I. Joint Meeting With Public Safety on Mental Health In Jails
The Minnesota Hospital Association and the Department of Human Services presented on issues surrounding mental health in jails. The panel lead discussion on ways to address this crisis facing counties and moved to support AMC’s participation in upcoming conferences with the Minnesota Hospital Association to work with community partners to find creative ways to address needs within the community that focus on the prevention of crime resulting from mental illness.

II. Affiliate Updates
MACSSA presented an issue briefing paper to the policy committee on Case Management, then discussed potential legislative priorities for the 2016 session including out of home placement and foster care options and financial assistance.

LPHA updated the committee on policy items that maybe included in the LPHA platform this year which included funding for asthma prevention, expansion of the Statewide Health Improvement Program, increased reimbursement rates for home visiting programs, and seeking funding to restore the local public health block grant.

III. Development of HHS Priorities
They HHS Policy Committee discussed potential priorities for the next legislative session. The top five legislative priorities to move forward this year were:

1) Mental Health in Jails: AMC will work with community partners and state agencies to address the growing population of mentally ill offenders through community partnerships and early intervention.
2) Child Protection and Foster Care: AMC will continue to work with DHS and the Child Protection legislative oversight committee to continue conversations regarding child protection policy and continued financial assistance to counties while addressing the growing need and cost associated with foster care.
3) Reducing drug and opioid use statewide: AMC will work with community partners to reduce the drug epidemic that is growing in the state.
4) Increasing Reimbursement Rates for Home Visiting Programs: AMC will work with LPHA on legislation that will increase rates for statewide home visiting programs.
5) Health Care in Jails: AMC will work to improve health care access in the jails while increasing access to MA for inmates to reduce county costs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bales and seconded by Commissioner Podulke, and the priorities list was passed.
IV. **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter and Seconded by Commissioner Workman, the meeting was then adjourned.