Public Safety Policy Committee
Crowne Plaza, St. Paul
March 4, 2015

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Julie Braastad, Anoka County
Robyn West, Anoka County
Keith Winger, Beltrami County
Jim McMahon, Benton County
Will Purvis, Blue Earth County
Scott Windschitl, Brown County
Marv Bodie, Carlton County
Matt Gilbertson, Chippewa County
Grant Weyland, Clay County
Nancy Schouweiler, Dakota County
John Roper, Faribault County
Bill LaValley, Grant County
Cal Johanns, Hubbard County
William Tusa, Jackson County
Rollie Nissen, Kandiyohi County
Rick Anderson, Lyon County
Brad Athmann, Mahnomen County
Dave Oslin, Mille Lacs County
Jeff Jelinski, Morrison County
James Jens, Murray County
Don Linssen, Nobles County
Shelia Kiscaden, Olmsted County
Cody Roghan, Pope County
Midge Christianson, Region 6W Comm. Corrections
LaMont Jacobson, Renville County
Glenda Phillipe, Roseau County
Bruce Anderson, Sherburne County
Mark Schultz, Steele County
Donny Wohlers, Stevens County
Don Springer, Wabasha County
Lisa Weik, Washington Count

Presenters: Matt Burdick, DHS; Richard Gardell, JJAC; Mark Haase, MCA; Brian Smith, JDAI

I. CALL TO ORDER
HHS Committee Chair Susan called the joint HHS/Public Safety meeting to order at 10 a.m. Members said the Pledge of Allegiance. In the interest of time, introductions were skipped.

II. Updates on Mentally Ill Offenders Work Group Recommendations
DHS updated the group on the Mentally Ill Offenders work group as well as presenting DHS’s legislative agenda in the area of mental health and mental health in jails for this legislative session.

III. Call to Order – Public Safety Committee
Chair Purvis called the Public Safety Committee to order at 10:40 a.m. The members introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Commissioner McMahon to approve the minutes of the December 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed on a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Juvenile Justice Issues
The committee welcomed several guest speakers to cover an array of juvenile justice issues that are active at the legislature. First up was Mark Haase on behalf of the Minnesota Corrections Association and their Juvenile Justice 21 project. Mark summarized the process and outcomes of a series of stakeholder meetings and other research that attempted to capture the general consensus of juvenile justice stakeholders.
throughout the state on issue that were ripe for reform. Next was Richard Gardell, chair of the state’s Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC). JJAC helped fund the Juvenile Justice 21 project and has also been active in the legislative efforts to reform the statues related to juvenile life without parole. This issue is on that AMC added to their platform this past December as a result of the Supreme Court ruling in Miller v. Alabama that they are unconstitutional. Finally, the committee received an update on efforts towards juvenile detention reform under the auspices of JDAI, the juvenile detention alternatives initiative. JDAI is a program of AMC and has been implemented in several counties resulting in significantly less use of detention with no adverse effects on public safety.

V. **Legislative Update**
Chair Purvis asked Ryan to give an update on current legislative issues. Ryan discussed the status of county funding in the Governor’s budget and legislative proposals and also reviewed the efforts toward the AMC priority item on probation funding reform. Ryan also talked about bills related to license plate readers and police body cameras.

Ryan then noted that there was a strong effort on a bill to allow those convicted of a felony but living in the community (not in prison) to have their voting rights restored. Ryan noted that this is supported by a strong coalition including the county attorneys. Ryan said that AMC has been asked to support the bill. In order to put the matter on the floor for a full discussion, Commissioner Kiscaden moved that AMC support the bill. Nancy Schouweiler seconded. After discussion a voice vote was unclear and a division showed 13 ayes and 15 nays, so the motion was not adopted.

VI. **ADJOURN**
Chair Purvis adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.