

HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair of the Committee on Human Services Policy, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM on March 1, 2023, in Room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

FISCHER, Peter
FREDERICK, Luke
KIEL, Debra
BACKER, Jeff
BAKER, Dave
CURRAN, Brion
EDELSON, Heather
ENGEN, Elliot
FINKE, Leigh
HANSON, Jessica
HICKS, Kim
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul

A quorum was present.

Representative Kiel moved to approve the minutes from February 27, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2099 (Richardson) Task Force on Pregnancy Health and Substance Use Disorders established, reports required, and money appropriated.

Chair Fischer moved that HF 2099 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Richardson presented HF 2099.

Testifying on HF 2099:

- Kristen Huffman, Children and Family Services, Hennepin County
- Dr. Abby Montague, Pediatrician

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 2099 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Presenting:

- Dawn Davis, Deputy Inspector General for Background Studies, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Matt Burdick, Health Care and Behavioral Health Legislative Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services

HF 753 (Frazier) Individuals subject to human services background studies with expunged criminal records disqualification prohibited.

Chair Fischer moved that HF 753 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Representative Frazier presented HF 753.

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 753 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1172 (Edelson) Health and human services background study consideration of juvenile court records modified, disqualification periods modified, and set aside allowed for disqualification based on conduct or convictions in individual's juvenile record.

Representative Edelson moved that HF 1172 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Representative Edelson moved the DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Edelson moved an oral amendment to HF 1172 as amended, as below:

- Page 1, delete lines 3 to 23
- Page 2, delete lines 1 to 5

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE ORAL AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative Edelson presented HF 1172 as amended.

Testifying on HF 1172 as amended:

- Jon Geffen, Chair, Human Service Background Study Eligibility Task Force; Director of Reentry Clinic, Mitchell Hamline School of Law
- Roy Kammer, Chair of Data Analysis Committee, Human Service Background Eligibility Task Force; Assistant Professor, Minnesota State University – Mankato
- Randy Anderson, Founder, Bold North Recovery
- Chelsie Schwartz, Certified Peer Recovery Specialist, Northstar Regional

Representative Edelson renewed the motion that HF1172 as amended be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2058 (Hassan) Cultural and ethnic minority infrastructure grant program, culturally specific provider consultation grants, and community health worker mental health training program established; medical assistance reimbursement modified for mental health group settings, and money appropriated.

Chair Fischer moved that HF 2058 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Representative Hassan presented HF 2058.

Testifying on HF 2058:

- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) Minnesota
- Jessica Gourneau, Ph. D., Clinical Director, American Indian Family Center
- Willie Garrett, Ed. D., President, Minnesota Association of Black Psychologists

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 2058 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1436 (Vang) Programs to address health and human services workforce shortage expanded and established, reports required, and money appropriated.

Chair Fischer moved that HF 1436 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Chair Fischer moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Vang presented HF 1436 as amended.

Testifying on HF 1436 as amended:

- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, NAMI Minnesota
- Pahoua Yang, Vice President of Community Mental Health and Wellness, Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
- Amanda Schlesinger, Assistant Professor in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, University of Minnesota Medical School

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 1436 as amended be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Committee recessed at 2:45 PM.

Committee reconvened at 6:01 PM

HF 1851 (Hicks) Live well at home grants established.

Representative Hicks moved that HF 1851 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Representative Hicks moved the DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hicks presented HF 1851 as amended.

Testifying on HF 1851 as amended:

- April Sutor, Family Service, Rochester
- Barb Omann, Volunteer, Helping Hands Outreach
- Carol Lundquist, Executive Director, Living at Home Network
- Leif Grina, President, Minneapolis Regional Retiree Council
- Matt Burdick, Health Care and Behavioral Health Legislative Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Representative Hicks renewed the motion that HF 1851 as amended be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2234 (Edelson) Home and community-based services systemic critical incident review team established, adult foster care and community residential setting licensing provisions clarified, substance use disorder treatment requirements modified, councils and committees extended, provider-controlled and own-home settings clarified, technical and conforming changes made, effective dates clarified, and obsolete language related to chemical health pilot program repealed.

Representative Edelson moved that HF 2234 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Representative Edelson moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Edelson presented HF 2234 as amended.

Testifying on HF 2234 as amended:

- Kristy Graume, Director of Legislative & External Affairs of Behavioral Health, Housing, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, and Disability Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Representative Edelson renewed the motion that HF 2234 as amended be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1434 (Edelson) Parental contribution fees eliminated for services for children with disabilities.

Representative Edelson moved that HF 1434 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Representative Edelson moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Edelson presented HF 1434 as amended.

Testifying on HF 1434 as amended:

- Gia Sutermeister, Parent, Ham Lake
- Greg Wisher, Parent, Roseville
- Kelly Kausel, Parent, Apple Valley
- Josh Navarrete, Parent and Special Education Teacher, Andover
- Maren Christenson Hofer, Parent and Board Member, Multicultural Autism Action Network
- Ann Bobst, Director of Legislative and External Affairs, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Representative Edelson renewed the motion that HF 1434 as amended be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2215 (Noor) Community residential setting licensing moratorium exception modified.

Representative Noor moved that HF 2215 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Representative Noor presented HF 2215.

Testifying on HF 2215:

- Amal Ahmed, Registered Nurse; Board Member, Residential Providers of Minnesota (RPAMN)
- Zahnia Harut, Registered Nurse; Board Chair, RPAMN; Owner, Affinity Residential Care
- Romanda Gaye, Registered Nurse; Board Member, RPAMN; President and CEO, My Legal Nurse Consultant
- Kristy Graume, Director of Legislative & External Affairs of Behavioral Health, Housing, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, and Disability Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Representative Noor renewed the motion that HF 2215 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Hanson presented 23-03708, prohibiting subminimum wages for persons with disabilities, modifying lead agency board and case manager responsibilities and training, establishing a statewide disability employment technical assistance center and lead agency employment first capacity building grants, modifying requirements for informed choice in employment policy, clarifying eligibility for Minnesota supplemental aid program, modifying use of data from the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Law, establishing study, requiring report, appropriating money.

Testifying on 23-03708:

- Kristy Graume, Director of Legislative & External Affairs of Behavioral Health, Housing, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, and Disability Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Raquel Sidie-Wagner, Member of the Task Force on Eliminating Subminimum Wages; Disability Services Professional; MN Coalition for Disability Wage Justice
- Larissa Beck, Member of the Task Force on Eliminating Subminimum Wages; Director of Community Living, Reach for Resources; MN Coalition for Disability Wage Justice; Parent
- Jillian Nelson, Co-Chair of the Task Force on Eliminating Subminimum Wages; MN Coalition for Disability Wage Justice
- Sue Hankner, A-Team Minnesota Family
- Jim Clapper, A-Team Minnesota Family

- Rick Heller
- John Wayne Barker, Executive Director, Merrick Inc.
- Tom Lehman, Parent
- Maren Christenson Hofer, Parent and Board Member, Multicultural Autism Action Network

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair

Jared Margolis, Committee Legislative Assistant