

HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE & POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Representative Mohamud Noor, Chair of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:16 AM on Thursday, March 20, 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

A quorum was present.

Representative Murphy moved the minutes of March 19, 2025, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2216 (Moller) Conditions for admission to or continued residence in certain facilities prohibited, review and approval of increases in amounts charged by assisted living facilities required, termination or nonrenewal of assisted living contracts on certain grounds prohibited, and arbitration in assisted living contracts governing provisions modified.

Chair Noor moved HF 2216 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Noor moved the HF2216A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Moller presented HF 2216, as amended.

Testifiers:

- Susan Bastyr, Child of Assisted Living Facility Resident
- Don Varney, Child of Assisted Living Facility Resident
- Erin Huppert, Long-term Care Imperative
- Kyle Berndt, Long-term Care Imperative
- Parichey Rendina, Ombudsperson, Office of Omnibudmsan for Long-term Care

Chair Noor renewed the motion HF 2216, as amended to be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

HF 1978 (Norris) Consumer-directed community supports budget exception for persons with certain diagnoses established.

Representative Norris moved that HF 1978 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Representative Norris presented HF 1978.

Testifiers:

- Shawn O’Keefe, Parent
- Janelle Trboyevich, Parent

Chair Noor renewed the motion HF 1978 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

HF 2354 (Norris) Medicaid fraud provisions expanded and modified, subpoena and enforcement authority specified, penalties imposed, and money appropriated. Bill will be heard pending re-referral.

Representative Norris moved that HF 2354 be re-referred to the Committee of Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Representative Norris presented HF 2354.

Testifiers:

- Nicholas Wanka, Division Manager for the Minnesota Medicaid Fraud Control, Minnesota Attorney General’s Office
- Musab Khalif, Personal Care Assistant, Community Provider Alliance

Representative Norris renewed the motion that HF 2354 be re-referred to the Committee of Public Safety Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1963 (Frederick) Medical claims filing timelines, withdrawal management services, and mental health diagnostic services assessments provisions modified; and closure planning requirements imposed on peer recovery supports providers.

Chair Noor moved that HF 1963 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Representative Frederick presented HF 1963.

Testifiers:

- Brian Zirbes, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH)
- Mike Beltowsky, Vice President of Program Development, Horowitz Health & Treasurer, Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH)

Representative Frederick moved the HF1963A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Noor renewed the motion that HF 1963, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

HF 1994 (Frederick) Payment rates established for certain substance use disorder treatment services, and vendor eligibility recodified for payments from the behavioral health fund.

Chair Noor moved that HF 1994 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Representatives Frederick presented HF 1994.

Testifiers:

- Brian Zirbes, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH)
- Roy John Sutherland, Vice President of Addiction Services, Nystrom and Associates & Board Member, Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH)
- Lew Zeidner, Chief Executive Officer, EOSIS
- Sadie Broekemeier, Board Member, Minnesota Alliance of Rural Addiction Treatment Programs [Zoom]

Chair Noor renewed the motion HF 1994 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

HF 1995 (Frederick) Substance use disorder treatment provisions modified, commissioner of human services directed to make recommendations related to transition support services, and report required.

Representative Frederick moved that HF 1995 be re-referred to the Committee of Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Representative Frederick moved the HF1995A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Frederick presented HF 1995, as amended.

Testifiers:

- Brian Zirbes, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH)

Representative Frederick renewed the motion that HF 1995, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee of Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1894 (Virnig) Family residential services and life sharing services new rate implementation delayed, Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services established, reports required, and money appropriated.

Chair Noor moved that HF 1894 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Representative Virnig presented HF 1894.

Testifiers:

- Johnny Tvedt, Policy and Engagement Manager, ARRM
- Alicia Olson, Family Residential Services Provider

Chair Noor renewed the motion HF 1894 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59AM.

Representative Mohamud Noor, Chair

Elijah Henderson, Committee Legislative Assistant