MEMBERS PRESENT:
Kevin Adee
David Anderson
Bev Bales
Joe Bouvette
Sharon Bring
Gerald Brustuen
Jeanne Ennen
Steven Flohrs
Gary Hendrickx
Nina Huntington
Rae Ann Keeler-Aus
Cheryl Key
Larry Kittleson
Priscilla Klabunde
Marie Kovecsi
Mitch Lentz
Susan Morris
Warren Peschl
Stephanie Podulke
Thomas Proulx
Mark Sizer
Deb Sjostrom

GUESTS PRESENT:
Dan Wildermuth
Wanda Cannon
Rex Holzemer
Patrick Bruflat
Laurie Bonds
Wendy Underwood
Brian Buhmann
Sandy Tubbs
Bonnie Brueshoff
John Berends
Beth Oberg

I. CALL TO ORDER: Joint Committee with Public Safety was called to order by Blue Earth County commissioner and chair of the public safety committee Will Purvis. Members recited the pledge of allegiance.

II. RESULTS FIRST UPDATE
Weston Merrick updated the joint committee of Results First. Results first is designed to identify and fund programs that have been proven to work through statistical analysis of return on investment. By funding these evidence-based programs, the state can improve outcomes for Minnesotans in a cost-effective way. The Minnesota Results First team, works in partnership with the Pew and MacArthur Foundations, assessing state corrections and human services programs.

III. MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE UPDATE
Commissioner Jim McDonough, Ramsey County and Sue Koch, Department of Human Services, updated the committee on the work of the task force to date. The division of the group into formulation teams that will bring recommendations to the larger group. Counties have representation on the formulation groups so that they county voice will be represented as recommendations move forward.

Commissioners with more interest in the work of the task force are encouraged to contact member of the AMC Kitchen Cabinet who are advising Commissioner McDonough on concerns statewide.

Joint Committee Adjourned, and Commissioner Huntington called to order the Meeting of the Health and Human Services Policy Committee
IV. PARTNERING FOR LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS
Lorna Schmidt, LPHA, Eric Ratzmann, MACSSA and Rochelle Westlund AMC
AMC, MACSSA and LPHA presented on county platform development and needed collaboration between organizations as we head into the legislative session to best prepare counties for legislative success using the unique roles and expertise of our associations.

Then,
Kareem Murphy, Hennepin County, Nancy Silesky, MICA, Claudia Brewington, Ramsey County, Rochelle Westlund, AMC discussed the political realities of counties at the capital and what counties can do to work together collaboratively to plan for the legislative session, engage commissioners and provide insight to the workings of your HHS Lobbying team.

COMMITTEE RECESSSED FOR THE EVENING

V. CALL TO ORDER Commissioner called the committee back to order on the morning of Friday, September 16, 2016.

VI. METS and AMC’S WORKGROUP TO CREATE A BETTER ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM
Commissioner Sheila Kiscaden, Olmsted County, Heidi Welch, Olmsted county, Linda Bixby, Washington County, Deborah Huskins, Hennepin County represented members of AMC’s METS workgroup gave members an overview of the current struggles and realities of the Minnesota Eligibility Technology System, and AMC’s role in working to create a better more efficient system for counties and the people that we serve.

VII. LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT
Platform Development
The Health and Human Services Policy Committee will be conducting platform development via conference call in mid-November. Members should keep an out for the outlook invite to participate in this call. Additions to the platform can be submitted to AMC on or before November 15. The platform will be voted on at our December meeting.

Policy Priority Development
Members discussed potential policy priorities for the 2017 legislative session, based on the information that was presented to them at conference. There was conversation to narrow our focus on a shortened list of priorities for maximum impact. There was a motion by Commissioner Susan Morris of Isanti County to have 2 legislative priorities for Health and Human Services 1) that it be required that the fiscal impact and contribution of local governments to be part of the fiscal note of legislative proposals, and 2) that there be investment into the METS system for counties to be able to efficiently do their work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gary Hendrickx, Swift County. The motion passed unopposed.

VIII. ADJOURN