, Anquam  
PERRYMAN, Bernie  
PURSELL, Kristi  
REPINSKI, Aaron  
REYER, Liz  
SCHOMACKER, Joe  
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott  
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-Voting member present:

KEELER, Heather

Members excused:

Representative Schomacker moved the minutes of February 24, 2025 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF129 (Repinski) Director of child sex trafficking prevention required to submit a program evaluation each odd-numbered year to the legislature.**

Representative Repinski presented on HF129.

Chair Backer moved HF129 be placed on the General Register.

Chair Backer renewed the motion that HF129 be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF958 (Nadeau) Medical assistance coverage of psychiatric Collaborative Care Model provided.**

Chair Backer moved HF958 be rereferred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy.

Chair Backer moved to adopt the DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Testifiers:

Frank Jadwin, Program Director of Collaborative Care, Hennepin Healthcare;  
Kyle Darnall, Executive Director of Behavioral Health, CentraCare;  
Michael Trangle, Psychiatrist and Chair, Minnesota Psychiatric Society Legislative Committee.

Chair Backer renewed the motion that HF958 be rereferred to the Committee on Human Services Finance and Policy as amended. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF953 (West) Hospitals and birth centers required to educate parents on recognizing physical abuse in infants.**

Chair Backer moved HF953 before the committee.

Chair Backer moved to adopt the DE1-1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Megan West;  
Susanne Dickison;  
Janice DeGonda.

Chair Backer laid over HF953 as amended.

**HF982 (Bierman) Opioid prevention and education funding provided, and money appropriated.**


Representative Bierman moved HF981 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Colleen Ronnei, Executive Director, Change the Outcome;  
Megan Wagner, LADC, Director of Programming, Change the Outcome;  
Sydney Hastad, Outreach Coordinator and Lead Program Facilitator, Change the Outcome,

Chair Backer laid over HF981.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.

  
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Representative Jeff Backer, Chair

  
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Kaylyn Scourbys, Committee Legislative Assistant