

HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair of the Committee on Human Services Policy called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 in room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

FISCHER, Peter, Chair
FREDERICK, Luke, Vice Chair
BACKER, Jeff
BAKER, Dave
CURRAN, Brion
EDELSON, Heather
ENGEN, Elliot
FINKE, Leigh
HANSON, Jessica
HICKS, Kim
NOOR, Mohamud

Members Excused:

KIEL, Debra, Lead
NOVOTNY, Paul

A quorum was not present.

HF 1683 (Bierman) Mental health services eligibility and rates modified.

Rep. Bierman explained HF 1683 and the DE3 Author's Amendment.

Testifiers on the HF 1683 DE3 Amendment

- Ellie Skelton, Chief Executive Officer, Touchstone Mental Health
- Michelle Murray, Chief Executive Officer, Nexus Family Healing

A quorum was present.

Rep. Curran moved to approve the minutes from March 18, 2024. THE MOTION PREVAILED

Rep. Fischer moved the DE3 Author's Amendment to HF 1683. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Fischer moved that HF1683, as amended be laid over. THE BILL, AS AMENDED, WAS LAID OVER.

HF 4692 (Noor) Direct Care and Treatment agency established, date for transfer of authority and responsibility modified, board membership qualifications, procedures, powers, and duties established, chief executive officer powers and duties established; accounts established, and other agency provisions modified.

Rep. Noor moved that HF 4692 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep. Noor moved the A1 Authors Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Rep. Noor explained the bill.

Testifiers

- Dan Storkamp, Direct Care and Treatment, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators

Rep. Noor renewed the motion that HF 4692, as amended, be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4839 (Reyer) PACE program implemented.

Chair Fischer moved to refer HF 4839 to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep. Reyer explained the bill.

Chair Fischer renewed the motion to refer HF 4839 to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4981 (Her) Establishing Medical Assistance rate adjustments for physician and professional services, increasing rates for certain residential services, requiring a statewide reimbursement rate for behavioral health home services, appropriating money

Chair Fischer moved that HF 4981 be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Rep. Her explained the bill.

Testifiers:

Jessica Brisbois, Manager of Acute Mental Health, Children's Minnesota

Trevor Johnson, Executive Director, Tasks Unlimited, Inc.

Ginny Palen, Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health Programs (MACMHP)

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 4981 be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Frederick assumed the gavel.

HF4671 (Fischer) Respite care grants modified, youth care professional training program created, adult and children's mobile transition units modified, and money appropriated

Chair Fischer moved to lay over HF 4671 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Hicks explained and moved the A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Rep. Noor moved the A2 amendment.

Testifying on the A2 amendment:

Su-Fei Wong Mckhann, VOA, MN

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Testifying on HF 4671, as amended:

Leslie Yunker, Supervisor in Children's Mental Health, Dakota County

Michelle Murray, Chief Executive Officer, Nexus Family Healing

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 4671, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion. THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

Chair Fischer assumed the gavel.

HF4568 (Virnig) State disability determination procedures modified, and consumer-directed community supports governing provisions modified.

Chair Fischer moves that HF 4568 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep. Virnig explained the bill.

Testifiers:

- Justin Smith, Consumer-Directed Community Supports Recipient
- Kris Erickson, Consumer-Directed Community Supports Parent
- Rebecca St Martin, CDCS parent – letter read by Gene Martinez
- Mark Hughes, Community Activist
- Ann Bobst, Department of Human Services

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 4568 be referred to Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4877 (Clardy) Qualifications for positive support providers modified.

Chair Fischer moved that HF 4877 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep. Clardy explained the bill.

Testifier:

Donna Cobb, Affinity Care MN

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 4568 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4675 (Noor) Commissioner of human services directed to expand reimbursement for overtime, overnight asleep services, and consecutive shifts for personal care assistants and community-first services and supports workers.

Rep. Noor moved to refer HF 4675 to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep. Noor explained the bill.

Rep. Noor renewed the motion to refer HF 4675 to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair

Spencer Crose, Committee Legislative Assistant