

Human Services Finance Committee

Chair: Rep. Mohamud Noor

Thursday, March 9, 2022

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

I. HF1633 (Richardson) - African American Child Wellness Institute grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

○ Testifiers:

- i. **Dr. BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya:** Ph.D., LP, Executive Director, African American Child Wellness Institute
- ii. **Al McFarlane:** Board Chair, African American Child Wellness Institute; President/CEO, McFarlane Media Interests
- iii. **Keyana Cannedy:** Board Member, African American Child Wellness Institute; Parent
- iv. **Kalena Peterson:** Assistant Director, African American Child Wellness Institute
- v. **Rikiee Ellis:** Parent

II. HF2329 (Hassan) - Outreach, education, training, and distribution of naloxone kits funding provided, and money appropriated.

○ Testifiers:

- i. **Alicia House:** Steve Rummeler Hope Network
- ii. **Mohamed Farah:** Ka Joog
- iii. **Hannah Sharaf:** Parent

III. HF2550 (Bahner) - Medical assistance reimbursement rate increased for critical access mental health services provided by certain providers.

○ Testifiers:

- i. **Dr. Steve Girardeau**

IV. HF2523 (Fischer) - Senior nutrition program funding provided, and money appropriated.

○ Testifiers:

- i. **Jason Swanson:** President, Minnesota Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- ii. **Dawn Simonson:** President and CEO Trellis
- iii. **Roxanne Jenkins:** Lutheran Social Services, Associate Vice President of Older Adults Services