STATE OF MINNESOTA FORTY-NINTH 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 9:04 A.M. on April 12, 2024 in the Basement Hearing Room 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

HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda

HER, Kaohly Vang

KIEL, Debra

MURPHY, Tom

NADEAU, Danny

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

PERRYMAN, Bernie

REYER, Liz

SMITH, Andy

Members excused:

FISCHER, Peter

QUAM, Duane

A quorum was present.

Representative Elkins moved that the minutes of April 9, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF4779 (Hicks)** Medical assistance coverage of residential crisis stabilization for children established, and report required.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4779 be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Representative Hicks presented her bill.

Testifying:

1. Travis Gransee, Olmsted County Deputy Administrator for Health, Housing, and Human Services

Joe Harney, House Fiscal Analyst, responded to member questions.

Chair Liebling moved the H4779A1 Amendment.

Testifying:

1. Shannon Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Fernbrook Family Center

Chair Liebling renewed her motion to adopt the H4779A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Liebling laid over HF4779, as amended, for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

**HF4713 (Curran)** Commissioner of labor and industry required to adopt rules related to acceptable blood lead levels for workers.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4713 be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Representative Curran presented her bill.

Chair Liebling laid over HF4713 for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

**HF3902 (Bahner)** Medical assistance dispensing fee increased.

Representative Bahner moved that HF3902 be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Representative Bahner presented her bill.

Testifying:

1. John Hoeschen, Pharmacist and Owner of St. Paul Corner Drug

Joe Harney, House Fiscal Analyst responded to member questions.

Chair Liebling moved the H3902A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Liebling laid over HF3902, as amended, for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

**HF3495 (Fischer) FIRST ENGROSSMENT** Mental and behavioral health care provisions modified including service standards, adult and child mental health services grants, substance use disorder services, supportive housing, and provider certification and reimbursement; reports required; and money appropriated.

Chair Liebling moved that HF3495, First Engrossment, be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Chair Liebling moved the H3495A8 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADPOPTED.

Representative Frederick presented the bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Kirsten Anderson, Executive Director, AspireMN
2. Dr. Gigi Chawla, Chief of Pediatrics, Children’s Minnesota
3. Shannon Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Fernbrook Family Center
4. Susan Fort, Parent Advocate
5. Jody Brennan, Scott County Commissioner, Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA)

Joe Harney, House Fiscal Analyst, responded to member questions.

Vice Chair Bierman moved the H3495A6 Amendment. Vice Chair Bierman explained his amendment and after committee discussion he withdrew it.

Chair Liebling moved the H3495A7 Amendment.

Testifying:

1. Jenny Block, Registered Nurse, Minnesota Nurses Association
2. Catherine Martin, Nurse Practitioner
3. Zachary Heidebrink, Parent
4. Annie Jakacki, Regional Coordinator, Doctor’s Council
5. Joe Schindler, Vice President of Finance, Minnesota Hospital Association

Lisa Thimjon, Director of Governmental Relations, Minnesota Department of Health, responded to member questions.

Chair Liebling renewed her motion to adopt the H3495A7 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Liebling laid over HF3495, First Engrossment, as amended, for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 A.M.

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Krysta Niedernhöfer, Committee Legislative Assistant